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UPDATE

In this issue, I deal with the transgender problem we face today. This was generated by a sermon I listened to online that greatly troubled me because it contained something that was not true. In the Feature Article, I talk about it.

I have also devoted the Prophecy Update to the war in Israel. Many are concerned about Israel's ability to survive this crisis and rightly so. In the natural, I see no way they can survive. Hamas fired over 2,000 rockets into Israel, but Hezbollah has over 100,000 rockets ready to be fired on the Northern border. If they should all be fired, it would quickly overwhelm any anti-rocket defense Israel may have.

But, we serve a God who watches over His Word to perform it and He has promised that Israel will survive. Read the article and find out where God said this and also find out what else He said that is very good news for both Israel and us Christians.

FEATURE ARTICLE: "Transition Or Transformation?"

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!

I recently listened to a pastor teach on the transgender issue we face today. He started his message by trying to make us understand how horrible it must be to have a body and a soul that are incompatible with each other. He then went on to mention several secular magazines that state how huge this issue is, and that the suicide rate amongst this group of people stands at 41%.

Next, he took us to Isaiah 56:4-5 where God says that there is a special place reserved in heaven for eunuchs. Immediately red flags went up in my mind. Did he not know that in the Bible, eunuchs were not transgenders? Mostly they were slaves who were forcibly castrated. If he had done his homework he would have known this, and would have also known that the practice of people transitioning did not start until the 20th century. To apply Isaiah 56:4-5 to those who willfully mutilate their bodies is unconscionable.

The stated objective of this newsletter is to provide a source of truth in these dark days, and that is what I intend to do. What I am about to say is not open for debate because it is truth based on God's word.

Romans 9:20 VOICE

20 Here's my answer: Who are you, a mere human, to argue with God? If God takes the time to shape us from the dust, is it right to point a finger at Him and ask, "Why have You made me this way?"

It is God who determines our sex. For us to say that God made a mistake when He formed us, and then try to correct His mistake by mutilating our bodies is nothing less than sinful rebellion against God; that is why it will never solve the emotional issues of transgenders. A 2011 Swedish study stated, "Persons... after sex reassignment, have considerably higher risks for mortality, suicidal

behavior, and psychiatric morbidity than the general population."

Why is this? The answer is very simple. Just because a man mutilates his body, buys breast implants, dresses like a woman, and injects estrogen does not make him a woman. Let that truth sink in! No matter what he does, he cannot change his DNA. (Do your own research.) God determines our sex at conception, and nothing we do will ever change it.

So what is the answer? If the body and the soul are in disagreement, instead of mutilating the body, why not fix the soul? What a novel thought! This is not rocket science and is exactly what the Bible teaches.

Romans 12:1-2 New Living Translation

1 And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.

2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but **let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.** Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

(Don't mutilate your body....fix your mind!)

Yes, God loves transgenders, and so should we, but we must remember that our love will not set them free. The only thing that will ever set them free is the truth, and if we truly love them, we will tell them. We will tell them that there is no sin so great, that it cannot be forgiven. We will tell them that there is no bondage so strong that it cannot be broken. We will tell them that the blood of Jesus is as powerful today as it was the day He died on the cross. We will tell them that Jesus is still in the business of transforming lives today!





"Be Patient!"

Patience! My mother used to say, "Patience is a virtue few possess and many desire." That phrase is not found in the Bible, but we know it lines up with scripture. The apostle Paul lists patience as a fruit of

who had not yet become men. Need I say anymore? Mom could have chosen to be very impatient with us kids, but never once did we hear her yell or become impatient or frustrated.

I have a hunch our family was no different than yours. We all want to see our children grow up to be mature adults we can be proud of, but the fact is, they are still children and children will act like children. If we lose patience with them it will not produce a good result; rather the example we set will be reproduced in them.

The Strongs definition of patience is: cheerful (or hopeful) endurance, constancy:--enduring patient continuance (waiting).

Yes, patience and waiting are like a hand in a glove. No discussion about patience would be complete without taking into consideration the fact that patience **must** include waiting. We must wait for our children to grow up, our mates to become what we want them to be, our plants to grow, and our God to answer our prayers. God must have known it would be like this because He told us to wait patiently on Him.

Psalms 40:1 KJV

<u>I waited patiently</u> for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

Psalms 37:7 AMP

7 Be still before the Lord; <u>wait patiently</u> for Him and entrust yourself to Him;

the Spirit. **Galatians 5:22-23 ERV**

22 But the fruit that the Spirit produces in a person's life is love, joy, peace, <u>patience</u>, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

23 gentleness, and self-control.

None of us are born patient. My husband enjoys watching TikTok videos of toddlers trying to do a task, and after failing several times getting totally frustrated and throwing a fit. It is one thing for toddlers to do this, but how often have we adults acted in the same way? One day in a counseling session my husband told a lady that she needed more patience. She responded by saying, "I know, and I have asked God to make me more patient and told Him I need Him to do it right now!"

