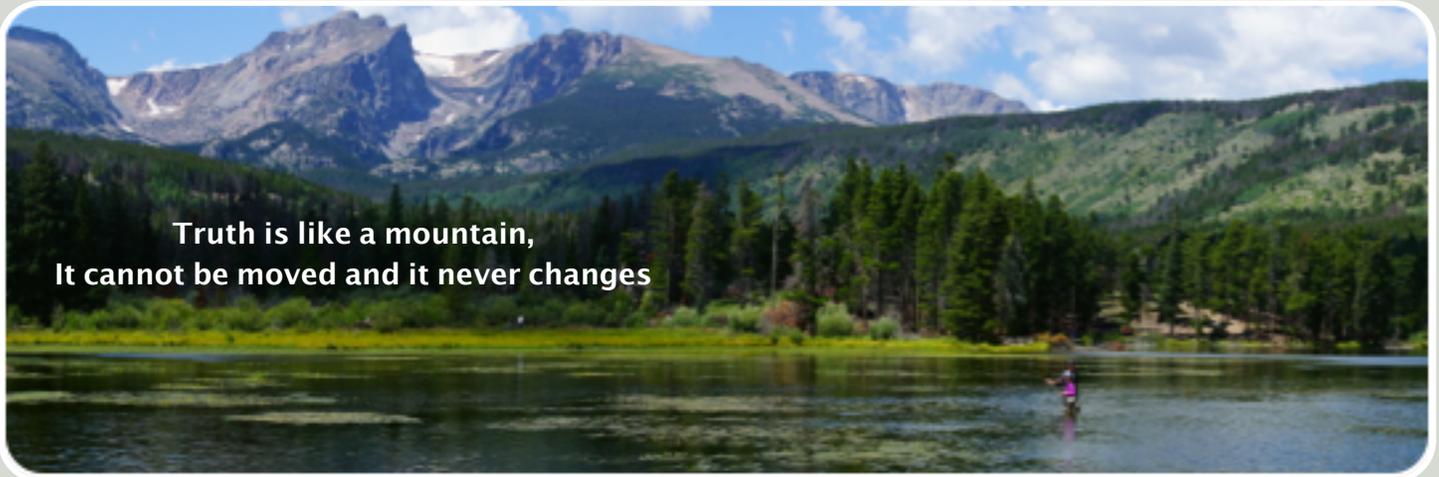


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"TRUTH"

**A SURE WORD
FOR TODAY**



**Truth is like a mountain,
It cannot be moved and it never changes**

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UPDATE

We've just completed one of the most critical elections in the history of our country. Had Kamala Harris and the Democrats prevailed, the consequences would have been disastrous for all Americans. It feels as though President-elect Trump isn't the only one who dodged a bullet in this election.

While it's natural for those on the winning side to celebrate, it's important that we do so with humility and gratitude—giving thanks to God for our victory. However, we must keep our celebrations brief, as the battle is far from over. Now is the time to reflect deeply on the events we've just experienced and extract as many lessons as we can.

I've taken the time to do so, and I'm sharing my thoughts with you in this month's Prophecy Update.

This is an article you don't want to miss.

FEATURE ARTICLE: "You Will Never Know"

WARNING: You are entering the "TRUTH ZONE". You may not like what you read. At times it may make you feel uncomfortable. That is not my goal. My goal is to speak truth that will provide spiritual guidance for you and your family in a time of great spiritual darkness. You can be sure that what you read here will be TRUTH!

Over the years, we've witnessed how our understanding of Christianity has evolved. I remember a time when a call to salvation was clear and direct—sinners were told to repent, to turn from their old ways, and to surrender completely to Christ. Today, the message has shifted. Now, we often hear people being asked if they want to invite Jesus into their hearts, but rarely do we emphasize the need for repentance or making Jesus Lord of their lives. Times have changed.

As a result, many claim to be Christians but continue to live unchanged by their so-called conversion experience. If we question whether they are genuinely saved, we are told that ours is not to judge but to love. After all, who among us is perfect? Yes, we need to love, but do sinners no longer need to repent and make Jesus their Lord, and are we doing them a favor if the subject of making Jesus their Lord is never brought up? These are hard questions we must answer if we are to avoid doing a disservice to those we love. We must ask ourselves: If we don't teach them this foundational truth, are we truly helping them?

