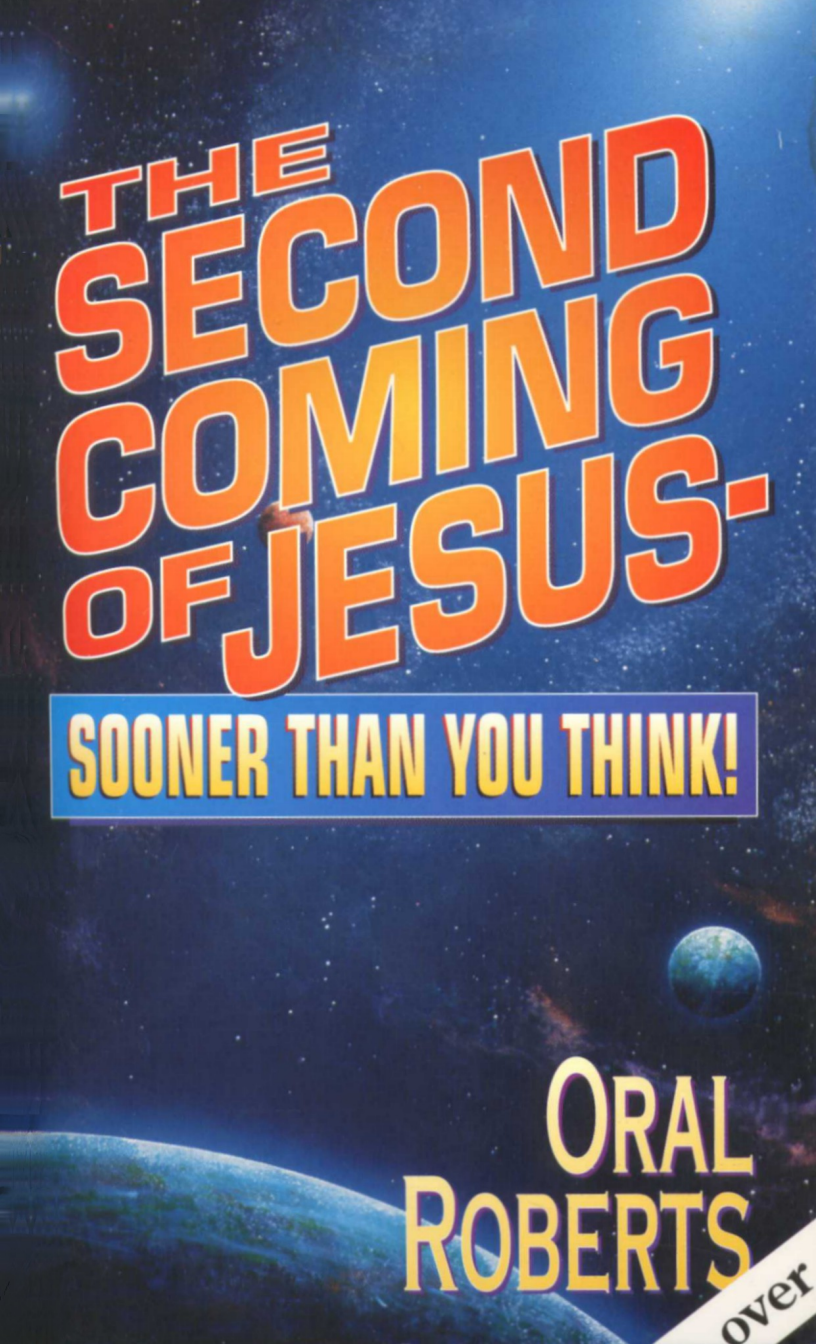
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Important News!
from Richard Roberts
2004 Update



In July 2004, my dad had a "wake-up" vision from the Lord about the future of this nation and the future of the world. In this vision, God showed His servant Oral Roberts something that's coming—a sign—that we believe will be seen and heard in the heavens. And when we see it and hear it, I believe everyone will have the opportunity to recognize it as a wake-up call that Jesus is coming back to the earth much sooner than we think!

In light of my dad's vision, I believe this little book contains vital information for you

concerning the perilous times we live in today. Even though it was written several years ago—shortly after the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City in 1995 and before the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City in 2001—I believe it's more important and timely than ever.

The truths of God's Word concerning the Second Coming of Jesus are just as true today as they have always been. And I believe time has proven them out through prophetic events being fulfilled in the earth. These events are happening today before our very eyes.

This is the hour, dear friend! There's a fire in my belly to preach the Second Coming of Christ like never before! If you're a believer, I pray this book will comfort you, strengthen your faith, and help you reach out to others with the message of God's redeeming love.

And if you have never received Jesus as your Savior, I pray that you won't wait another minute before you pray the simple prayer on

page 68 and call upon the Lord Jesus Christ to come into your heart. I want your heart to belong to Jesus and for you to be ready to go with Him when He comes back for His own!

Your friend,



P.S. If you don't already have a copy of my dad's 2004 vision, ***Wake Up! Jesus Is Coming Sooner Than You Think*** (available in cassette, video, CD, or DVD), you can order one by:

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Chapter One

The Precise Conditions Jesus Pointed to That Precede His Second Coming

Are we hurtling like a cyclone toward the Second Coming of the Lord? Can we determine from the authority of God's Word that the coming of His Son, Jesus Christ of Nazareth, is at hand ... closer than we think?

Is there any landmark Scripture, among so many in the Bible, that can help us discover whether or not we may still be alive when our Savior splits the eastern skies? The Bible says that He will appear in the heavens in *the twinkling of an eye* to raise the dead in Christ first and then instantly translate the living believers in Him. (See I Corinthians 15:52 and I Thessalonians 4:13-18.)

Can the timing of this great event be pinpointed through Jesus' own words? Is the proof of it strong enough to alert us that we're standing at the very brink of His Second

Coming and the "Rapture of the saints"?

After preaching the Gospel to hundreds of thousands in virtually every walk of life, I believe I can point you to many Scriptures which refer directly to the Lord's imminent return. *But there is one particular verse that shines out at me above all the others.* It's a Scripture that is seldom ever preached on, and yet it has been one of the most profound guiding forces of my life. As you read it, let my words begin to fade while you try to visualize the Lord speaking directly to you:

> *But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.*
>
> *But as the days of Noe [Noah] were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man he.*
>
> *For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*
>
> *Then shall two be in the field; the one shall*

be taken, and the other left.

Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh (Matthew 24:36-44).

I encourage you to lock in on these personal, specifically timed words of our Savior and reread them again and again. I must have read these verses—and studied them in the light of world conditions—hundreds of times. They're burning in my heart right now with such an intensity that I pray you'll feel it racing through your being. And I urge you to cling to the truth of these powerful verses *because your life hangs on them as a believer and a disciple of Christ.*

It was only a few short months ago when our nation drew back in horror as a terrorist bomb blast ripped through the capital of my home state—Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. In one split second, the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building was blown to pieces and 169 people lost their lives. The violence of this criminal act has deeply scarred our nation, and it has drawn our attention to the way violence—even in one isolated instance—can upset the balance of human lives.

When I first learned of this inhuman act, my heart wrenched in my body, and the tears flowed down my cheeks. I was immediately reminded by the Lord of the verse in Genesis 6:13, *And God said unto Noah...* ***the earth is filled with violence.*** And I also remembered Jesus Himself saying, *But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be* (Matthew 24:37).

Look carefully and prayerfully at Jesus' words in Matthew 24 and His reference to Genesis 6, and I believe you'll get a striking

picture of the events that are leading up to His second coming.

As the Days of Noah Were

> *But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be (Matthew 24:37).*

What was happening in the days of Noah, the tenth man since Adam, that made Jesus compare Noah's day to the days preceding the second coming of the Lord? What dreadful events were taking place as people drifted away from God and turned their backs on their Creator? Why did Jesus refer back to that day in such explicit and soul-shaking terms?

Throughout the ages, the centuries, the generations of man, Christ was there, and He saw it all ... *and Christ cannot lie.* He said, *I am the way, THE TRUTH, and the life* (John 14:6). Whatever He says is not only the way and the life, it is **THE TRUTH.** We can depend upon it —it is unshakable in time and eternity. I stake

my faith and my life upon the Christ of the way, the truth, and the life.

I point out to you that Christ (the anointed One and the second member of the Holy Trinity) was there in eternity past, before the foundations of the earth were laid. In one incomparable moment, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost made the greatest decision of all: *Let us make man in our image, after our likeness* [our class] (Genesis 1:26).

Creating man perfect in every way, God set him in the splendor of the Garden of Eden. He gave him the power of speech, of communication, of dominion over all earthly things, plus the power of choice. **Man was created a free moral agent.**

Meanwhile, the mighty archangel Lucifer had committed high treason by rebelling against God. Like a flash of lightning, he was cast down to the earth, taking one-third of the heavenly host with him. When Lucifer fell, he lost his celestial form and became a creature of unspeakable horror—satan, the devil, the

serpent, the father of all evil (Isaiah 14:12-15; Luke 10:18; Revelation 12:7-9).

In the magnificent beauty of the garden, man walked and talked with God. (See Genesis 3:8.) He and all of his offspring had the opportunity to live forever in that peaceful, unspoiled state with the power to be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth. Then satan tempted the first man and woman to disobey God. The destiny of all mankind hinged upon their decision, but unfortunately, they decided to use their power of choice to believe satan rather than God. *The result was disastrous not only for Adam and Eve but for the entire human race!*

Through their fall from God's high purpose, Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden, and the earth became cursed. Adam and Eve and all mankind were crushed beneath the awful weight of sin, and fallen man was robbed of the image of God in his soul. The seed of sin took root in the human heart, and

that sin-seed is in every one of us from the very day we are born.

By the tenth generation—Noah's generation—that seed of sin was fully grown, giving rise to an alarming spirit of violence among Adam's offspring all the way up to Noah's day. In Genesis 6:5 we read, *And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*

What God Saw

God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth.

God saw that every imagination of the thoughts of man's heart was *only evil continually* (Genesis 6:5).

God saw that the earth was corrupt before Him, and *the earth was filled with violence* (Genesis 6:11).

> *God saw that all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth (Genesis 6:12).*

Can you even begin to picture what God saw? Can you imagine the shattering impact that seeing these things must have had upon a good God whose dream was to have a family like Him to multiply and replenish the earth and to live in the class of God Himself? The scene was so devastating that the council of the Godhead was immediately convened:

> *And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.*
>
> *And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.*
>
> ***But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord*** *(Genesis 6:6-8).*

So great was God's anger at man who had repudiated Him and the good way of life that the decision was made to destroy that first contingent of mankind by an earth-wide flood. *But so great was God's love and His desire to have a*

family like Him that He decided to start over! HE WOULD BEGIN THE HUMAN RACE AGAIN, BUT THIS TIME WITH THE LONE FAMILY OF NOAH—A FAMILY WHICH WAS RIGHTEOUS BEFORE GOD!

Chapter Two

A Double Corruption of Man Upon the Earth

Now I want you to turn your full attention to the account God gave of a double corruption that filled the earth in Noah's day. (See Genesis 6.) The first corruption was the corruption of man's heart. His heart was full of evil thoughts *continually.* The second corruption was the complete saturation of the earth with man's evil imaginations and violent deeds *on an ongoing basis.*

From the moment Adam sabotaged God's plan for mankind in the Garden of Eden, man began a steady descent toward the pit of hell. Sin was embraced by the majority of Adam's offspring, and it grew stronger and stronger until it had poisoned *every* thought possessed by man.

That is a staggering thing to grasp. Yet Jesus said that at the time of His second coming the very same pattern would be repeated in the vast majority of people. He also said that when

we see the way corruption is pouring out of men's hearts *continually,* it should strike a powerful chord in our hearts.

We often hear the outcry, "What evil will man conceive of next?" and we're stunned by each new outbreak of violence, such as the bombing in Oklahoma City in the heartland of America. *But we're really not shocked.* Just as God saw evil continually increasing to the point of explosion in Noah's day, so are we beginning to see it rip our lives apart today—everywhere—and at practically every moment. Indeed, the news media would scarcely have anything to report if it weren't for the unceasing violence and evil of our generation.

Jesus warns us NOT to gloss over this deadly trend, but to be scripturally aware that it happened once before and ended in worldwide destruction ... and **it will** happen again.

Each day I see some new and inescapable connection between "as it was in Noah's day" and as it is in our day.

And I am determined to know the precise conditions that our all-knowing God has told us would exist which would cause Him to send His Son to earth the second time. This time He will "rapture" (catch up) His people out of this cruel, violence-filled world before the Antichrist, the mark of the beast, and the Great Tribulation come to torment God-rejecting man.