I have such respect for my mother because she walked in such patience with her children. I grew up in a large family and six of my siblings were boys

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I would be remiss if I did not point out the havoc we can create if we fail to be patient. Parents have alienated themselves from their children, friendships have been broken, and marriages have ended all because someone lost patience. God was taken out of the picture and all that was left was a human who was out of control, and the results were very predictable.

None of us want that, so we need to be able to know when we are about to slip into that mode and what to do about it. I am sure you have heard someone say, "My patience is wearing thin." How did they know? As always, the Bible has the answer.

Proverbs 15:18 AMP

18 A hot-tempered man stirs up strife, But he who is slow to anger and patient calms disputes.

Anger is an emotion that is very easy to detect and when anger is detected we can be sure that patience is wearing thin. It is time to pray! That may be the most important thing you will read in this entire article.

I encourage you to apply this when it comes to disciplining your children. Too many parents wait to discipline until they are very angry, and that is why sometimes bad things happen.

What is your situation today? Have you started to feel as if it will never change? Are you starting to feel angry about it? I know

you don't want to hear what I have to say, but I must say it; **if you lose your patience, you have given up on God.** No matter how dark it may seem, God is at work. Could it be that the work God is doing is inside of you?

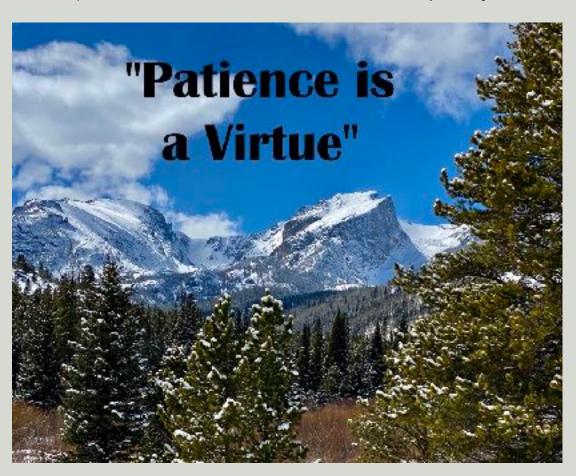
Romans 5:3 KJV

3 ...but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

Luke 8:15 AMP

But as for that seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word with a good and noble heart, and hold on to it tightly, and bear fruit with patience.

Wait on the Lord....Wait patiently!



AND THAT MY FRIENDS IS THE TRUTH

PROPHECY UPDATE

"Will Israel Survive?"

All of us have been shocked and saddened by what is transpiring in Israel. I am writing this on October 11 and at this time the number of Israeli dead stands at around 1200. This number includes many women, children, and babies. Linda and I have been in almost constant intercession and have sent financial assistance to those in Israel who are supplying humanitarian aid. We encourage you to do the same.

Those who are in a position to know are telling us that this could escalate into the most deadly prolonged war Israel has ever fought. Hamas fired over 2000 rockets into Israel, but on Israel's Northern border, it is estimated that Hezbollah has over 100,000 rockets ready to launch and already has been firing on Israeli military positions.

This brings us to a very important question: Does Israel possess the military might necessary to defeat its enemies? This is a very complicated issue and world opinion is sure to factor in. History has shown that ultimately Israel will be condemned for defending herself and neutralizing the threat against her. Already the Hamas propaganda machine has sprung into action, trying to place the blame on Israel.

So, we need to go to the Bible to find an answer to the question. There is a terrible portion of scripture in Zechariah that leads me to believe that Israel will survive this crisis.

Zechariah 14:2 COMPLETE JEWISH BIBLE

2 "For I will gather all the nations against Yerushalayim for war. The city will be taken, the houses will be rifled, the women will be raped, and half the city will go into exile...."

I hesitate to use this portion of scripture because I don't want to be accused of anti-Semitism. God knows I love Israel and the Jewish people. However, I decided against my caution because I assure you, that even though this verse sounds terrible, it contains some very good news for Israel, both now and in the future. First of all, it means that when this comes to pass, Israel will still exist. She will not have been destroyed by Hamas, Hezbollah, Iran, Syria, or anyone else. So, you should keep praying, but you need not be anxious. Second, verse three reveals that on that day God will say, "That's enough."

Zechariah 14:3 COMPLETE JEWISH BIBLE

3 Then Adonai will go out and fight against those nations, fighting as on a day of battle.

So, is the war we are witnessing now the start of Zechariah 14? It could be, but I highly doubt it. As horrible as it is, this is not Zechariah 14, and verses four and five are the main reason why I believe this.

Zechariah 14:4-5 COMPLETE JEWISH BIBLE 4 On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives....

5... Then Adonai my God will come to you with all the holy ones....

So, why does this make me believe that what we are seeing today is not the fulfillment of Zechariah 14? It's very simple.

We can't come with Him if we're not with Him!

(I know that's deep, but try to wrap your head around it.)

2 Thessalonians 4:17-18 KJV

17 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.

WE ARE IN THE SEASON OF THE RAPTURE!