To answer these questions, we must first understand who God is and what He desires for His children. We all know that God is a good God—a loving Father who wants to bless His children. He desires our happiness and prosperity, as we see in Deuteronomy 28:1-13. These verses make it clear that God's heart is for us to experience His best blessings. But notice the key condition He sets before His blessings are poured out:

Deuteronomy 28:1 (KJV)

"And it shall come to pass, **if** thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth."

This verse is clear: God desires to bless us, but His blessings are tied to our obedience. If we

neglect to teach new believers the importance of making Jesus the Lord of their lives, we fail them. We deny them the key to the blessings God has promised.

I want to share a personal story to illustrate this truth. Linda and I have been blessed beyond measure, and we stand in awe of what God has done in our lives. The blessings we've received are far beyond anything we could have imagined, but when we look back, we realize every blessing came because of a decision we made to obey God.

One of the most significant moments was when God called us to pastor Loveland First Assembly of God Church. In the natural, it seemed like an unwise decision—especially considering the church's history of struggling with leadership. God never forces us to do what He wants, but if we want His best blessing, we must do what He tells us. Had we not obeyed, we would have never experienced the blessings He had in store for us. And here's the most sobering thought: We would have never known what we missed.

If you've never made Jesus the Lord of your life—if you've never repented of your sin and turned to Him with all your heart—you are missing out on what God has for you. You may not realize it now, but without making Jesus your Lord, life will never be all it was meant to be, and you will never know how amazing life could have been.

Church, it's time for us to get back to the basics. Let's remember that true Christianity is about more than a decision to "invite Jesus into our hearts." It's about surrender, obedience, and making Jesus Lord of all areas of our lives. Only then will we experience the fullness of God's blessings and the life He truly desires for us.

May we all commit to living lives of obedience, to helping others understand the importance of surrender, and to boldly sharing the message of repentance and salvation.



A MINUTE WITH MISS LINDA



“Jesus Is Coming!”

December is here, bringing with it the most celebrated day of the year—the day Christians around the world honor the birth of our Lord. Christmas displays are filling store windows, and our neighborhoods are

coming alive with festive decorations. Even my husband, who usually isn't one to jump into the holiday spirit, has caught the Christmas bug this year and is eagerly setting up a life-size nativity mural he bought last January. I guess Christmas really is the season of miracles!

With the holiday season comes gift shopping, holiday parties, Christmas pageants, and Christmas movies. We revisit the old classics we've seen a hundred times and eagerly anticipate the new releases that may one day become beloved traditions. It's all so wonderful!

As I reflect on the season, I can't help but think about how different Christmas is today compared to that first Christmas 2,000 years ago. Back then, there were no twinkling lights, storefront displays, or nativity scenes on front lawns. No one was out shopping for gifts or planning festive parties. That first Christmas began like any other day—but it

certainly didn't end that way. The prophets had foretold the arrival of a Redeemer, a Savior who would come to set His people free—and that promise was being fulfilled. After centuries of waiting, few people were likely still expecting the birth of the Messiah. Mary and Joseph, of course, were anticipating it, but beyond them, the world seemed unaware. Then, in a quiet, unexpected moment, the promise was fulfilled just as the prophets had said, and everything changed forever.

The first to hear the good news weren't kings or scholars but humble shepherds out in the fields, watching their flocks by night. They didn't hear the news from the priests or the learned men of the temple. Instead, they were visited by angels—messengers sent by God Himself.

Luke 2:7-11 (KJV)

7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

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Even though there are many differences between then and now, the more I think about it, the more I see the similarities. They may not have had the decorations and celebrations we have today. Still, their apathy regarding the promise of a coming Redeemer is the same apathy we often feel today. When Jesus was born, 300 years of silence had dimmed the reality of the promised Redeemer, and in many ways, we find ourselves in the same situation today. We've waited over 2,000 years for His return, and because of this long wait, few expect it to happen anytime soon. Maybe someday, but not today.