At the time of His second coming, the Lord will once again rescue His own from the impending doom, just as He rescued Noah by commanding him to build an ark—the big special boat in which he and his family rode out the flood. And when those swollen waters receded, *God started all over again through that little handful of righteous people.*

Yes, God is going to send His Son the

second time, and we, His believing children, are going to ride out the Great Tribulation in Heaven with the Lord. Then God will start over again one last time. Never again will there be any sin, or violence, or pain, or death, but only eternal life ***to the fullest, with a new heaven and a new earth.***

Before we go any further, another thought is looming before me, not only for my own deliverance but also for all who receive my message from God's Word. Jesus said, *For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark* (Matthew 24:38).

Every time I read those verses, it chills me to the bone. That mass of humanity, whose hearts were full of evil, who had saturated the earth with violence, *were also carrying on their daily activities in what seemed to be quite a normal way.* They were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until *(yes, until)* the very day Noah entered the ark.

Now that's a mind-boggling thought!

People in Noah's day were going through the humdrum of everyday life, living from one day to the next ***as if nothing were ever going to change.*** **They had completely ignored the preaching and warnings of Noah.** They believed they could do whatever they wanted to do and there would be no drastic changes in the earth. *And they continued to live in exactly that manner until the very day, the very hour, the very moment when Noah entered the ark and the Flood came.*

It's a paradox: On the surface life seemed to be so normal, yet that was merely a cover-up for the evil in men's hearts. And that evil led to a double corruption which filled the earth with such appalling violence that God could not put up with it any longer. *At last He pronounced a final judgment on man.*

Think about it! What a dramatic picture that is of our world today! On the surface, everything appears to be so normal. People are eating and drinking, marrying and giving in

marriage, buying and selling, going out and carousing—living their daily lives as though there were no God, no end of time, no second coming of Christ—**as though nothing earthshaking were at hand!**

At the same time, violence is erupting everywhere. The nation (every nation) is full of it. Flashes of it touch your life as well as mine. Jails and prisons are bursting at the seams. People are gripped with fear. Doors are bolted shut. Cries are going up for more police protection. Our way of life is breaking down—in governments, in cities and towns, in homes, on the streets, *and even in the skies.*

Now magnify that a million times or more, and what kind of earth will this be? What kind of world will this be when you can't turn around without violence coming at you like water under your feet? It's a sobering thought, but Jesus didn't mince any words when He said, ***But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be*** (Matthew 24:37).

In Noah's day, sin continued to sweep across the earth until God said that it filled the earth, corrupting it with evil. (See Genesis 6:12.) It makes me shudder every time I think about sin filling the earth today, and it compels me to be especially watchful for Jesus' second coming.

Today you and I can see the very earth itself being corrupted by man's evil ways. Man-made poisons have enveloped this planet, bringing death-dealing pollution, atomic energy fallout, gas and biological warfare, and so many other frightful poisons yet to come. This has spawned virulent new diseases, like the outbreak of Ebola virus in Africa, which is the deadliest plague yet known to man.

My flesh trembles when I think about these events in the light of Bible prophecy, AND I TAKE HEED. I trust that you are doing the same, not morbidly or with ungodly fear, but with a sober, intelligent, and watchful heart. *And as you read and study the words of Jesus in Matthew 24, I BELIEVE YOU'LL GRASP THAT* WE'RE *LIVING IN A DEADLY SERIOUS*

HOUR!

What is God about to do?

Chapter Three
Enough Is Enough!

When sin becomes so great that it reaches all the way up to heaven, there comes a time when God declares, *"Enough is enough!"* It grieved the Lord's heart when He saw the earth-wide violence in Noah's day, so much so that He sealed the doom of man whom He had created.

How my mind is jolted when I try to grasp that fact! It meant that God's dream of creating a family like Him was shattered. His love had been cast aside. Man had used his freedom of choice *against* his Creator rather than *for* Him ... *and that is a sickening thought.*

It seems baffling to you and me that a good God could utterly wipe out His own Creation, **but there is a limit to what God will put up with.** When He saw over and over and over that man was totally evil, and knew that he would stubbornly refuse to change, **it struck God's heart like an arrow.** He grieved over it so deeply that out of His great love He declared

that He would destroy this majority of evil men.

That may seem cruel to you and me, but God cannot abide sin. Yes, He is longsuffering—oh, so longsuffering! We see this every day. But He is still God. He is the Creator. It is His love, His plan, His purpose, to have a family like Him. When satan invades our world to steal, kill, and destroy, as Jesus said he would (see John 10:10), God is NOT going to let satan completely blot out man *or even try to blot out God!* To me, that is the highest form of love.

When God looked upon the waste and desolation of the earth, He saw a way out for future man. He would send an earth-wide flood—the first and last one ever—with the waves crashing above the highest mountain. It would be a deluge so great that no one would escape except one family—Noah and his wife, their three sons and their wives. These eight were righteous and, therefore, they *found grace* [favor] *in the eyes of the Lord* (Genesis 6:8).

I am strongly moved by God to tell you not

to worry about whether or not He takes notice of your righteous heart. No amount of evil and violence in the world can keep the Lord from seeing your righteousness—*your faith and trust in Him.* As you walk with God, you are as safe as God is safe.

In Noah's Day They Had Never Heard of Rain

Now let's talk for just a moment about the days of Noah. In that day, there had never been a flood. It had never even rained before. The Bible says, *But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground* (Genesis 2:6). No one had ever seen rain, let alone an earth-drenching, gully-washing flood. *But with the coming of the first drop of rain, they would never be the same again.*

That reminds me of how I felt when I first heard about the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City. My mind was suddenly struck by the thought that America would never be the same again. Maybe one of

our major cities could be rocked to its core by a terrorist bomb blast, but not a relatively small city in our country's heartland. It was an unheard-of thing!

Rain. In Noah's day they had never heard of rain.

I've often tried to picture what it must have been like when that first drop of rain splashed to the earth. *The very first drop.* Think of it!

When people first heard it, fear must have ripped across their stomachs. Terrible, troubling questions certainly must have flashed through their minds: *What was that? What does it mean?* Their imaginations must have run wild. They probably rushed together in terror as the first drop of rain exploded into a furious torrent of raindrops falling from the sky.

Noah had been warned of God about things not seen as yet... RAIN ... because they had never seen rain before.

