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.... I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints. Jude 1:3 NIV

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2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV) *"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."*

Many people are asking if **Covid-19** is God's judgement for America's many sins. Before I attempt to answer this question or shed light on this subject, let me first acknowledge those that have gone home to be with the Lord because of **Covid-19**. I want to be clear that I am not in any way suggesting that anyone who went home to be with the Lord because of **Covid-19** did something to deserve it. In fact, I am still wondering why so many women and men of God contracted it but lived, and why God called so many Pastors and minister's home through **Covid-19**.

I think it's fair to say that no one can explain why **Covid-19** was so prevalent amongst the saints but God. I am sure many will attempt to answer the question, but unless God speaks directly to them declaring **Covid-19** to be a judgment, it will be their best guess or opinion only.

On the other hand, I believe that God has sent judgements for sin. For example, I believe AIDS is a judgment from God. In my opinion, unlike **Covid-19**, the HIV/AIDS pandemic would never have happened if we all lived according to the will and word of God. Here is why, if everyone avoided fornication and adultery as God said we should, very few people would have contracted HIV/AIDS.

Think about it, the few people that would have unfortunately contracted it via blood transfusion or some other way would have only infected their spouse, and the spread of HIV/AIDS would have stopped right there, provided neither of them violated God's word and committed adultery.

Many have called HIV/AIDS the gay man's disease. If that were true, simply avoiding gay men's sexual practices would have stopped the pandemic in its tracks. Since HIV/AIDS spreads mostly through sinful sex, it is clear to me that it is God's judgement on unbiblical and/or deviant sexual behavior. In simpler terms, if you do not sin sexually, you are not likely to contract HIV/AIDS.

However, **Covid-19** seems to be spread through normal human interaction, without committing any specific sin. In fact, many have even contracted **Covid-19** while attending church. In my opinion, there are three (3) possibilities for the presence of **Covid-19** in America, even amongst the saints. Consider the following:

1. It is a message from God/wake-up call for believers indicating a time of self-examination and genuine repentance.
2. It is a satanic attack designed to shut down some of the smaller churches while decreasing the size of larger churches.
3. It is the beginning of God's judgement and/or a glimpse of God's future judgment for the many sins committed regularly and without fear in America. (**Deuteronomy 28:15-22**)

First, let us keep in mind that nothing can happen on earth without God's permission. If it was a satanic attack, Satan had to get God's permission to do it (**See Luke 22:31**). Therefore, **Covid-19** did not surprise God.

Here is an explanation for the three (3) possibilities for the presence of **Covid-19**:

1. A message from God/wakeup call

- a. God is a jealous God. **Covid-19** caused a shutdown of all the things that have stolen the time we used to give to God. These things have replaced the true and living God and have in essence become our gods. Every sport, every movie theater, every playground, every laundromat etc., that might have replaced the time owed to God was closed and God got our undivided attention. After this pandemic is over, I believe God expects us to repent and put him back in his rightful place in our lives.
- b. Before **Covid-19**, prayer, study and meditation time for many, even Christians, was almost non-existent. With everything shut down, God gave us time to reflect on our negligence. In fact, many have said this pandemic has drastically changed their prayer life and Bible study habits.
- c. Through **Covid-19**, I believe God gave us time to get it right before it is too late. Many churches and individual believers have conformed to the worlds standards. They watch the same movies, they wear the same provocative clothing, they talk like the world, they lie, cheat and steal like the world and they fornicate like the world. In fact, you can hardly tell the difference between an unbeliever and a believer! I believe through **Covid-19**, God is saying, "*Enough is enough.*" (**Genesis 50:20** – God meant it for good)

2. A satanic attack to shut down some smaller Churches while decreasing the size of larger churches

- a. There is no doubt that Satan is involved with **Covid-19**. Many infected with this virus have said that they felt as if this was the worst, all-out satanic attack on their body and mind that they had ever experienced. Because of **Covid-19**, most states have ordered churches to either close or they have limited the number of people that can attend services. Some pastors have ignored the order and as a result, some of their members have contracted **Covid-19** and survived, while unfortunately some have died. Some of the survivors have become bitter and/or angry with the pastor for not closing the church. Sadly, some of these disgruntled members will not be returning to church. However, it is not just disgruntled members who will no longer attend church, it is also those that have become very comfortable with virtual services and giving less of their time and money to the church that will not be returning either.

In my opinion, virtual services, while necessary for a time, are creating a negative domino effect for many churches. The domino effect is quite simple, people are not physically attending church and as result, giving to the church has either stopped or drastically slowed down. However, for some reason, some churches are doing as good or better financially during the pandemic.