But I want you to know that it could be today. We need to live as if it is a real possibility. That day will begin like any other, but then a trumpet will sound, and an angel will shout, "Come up!" In an instant, the church age will come to a close. This is an absolute fact, as sure as Jesus was born in a stable 2,000 years ago. He will soon return to gather His church.

I find it interesting that the early church lived with the expectation that Jesus could return at any moment. Paul ended his first letter to the Corinthians with the word Maranatha, which means, "The Lord comes." Yet today, very few give it much thought. Have we allowed the reality of Christ's return to be dimmed by the passage of time?

Yes, 2,000 years have passed since His return was promised, but that also means we are 2,000 years closer. Let that sink in for a moment! If, as Scripture says, "a day with the Lord is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day" (2 Peter 3:8), then in God's eyes, Jesus's return could be just minutes away!

Now is the time for pastors to urge sinners to repent, for the body of Christ to prepare,

and for an urgent warning to be given: the church age is about to end.

I want you to know that God watches over His Word to perform it, and very soon, His Son, Jesus, will appear in the clouds to call His beloved home! Whether or not we believe it, expect it, or are ready for it—it will happen.

Now is the time to get ready.



AND THAT MY FRIENDS IS THE TRUTH

P R O P H E C Y U P D A T E

"What We Learned"

The elections are behind us, and while many are rejoicing in the outcome, it's important to take a moment for careful reflection. Yes, we've seen victories that align with our values, but we also witnessed some outcomes that should cause great concern. In Colorado, for instance, voters chose to uphold policies that allow for the tragic murder of the unborn while at the same time rejecting limitations on gay marriage. Things like this remind us that we must stay vigilant, remembering that this battle—especially for the soul of our nation—is far from over.

Even with Republican gains in Congress and the presidency, we can expect a tumultuous road ahead. Already, some factions within the Democratic Party have declared war against the incoming administration, setting the stage for more political conflict and division. This troubling development underscores the need for us, as believers, to pray. This is why I am calling all true believers to pray diligently for our political leaders.

This leads me to the main thing I learned from the elections: **God still answers prayer!** All during the campaign, I kept saying it would take a miracle for President Trump to win. I said this for two reasons. First was the strategy of the Harris camp. To avoid being exposed for the clueless fraud she was, she decided not to do any press conferences where she might be asked unscripted difficult questions for which she had no answers. Considering her ineptness, this was a brilliant strategy.

Secondly, Donald Trump often seemed to be his own worst enemy, and his brash and unfiltered style made him a polarizing figure. How could he overcome these obstacles? The only answer was prayer—and not just any prayer, but desperate, fervent, collective prayer. Others must have felt the same way because, from coast to coast, prayer groups sprang up in churches, homes, and communities. People across the nation felt a deep sense of urgency. The night before the election, a call went out asking believers to stop whatever they

were doing at 6 PM local time and pray for the nation. We will never know how many people answered that call, but the numbers likely reached into the tens of thousands, if not millions. And I believe it was our prayers that made the difference.

For months, Miss Linda and I had been asking God to have mercy on America. I can't count how many times I cried out for God not to turn a deaf ear to the prayers of the righteous and grant us His intervention. Without His mercy, I knew our nation was at risk of falling even deeper into spiritual and moral decline. Thank God, He heard us and answered our prayers.

But here's the hard truth: We must not stop praying! Donald Trump will not be the savior of this nation. Neither political victories nor legislative wins will ultimately deliver us from evil. The only thing that can save us is a great outpouring of God's Spirit—a revival that shakes this nation to its core.

We know this to be true, yet I fear we haven't approached this issue with the same sense of desperation we felt in the days before the election. Let's be honest: While we were fervent in our prayers for the election, how often do we pray with the same intensity for revival?

God is waiting for us to get desperate again. If we humble ourselves and seek Him with the same passion and urgency we displayed during the election cycle, I believe we will see a mighty move of God. But here is the problem: Our comfort is a trap that creates spiritual apathy, and spiritual apathy is the greatest threat we face. If we put our trust in man, we risk losing everything we hold dear.

This is our challenge: We must keep our spiritual fervor from fading. This nation's spiritual, political, and moral future depends on it. Let us keep praying, believing, and seeking God's face for the revival we desperately need. The same God who heard and answered our prayers for this election will send us the greatest revival the world has ever seen.