What is it that we haven't seen yet in today's world? We've never seen graves burst

open and the dead in Christ arise. We've never seen someone who was sitting or sleeping right beside us be translated, or caught away, in a moment of time. We've never heard a voice such as the voice of the archangel or a trumpet blast that shatters the universe. We've never seen the Antichrist. We've never seen the mark of the beast—the number 666—stamped upon the unbeliever's right hand or his forehead. **Most people today have never even thought about things like that!**

But this scene comes right out of the pages of the Bible! First Thessalonians 4:16,17 declares:

> *For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:*
>
> *Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*

The Lord himself will descend from heaven with a mighty, earsplitting shout, with the voice

of the archangel Gabriel, and then Gabriel will blow his most powerful of all horns.

When the multitudes first hear the shout of Jesus, instantly followed by the cry of the archangel and the blowing of his trumpet, they will have been carrying on their lives in a seemingly normal way, while *evil and violence will have spread like wildfire across the earth.*

Just as those in Noah's day who knew not that the flood was coming until Noah entered the ark, THE VAST MAJORITY IN THAT DAY WILL NOT KNOW THAT JESUS CHRIST IS COMING FOR HIS OWN!

Can you imagine the shock, the utter panic, when it dawns on them that what the Bible said about His second coming IS REALLY HAPPENING!

Has it soaked into our consciousness in America today that what happened in

Oklahoma City is not some isolated event? Violence is sweeping through every nation, across every continent. We're being barraged by the grim reports of it in the news media, but we're seeing it from a horizontal view as it spreads across the earth. We're not seeing the big picture—the picture God sees every time He looks down on the earth from a vertical direction.

Our minds are finite. We can take in only so much. But God is infinite, and He feels the infinite horror of every sinful thought, every corrupt act, and every warlike outbreak of violence.

Some who are reading my words this moment may be like those in Noah's day. You may *know nothing* of the moment when Jesus will descend from heaven and bodily remove His people from this earth in the Rapture. You may *know nothing* of that instant in time when a great shout will split the air and the archangel of God will blow his trumpet, and a sound from heaven will fill the earth as the waters cover the

seas! **But you will hear it, and not even know what it means to you or to those who have been "caught up."**

Listen to what Jesus said about this never-to-be-forgotten moment:

> *Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come (Matthew 24:40-42).*

In a lightning-like flash, a small remnant of believers will be caught away to heaven while the rest of the people on earth **will be left behind,** not having a glimmer of what this all-important event means.

Think of it. Two will be sitting side by side, and when they hear the shout of Jesus from Heaven like the voice of thunder, one will vanish in the air to meet the Lord, and the other will stagger to their feet and cry out, "What happened? Where did they go?"

In every inhabited area of the earth, in every piece of ground where a believer is buried, and in every ocean and pool of water where a body of a believer is buried or the ashes strewn, they will hear the words, *Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers ... as it were for a little moment* (Isaiah 26:20).

And from all over this sin-cursed, hell-bent world, the saints of God who have lived for Christ in generations past shall feel the resurrection power take hold of their mortal bones, and they shall rise from their graves, brushing the dirt from their hair as they ascend to meet Jesus in the air. Meanwhile, those of us who are alive and remain will feel gravitation lose its force, and in one split second, we'll be snatched away from this earth to be with the Lord forever!

It will be a grave-bursting rescue scene and a "catching away" *of the living people of God*—all *in the twinkling of an eye!* It will be so astonishing that it will be almost incomprehensible. Jesus said that men with totally sin-filled hearts and

whose thoughts are only evil continually won't know what hit them.

Jesus is coming!

He is coming to raise the dead in Christ!

He is coming to translate those with faith in God, which *is our righteousness!*

God the Father knows the time. He is watching. He is seeing. He is grieving in His heart over a world that has gone astray. It has caused Him to regret that He has let man desecrate the earth—His earth.

But, thank God, there is more! Jesus tells us so. *Read on!*

Chapter Four

A Double Climax That Gives the Signal

The apostle Peter brought us a tragic message about the world in Noah's day:

> *And* [God] *spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly (II Peter 2:5).*

GOD DID NOT *SPARE NOAH'S WORLD, AND HE WILL NOT SPARE OUR WORLD TODAY.* However, Noah and the seven other members of his family were spared. Noah, the husband and father, was warned by God about the unseen future. He realized that the most cataclysmic thing the world had ever known was about to happen—AN EARTH-DRENCHING, MOUNTAIN-BURYING FLOOD!

As Noah witnessed the heartsickening violence all around him, saw the corruption of the earth, dealt with men whose thoughts and

acts were only evil continually, ***he became alarmed by the scene on earth as well as the warning from Heaven.***

You know, as I do, that there are two worlds: heaven and earth. Both are extremely active and teeming with life.

What separated Noah from other men of his day was the fact that Noah did something about the invisible world which is ruled by God.

But Noah found grace [favor] in the eyes of the Lord (Genesis 6:8).

How did Noah find favor with God? *First of all, he recognized in his spirit-man that there is a God.* His great-grandfather, Enoch, had poured into him that he was God's offspring, made in the image and likeness of his Creator. Enoch had told Noah about a world just beyond his eyesight and about a God who had a love and a

plan for his life.

Enoch was the seventh man from Adam. The Lord himself had given His testimony that Enoch pleased Him:

> *By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony,* ***that he pleased God*** *(Hebrews 11:5).*

Also, Genesis 5:22 declares, *And Enoch walked with God.*

While sin was multiplying in the earth and man was hurtling toward the Flood, *Enoch was walking and talking with the Savior.* We're told that one day when he was out walking with God, he suddenly vanished without a trace. The Lord translated him so that he should not see death. I believe when that God-pleasing man held little Noah on his knees and told him about the great all-knowing God, the Life-Giver, it must have registered deeply on the spirit of the boy *... and he never forgot it.*

Second, Noah also found favor with God by cultivating his faith. Faith brings a knowing in our hearts, and that knowing took root in Noah's spirit. Of course, that was in stark contrast to those who "**knew not**" until the flood came and swept them all away.

Can you and I really know our Creator personally, the One who gave us breath? Can we believe in Him from our spirits, have a knowing of Him in our hearts at a time when the vast majority of people seem to be hell-bent on destruction, when the stage is being set for the rise of the Antichrist, the coming of the mark of the beast, and the Great Tribulation?