- b. Because the giving has slowed down and in some cases stopped, the rent or mortgage and other bills for some churches are not paid. Because the bills are not paid, some churches have already been forced to close. Therefore, it is safe to assume many churches will not be re-opening after the pandemic subsides. Even the ones that re-open may never see the same size congregation they once had for a long time if ever. Another attack on the church has been against the pastors and leaders. Many churches are now without pastors and leaders because they died from **Covid-19**.

3. The beginning of God's judgement for America's sin

For starters, what sin is America guilty of that would cause God to become angry and send this pandemic out of his anger? Consider **some** of America's current sins:

- a. Currently, same sex marriage is legal in at least 37 states. Shamefully, many professing Christians have voted the elected officials that have legalized same sex marriages into office. Many churches are now performing same sex weddings with no regard for the biblical teaching on marriage or the God ordained family.
- b. In some states, birth certificates that record a child's gender at birth can now be changed to accommodate those not happy with the plumbing God gave them at birth. To change one's gender designation on a birth certificate because someone feels they're not the gender their plumbing confirms is a spit in God's face! The elected officials voted in by many professing Christians have made this possible, while they claim to be Holy Ghost filled.
- c. America is still legally killing babies in their mother's womb. In fact, since 1973, more babies that are innocent have been killed in their mother's womb than those that have died from **Covid-19**. Most are outraged by the number of lives lost to **Covid-19**, but few are outraged by the number of innocent babies killed in their mother's womb.
- d. Removing God from government. The Democrat-controlled House Natural Resources Committee produced a draft rules document to remove "***So help you God***" from oaths required of witnesses before the Committee. However, after being slammed by others, they decided not to remove it. Where are their hearts towards God? It is clear that America does not want God to be part of government anymore, at least one party. Even during the **Covid-19** pandemic, in June 2020, the Supreme Court agreed to extend more protections for transgenderism; something that definitely does not please God.

In my opinion, at the very least, we are indeed beginning to receive serious chastisement from God, mostly as a result of what we've allowed our government to foist upon us. Again, We the People select those who are responsible for running our government and creating ungodly laws. Consequently, we are bringing the judgment upon ourselves.

Our nation is indeed legalizing abominations, most times with the approval and/or vote of professing Christians, pastors, leaders and laity. I'm still amazed by the large number of Christians that make excuses for their blatant disregard for God's plain teaching spelled out in sixty-six books, while claiming to be Holy Ghost filled. For some reason, the Holy Ghost is not allowed in the voting booth with them.

On another note, many people are quoting **2 Chronicles 7:14** which says, *“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and **pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.**”* However, they completely ignore the prerequisites that God clearly gave in the text before he would heal our land.

The prerequisites are:

1. **“Pray”** – I do not think America knows whom to pray to. America has many religions with different gods, so which god do we pray to? President Barack Obama said in a June 2007 speech, *“We are no longer a Christian nation... at least not just. We’re also a Jewish nation, Muslim nation, a Buddhist nation, a Hindu nation, and a nation of nonbelievers.”* How can we for one second think we can pray to false gods and expect the true God, the God of the Bible to listen to us and heal our land? Was Jesus wrong when he said, *“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me?”* (**John 14:6**) was God the Father wrong when he said, *“...Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me?”* (**Isaiah 43:10**)
2. **“Seek my face”** – When we talk about seeking God's face, it means we are **seeking to know Him, understand His character, and hear His voice** then obey Him. Based on the all too familiar mantra, *“Separation of Church & State,”* it is clear that America is not interested in knowing God, understanding His character or hearing His voice.
3. **“Turn from your wicked ways”** – America’s wicked ways are clearly seen in the sins mentioned above. It would take nothing short of a miracle for America to abandon the sins that are now deeply imbedded in her laws.

Is it possible for America to turn from her wicked ways? Absolutely! However, it is highly unlikely that such a turn away from wickedness will happen without something catastrophic to bring America to her knees. Obviously, **Covid-19** is not bad enough to get America’s undivided attention and bring her to her knees. Therefore, something much worse must happen for America to turn from her wicked ways.

Whether or not **Covid-19** is God’s judgement for America’s sins should not be the focal point or primary concern for anyone. Instead, we should all be focused on getting our lives lined up with God’s word. It is clear that we are living in the last of the last days and God has given us time to get right with him. For me, **Covid-19** serves as a reminder that it is time to either be more serious about our Father’s business or to get up and put our hands to the plough. Do you feel the same?

God Bless,
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