Noah had experienced a deep, heartfelt connection with God, and so had the rest of his family. *And so can we!*

People are turning to God today in unprecedented numbers. The move of His Spirit is breaking all of our previous records, especially in places which have never before been reached by the Gospel. God is raising up anointed men and women, endowing them

with the gifts of the Spirit, putting a "go ye" in their souls and a Holy Ghost fire in their bones, *and they are shaking cities and nations to their core!*

This is a day to be glad, not sad; to look up, not down; to believe, not doubt; to expect a miracle and refuse to deny God's supernatural power.

I feel this in my whole being even as I write. *I know that I know that I know God is real!* His power is streaming toward all who will recognize it! This is our hour of escape from the *weak and beggarly elements* of this present world IF we will call on the Lord and say, "Jesus, have Your way in my life! Help me to be about Your business and to be watchful and ready for Your second coming!"

When Noah became a preacher of righteousness, the whole world was living on the edge of hell. Peter said that Noah went against the current of evil in his day. He made a decision that he would let God be the greatest

One in his life, not satan. He would reject the evil in men and proclaim the good news that they did not have to be swallowed up by the coming flood.

Noah was irresistibly driven by the Spirit of God to build a great boat to ride out the flood. Although people ridiculed him and refused to listen, he kept on preaching, testifying, and building the ark of deliverance.

Then something extraordinarily decisive happened. **Listen carefully to a double event that rocked this world like nothing before or since:** First, the people who were full of evil, who had grieved the Lord and provoked Him into sending the Flood, were *crushed beneath its raging waters.* Second, Noah, who found favor with God by believing His Word and building the ark to ride out the storm, *was saved—he and his entire family.*

Picture this scene for a moment. The rains pounded down for forty days and nights, with the waters rising, rising, rising above the earth, fifteen cubits (approximately twenty-two feet)

higher than any mountain. (See Genesis 7:18-21.) **It was a flood of floods!**

But look at what else happened. Genesis 7:16-18 says, *And they that went in* [to the ark], *went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the Lord shut him in. And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth. And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters.* Also see verse 23, which says, *And Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark.* **Noah and all who were with him were spared!**

The Double Climax

The sin in men's hearts came to a violent climax. Sin became fully sin, to the point of explosion. ***It reached its full growth.***

I cannot begin to estimate how important it is for you to understand this fact. For when sin took on its final climactic form, it became a

deadly, destructive force—TO THE FULLEST—ushering in the mountain-covering, wide-wasting, all-engulfing flood.

Do not trust sin. Refuse to let it get a grip on you. Seek God's grace, His favor, to be delivered from a sinful lifestyle!

While sin was coming to a climax in all mortal flesh, something else was happening that was so thrilling, so life-raising, so eternal that we can't afford to miss paying full attention to it. ***It* was *the climax of righteousness!***

Just as the climax of sin brought the flood raining down from heaven, the climax of righteousness in the hearts of Noah and his family (the remnant) caused Noah to build the great boat to God's exact specifications. While the flood was raging, the ark was cresting the waves in perfect safety and majesty.

No greater picture exists in the Holy Bible of the terrible destroying power of sin or the ultimate saving power of righteousness than this double

climax recorded in the book of Genesis.

What a scene! Just look at the rain falling ceaselessly, drenching the earth, covering the highest mountain. Hear the screaming, fearful voices of those who had trusted their lives to sin and violence. See the destruction of every living thing except Noah's family and the creatures in the ark.

Then look at the ark itself—the boat that Noah had built with his own hands and into which God had shut them all for the duration of the flood. See it peacefully riding the highest wave, surviving the torrents of water—a tiny speck in the universe—*but all inside were alive and safe,* ***for God rode with them!***

According to the description in the Bible, the ark was some five hundred fifty feet long, ninety feet wide, and forty feet high. We are told that several hundred years ago shipbuilders in Holland reproduced the ark and launched it upon the waters of the Atlantic, and it sailed perfectly. When it returned, mariners from all over the world went to Holland and

studied it. They discovered that the boat was not only seaworthy, but it was the most properly constructed ship that had ever sailed upon the waters. As a result, the art of shipbuilding was changed forever. One man and his family, under God's favor, built the boat that was so strong and perfect it rode the flood.

Now I want you to look at Noah as he preaches the Word of God to the sinful and violence-filled people. He tells them, "I'm building a great boat and loading it with two of every living creature. There's going to be a mighty earth-wide flood, so devastating that it will wipe out this present world. It's going to rain, rain, rain—a rain that will submerge the whole earth. *No living thing will escape except those who believe God and get on board the ark and are saved!"*

Can you imagine how they must have scorned him, declaring that there had never been rain on the earth before, only a mist? **But Noah kept on building.** And that's what you

and I must do.

> **In spite of all the persecution, the hard roads, the misunderstandings, *we must keep on building for God!***

Noah, this man who fiercely believed God's Word to him, had a ***knowing*** in his spirit, *by faith,* that the Flood was coming, and he obeyed the Lord by building the ark according to the divine plan given to him. He was moved by an overwhelming desire to do what God had told him to do. Therefore, everything else was irrelevant to his faith. He simply shook off the cries of the scoffers and mockers and kept his mind fixed on God's Word, focusing his faith on building the ark and preaching to the people.

I can understand how Noah must have felt. You see, not long ago the family of a man who was an invalid asked me to go and pray for him. As soon as his pastor heard about it, he went rushing over to the man's home, ***full of***

unbelief and with a scoffing attitude.

When I reached out my hand to pray for that man, we had a real Holy Ghost encounter with the Lord right there in that room. *And there was the beginning of movement in his spirit and body.* Later, as I was leaving, the friend who had taken me there exclaimed, "That was heavy spiritual warfare!"

"What do you mean?" I asked.

"Why, that pastor believed that nothing was going to happen, and he didn't want the man to get his hopes up. Really, he had his spiritual neck stuck in the ground!"

"Oh?" I replied. "I paid no attention to him. As long as I was obeying God's Word and His call upon me to pray for the healing of the sick, **everything else was irrelevant.**"

"I'm so glad," my friend sighed. "I was afraid that man's unbelief would hinder your faith."

"It didn't!" I answered emphatically. "My mind was totally focused on God, our Source."

Friend, there has always been a loud chorus of mockers and scorners who are ready to blast away at those of us who are building for God. Just as Noah refused to be ruffled or discouraged and wouldn't quit, you and I must keep on serving the Lord, helping to get as many into the ark of salvation as we can, while we *look for the blessed hope* of Jesus' coming, **no *matter how bitter the opposition.***

How Can They Hear Without a Preacher?

Second Peter 2:5 says that Noah was *a preacher of righteousness.* I pray that you will grasp the importance of that fact. And the apostle Paul tells us in Romans 10:14,17, *How shall they hear without a preacher?. . .* So *then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.* He also declares in I Corinthians 1:21 that it is God's purpose to save men and women *by the foolishness of preaching.* Not foolish preaching, but the seeming foolishness of it.

Yet if the preacher of God's Word is

rejected, then nothing can postpone the judgment of God upon unbelieving mankind. Noah was a faithful preacher of God's Word, and yet he was rejected by everyone except his own family. Then the Flood came and swept away all the unbelievers—every last one! **No matter what anyone living today thinks about the Word of God that's being preached about the second coming of the Lord, their salvation hinges upon their belief in or rejection of the Gospel as it is preached to them.**

As a young man I had no desire to become a preacher; yet when I felt the call of God upon my heart, it was the highest honor of my life to go into the ministry. And my soul is set on fire with the message of God's Word that I'm preaching to you today because I know that if you'll believe it, **you will be saved.** You won't be caught unaware by the rapture of God's people or be left here on this earth to face the cruel wrath of the Antichrist, the mark of the beast, and the Great Tribulation which will immediately follow the Rapture.

Recently someone asked me what I thought about a few preachers who had fallen and brought dishonor to the kingdom of God. I replied that I deeply regretted it, not only for their sakes, but even more for those who would use their fall as an excuse to shrink back from the Lord and from all preachers of the Gospel. Also, I said I was praying for their restoration.

"However," I said, "nothing can alter God's plan to carry out His eternal work with man. Nothing He says in His Holy Word will fail." *And you can be assured that most preachers will not dishonor God or bow their knee to the devil.* ***They will faithfully proclaim God's Word and bring the light of the Gospel to this sin-darkened world!***

I believe that!

God's Word Will Not Fail!

When God raised me up out of nothing to preach His Word, to take His healing power to my generation, and to build Him a university,

His calling overshadowed everything else in my life. It was a mighty dream and an eternal destiny. As Paul declared, *Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel* (I Corinthians 9:16). **Oh, I cannot abandon God's call!** I'm dedicated to preaching His Word and spreading the Gospel message for time and eternity!

I'm preaching today to see lost souls won to Christ, to bring deliverance to the sick, the hurting, the downtrodden, to build up the body of Christ, to educate thousands of young men and women to serve God, and to help prepare God's people for the Rapture—the catching away of the bride of Christ (I Thessalonians 4:13-18). *And that leads me to the next thing we can expect to happen. It's something that shakes me to the very core of my being every time I think about it!*

Chapter Five
God's Time Limits on Man

When God faced the awful prospect of man's wickedness and his non-repentant attitude sealed forever in his heart, He could not permit him to completely destroy the earth or destroy His remnant—the righteous family of Noah. And the Lord said, *My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years* (Genesis 6:3).

How many times have I read those soul-shaking words, those words which have so deeply marked the destiny of the race of man! I've preached on that Scripture countless times as it has burned in my spirit, and its implications for us today are inescapable.

While the men and women of Noah's day were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, with every imagination and thought only evil continually, God was watching, planning, and laying out a timetable. *And when He proclaimed that man would have one*

hundred twenty years to change, the people of the whole world were out there with blinders on their eyes!

If you, the reader, have even a glimmer of spiritual understanding or a tiny speck of faith in what the Lord says He will do, then this is your hour, your moment, to fulfill your God-given destiny.

Genesis 6:3 plainly reveals:

1. God's Spirit will not always strive with man, and that includes you and me.

2. Our days are numbered.

3. There is a time limit already known and also for the rest of mankind, before the Rapture.

God, our Father, already knows the precise moment when the trumpet shall sound and the most incredible exodus of all time—the Rapture—will take place. **He knows.** Jesus doesn't know, and you and I don't know, *but the Father knows the exact moment* (see Matthew 24:36).

It will all happen in an instant of time.

When God's time limits expired in Noah's day, there was that first drop of rain, then more drops splashing down, then a wild burst of rain which became an earth-wide downpour covering the highest mountains. No one except Noah and his family really believed that the first drop of rain meant the Flood was about to come gushing down from the sky.

Can you fathom the emotions that will rip through your being if you are still alive when Jesus descends from heaven with a mighty, earsplitting shout? When you hear the archangel's trumpet sounding worldwide, what do you suppose will flash through your mind?

Will you remember the words of the preacher who first told you about the Rapture and Christ's Second Coming? Will you recall the warning that God won't always deal with your heart, that He has set a time limit on the race of man, of which you and I are members?

I know this: *the warning of God about the soon coming of His Son is burning inside me.* While I do not know the exact moment when those time

limits will expire, I know that "coming events cast their shadows before" them.

And I have this inner warning that something earthshaking is about to take place.

Are you responding to God's striving within your soul? Do you believe that the Father knows the time and has set His limits upon it? I say to you, don't look upon your relationship with God as something you can play with! Don't harden your heart and reject the Lord, but think seriously, as you've never thought before, of the words of Jesus in Luke 21:33: *Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.* **EVERY WORD THAT GOD HAS SPOKEN WILL COME TO PASS!**

Frankly, I don't know how much time we have left. That's why Jesus told us,

Occupy till I come (Luke 19:13). It's also why, as a twelve-year-old boy, the Lord said of Himself, *Wist ye not that I must be about my*

Father's business? (Luke 2:49). *And you and I must continually be about the Savior's business!*

God Shut Noah in the Ark

While Noah was preaching and following God's blueprint to build the ark, the Lord gave the world one hundred twenty years to change. Noah knew nothing about constructing such a huge and seaworthy boat, let alone how to launch out on those uncharted waters as the boat crested the violent waves of the flood, yet he was obeying God.

Then the fateful day arrived when the ark was finished, and God's call went out to all the creatures of the earth to come in by twos and sevens, male and female, and enter the ark. (See Genesis 7:2,3.) The living creatures were drawn there irresistibly by the Lord, and they took refuge in the place He had prepared for them.

Then God urged Noah, "Call your three sons and their wives and also your wife. It's time to board the ark!" As soon as Noah

stepped on board, we're told that *the Lord shut him in* (Genesis 7:16).

Now when the time limits were over, God shut Noah and his family **in.** That meant He shut all the others **out.** In the same way, when the shout of Jesus Christ and the trumpet of God pierce the air, the body of Christ will be caught away to be with the Lord in heaven, where they will be **shut in** with Him at the marriage supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:7,9). Meanwhile, the rest of the God-rejecting multitudes will be **shut out.** The **shutting in** and the **shutting out** will occur simultaneously ***—in the flash of a second!*** Thereafter, those to be saved will be under "great tribulation."

While this event will astonish an unbelieving world, I believe there's a measure of God-instilled understanding in every human heart *that things can't go on forever the way they are today.* Even after the fall of man, God left a spark of Himself in every person born since that day or who will ever be born. It's that divine spark that the Holy Spirit is working on

all the time.

I also believe that the Lord speaks to everybody, whether they are listening or even distinguishing His voice. His words may seem as if they're coming from outer space, and yet they're the right words. I know this was true in my own life.

Until I was seventeen years old, I cannot remember having a serious religious feeling or any deep thoughts of God of my own. I stifled the divine spark within me by going my own willful way. He was something totally unreal to me. I let myself believe that even if there really was a God, He would never speak to me personally.

Then, out of the blue, I heard the Lord speaking inside my spirit. *And wonder of wonders, I understood His words!* He said, "Son, I am going to heal you, and you are to take My healing power to your generation. You are to build Me a university and build it on My authority and the Holy Spirit."

I was a nobody, a runaway who had big plans and ambitions for my life, but I had all my feelings about God. *And yet He spoke to me.* What a priceless thought! You see, God thinks as much of every other human being as He does of me. No one has a corner on His unfathomable love. John 3:16 puts it this way:

> *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

When the Bible says that God loved the world, it means that He loved every individual person. And He loved us each one beyond measure, even to the point of sending His only begotten Son into the jaws of death at Calvary, *so that no one who believes on Him should perish—that all... all ... all... would be saved and have life everlasting!*

This is undoubtedly the most awesome fact of all existence. It's the mountain peak of all that is true and real. No one should permit himself to doubt God's love for him if he realizes that God let His own Son die for his

personal salvation.

Then what is lacking? Just this:

> **Each one of us is under a divine command to be listening and to hear God's voice inside ourselves, to grasp what He is saying, *and then to obey Him instantly.***

Seemingly, most people say, "I won't do it. I won't obey Him."

When Noah heard God's voice speaking in his soul, he changed. He obeyed the Lord, no matter how unusual the call or how drastic the cost. He just did it, **by** faith!

God has always had a people—a remnant—who declare, "I will do it by faith!" They will exalt the Lord and put Him first in their lives. They will bow their hearts in worship and adoration of Jesus as King of kings and Lord of lords. They will plant their seeds of faith, cheerfully and with purpose unto God, their

Rewarder, their Seed-Multiplier. They will help spread the Gospel message to the four corners of the earth.

They're a blood-bought, blood-washed remnant, and there is no power on earth or in hell that can prevail against them as they obey God and look toward the second coming of the Lord!

Watch the Flood Destroy the Evil as It Raises the Ark Above the Waters

Throughout history, in every civilization there's the record of a great, earth-wide flood. *That's because it happened just like the Bible said!*

Written in everything throughout time and eternity is the record that Jesus Christ came to this earth the first time and that He will come again for His own. You can dispute it, argue it, doubt it, or mock it, but it's all to no avail. ***Jesus is coming again... and I believe it will be sooner than we think.***

What rings in my soul when I think about

the Flood is the sound of that first drop of rain—ping! It must have been heard throughout the earth. Then another drop splattered down—ping! Then another and another and another—ping, ping, ping! Then came that gully-washing thunderstorm that lasted forty days and forty nights—**something that had never happened before!**

Listen! Jesus said that the men and women of Noah's day had no idea what was about to happen until the Flood came and swept them all away. And then He added, *But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be* (Matthew 24:37).

How much plainer can He say it or make it? **The first phase of the second coming of the Lord in the form of the Rapture is going to burst like a thunderclap upon an unsuspecting world—huge numbers of people "who know not" because they choose not to know!**

Now let's look once again at the climax of sin AND of righteousness—a double climax—

which took place in Noah's day. First of all, the sins of man were so great that they caused God to send the Flood. And second, the righteousness of Noah and his family was so great that it enabled them to build the mighty ark of deliverance. As the climax of sin set loose a deluge of water from heaven, the climax of righteousness lifted the ark above the rising flood.

While the floodwater crushed every living thing, those same rampaging waters lifted the boat, and it masterfully rode the waves as the rain poured down. Finally, when the water had receded, the ark came to rest upon dry earth.

Watch the flood destroy the evil as it raises the ark above the waters. It is a double climax!

And that's a picture of what will happen when the Lord comes back to this earth the second time, only *this time there will he no flood of water.* When the sin in unregenerated man's

heart becomes fully sinful and reaches its climax once again, it will usher in the Antichrist, the mark of the beast, the Great Tribulation, the Battle of Armageddon, and the end of time. But before God pulls back the curtain to reveal His final destruction of unbelieving man, *something equally dramatic will take place.*

When the righteousness of the saved souls who are serving the Lord becomes fully righteous, *then righteousness will reach its climax.* That climax will bring Jesus, our Savior, vaulting over the gates of heaven with a mighty shout, the voice of the archangel, and the trumpet's blast. And all the righteous, both living and dead, will be instantly "snatched away" over the legion hills of glory! IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE, IN A MOMENT OF TIME, THOSE WHO ARE BELIEVERS IN JESUS WILL RIDE UP OUT OF THIS WORLD TO MEET THE LORD JESUS IN THE AIR (see I Thessalonians 4:16,17). That's something we've got to know.

Then what will happen?

Chapter Six
What Will Happen Next?

Before the world can even comprehend that God's people have been bodily lifted out of the earth through the Rapture, chaos will reign momentarily. With God's people gone, chaos will reign immediately. Cars that are barrelling down the highway will suddenly careen out of control as the born-again driver is translated to heaven. The planes of pilots who are caught away in the Rapture will take a sharp nose dive and plunge to the earth.

Think of it! Automobiles will go astray. Boats will sink. People will scream. There is no way we can picture the havoc that will erupt in the first few moments after the saints are gone.

All the little babies in the world will go up in the Rapture in the flash of a second, for Jesus said, *of such is the kingdom of heaven* (Matthew 19:14). There won't be a single child under the age of accountability left behind—not one who has died or who is living when Jesus comes.

Unsaved mothers clutching their little ones

in their arms will suddenly feel them snatched away to be with the Lord. A scream will go up from this earth that far exceeds the cry of the Egyptians in Moses' day when the firstborn sons of Egypt perished during the plagues. *It will be a roar of human agony like none that has ever been heard before.*

While the righteous—the remnant—are sitting down in Heaven at the marriage supper of the Lamb and utter chaos is breaking loose on Earth, all at once satan will realize that it's his time to strike. He will swiftly unveil his "son"—the Antichrist, *the man who personifies all evil.*

As the world clamors for a superman who can rescue them from the chaos, satan will endow this man with the power to temporarily calm their fears. The Antichrist will have brilliant economic ability and a charismatic, satanic personality. He will be empowered by the devil to bring order out of chaos, solve mystifying problems, and produce worldwide prosperity and a false peace. The Bible says that

everyone will wonder after him. (Read the thirteenth chapter of Revelation.)

In the middle of his reign, the Antichrist will proclaim himself to be the Christ in the rebuilt temple in Jerusalem, while the whole world watches. And then he will issue a number—666 (the number of man)—which is to be stamped indelibly on every person's forehead or right hand, without which no one can buy or sell.

> *And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name (Revelation 13:16,17).*

All who take the mark of the beast will forever seal their doom with God. And the Antichrist will fight against those who become believers after the Rapture *because they will refuse to take the mark.* It will be a time of terrible tribulation all over the earth, and the Lord Himself said, *And except those days should be*

shortened, there should no flesh be saved (Matthew 24:22).

Then Jesus will marshal the armies of Heaven and the armies of glory and come riding down from the sky on that great white horse, with His saints behind Him. His being will fill the universe, so that every eye will see Him, and the nations will tremble. He'll fight against satan and his unholy sons—the Antichrist and the false prophet—AND HE WILL PREVAIL.

It is not the purpose of this book to cover the Battle of Armageddon and Christ's sweeping triumph over the devil, the Antichrist, and the false prophet. Nor do I wish at this time to deal with the Lord's return to a new heaven and a new earth, to set up His everlasting kingdom with His saints, *where there will be no devil or evil of any kind.*

It is my purpose to faithfully follow Jesus' words, *But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be,* showing the striking resemblance between the days

preceding the Flood and the days that are leading up to the second coming of Christ. That's important for you to keep in mind.

What I have just shared with you is not a myth or some farfetched thing. It's real. It is God's Word. **Jesus is coming.** You'll never be able to say, "Nobody warned me! I never heard that message before!"

My soul tells me that someone who is reading my words is very moved by God's Spirit to take action. The Lord is tugging at your heart. **Friend, you don't want to be without Christ in your life when He splits the eastern skies!** What a treacherous world this will be after the saints of God are caught away to be with the Lord! *And if you're left behind, your life will be a foretaste of hell itself!*

I believe you're getting a call from God this very moment, and it just may be the last chance you'll ever have to come to Christ or to fully commit yourself to Him and His Gospel. I feel a tremendous warning in my spirit as I write these words. Jesus is saying to you, "This is

your hour. This is your visitation from on high. This is the Holy Spirit dealing with your heart. This is the Lord saying, 'Today is the day of salvation. Harden not your heart, and come to Him now.'"

When I was a young man dying of tuberculosis, not knowing anything about God or the devil, members of my family helped me come to Christ. I repented of my sins and became God's born-again man. And just as someone helped me come to know the Lord, my heart is bursting to help you come to Him right now!

Just turn your thoughts toward Jesus of Nazareth. Blot everything else out of your mind. Call upon the Lord to save your soul, to fill you with His Spirit, to help you get ready to ride the winds to Heaven when He comes back for His own!

The apostle Paul declared:

> *If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that*

> *God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation (Romans 10:9,10).*

Just say this simple prayer out loud with me, and mean every word you say:

"Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of Your only Son, Jesus Christ of Nazareth. I praise You for Your mercy, Your goodness, Your forgiveness, and I turn from my sins and cling to the Cross!

"Oh, how I love You, Jesus, because You first loved me! I believe in my heart that You died for my sins and God raised You from the dead to be my personal Savior. I open my heart to You as the Lord, the Healer, the Deliverer of my life.

"With my heart I believe and with my mouth I confess You before men. I am saved by Your shed blood on the Cross at Calvary!

"Lord, I do not intend to miss Your second coming. I want to mount up on the wings of the wind and soar with Your children to meet You in

the air!

"Lord Jesus, I declare by faith that I am now a Christian, a blood-bought believer, a follower in Your footsteps. I am a member of the remnant who always puts God first.

"I am Your servant, and by Your grace, I commit myself to serving You all the days of my life. I'm going to ride out of this world in the Rapture and spend my eternity in Heaven with You! In the mighty Name of Jesus of Nazareth I pray. Amen and amen."

Do you know what I feel in my soul right now? I feel so close to you that if I could, I'd reach out my hand and pray for you and rebuke satan off your life!

Friend, I would be so deeply honored if you would tell me your needs. I'll bombard Heaven with my prayers for you! I'll pray a hole in the sky! Oh, I believe the Lord has sent me across your path!

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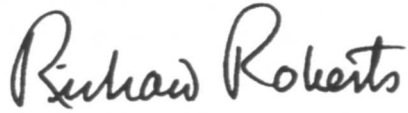
GOD BLESS YOU!

I want your needs to be met

Friend, I'm excited about Jesus' coming back to the earth. The Second Coming is good news to all who believe on Jesus. But while we are still on this earth, "occupying" as Jesus told us to do, I want to partner with you to help you get your needs met.

I would be honored if you would write me and let me know what your needs are. Then I want to pray a powerful prayer of agreement with you, and write you back with an encouraging word from the Lord. *Together we'll stand in agreement and believe God for miracles in your life.*



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Richard, please agree with me as I seek God's answer to these needs in my life:

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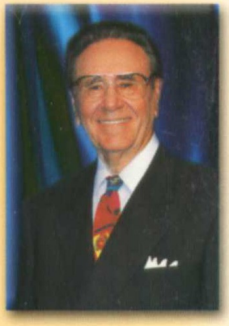

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I'm ready to go...and I pray that you are too. Because *I believe the Second Coming of Jesus is sooner than you think!*

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