

What Do We Do In This Dark Hour?

“A Believer’s Stand In A Global Corona Lockdown”

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Foreword

As in the days of old, the Lord always has one to speak to the times we have entered. With the Coronavirus moving across the world, it is a wake-up call! Isaiah 40:3 says, "A voice of one calling, prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God." The Lord always has someone who will carry the clairvoyant message of the season and hour.

For sure, the hour we are in is a wake-up call. Our God is speaking loud and clear. Wake-up church! For you have slumbering too long. It is time to draw nearer to God. It is time for the church to be the church.

Here we find one presenting a simple book on how one must remember the cross of Calvary, where Jesus Christ shed His blood for the redemption of humanity. John 3:16, for God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have eternal life. King James version.

Roman 10:9-10

"That if thou shalt confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thy heart that God 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 "

The curtain was torn apart, so that we may enter into the holy of holies. Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the holy of holies by the blood of Jesus Christ. Man has no excuse, but it will cost something. It requires dying to self and surrendering to Him completely. Jesus Christ died that we might live now; we must die to self in full surrender to Him that might live in us.

The writer is giving you some simple points on how to accomplish this. Her approach is simple and should provide you guidance and enlightenment.

Definitely, the Lord is dealing with the body of Christ worldwide. It is time to draw near Him. For Moses knew God's ways but the Israelites His acts. It is all about intimacy with the Lord. The bridegroom is calling the bride into the inner chamber.

You have to linger in the outer court long enough; it is time to inner into the inner court. The author here is letting know it is time to draw nearer. And spend quality time in His presence.

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Blow the Trumpet in Zion TV Ministry Preface

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This book will clarify the purpose of God and His intentions for allowing the global shut down in this season. It's a book every believer should have, as it draws all to rest in God's presence amid any chaos.

This book will show all how to shut the doors and how to spend time with God effectively. It will also demonstrate how to pray, hear from God, and to enter His Holy of Holies in a clear, simple, and practical way. It's not complicated to meet God, and each can meet Him daily and find solutions from Him.

At the end of this book, a 21 days prayer and fasting plan as well as a short manual for churches that would like to go online in this season.

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Chapter 1: Introduction

Isaiah 60:2.

"See, darkness covers the earth, and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you, and his glory appears over you.

Now, the big question is, what do we do in the dark hour?

As many people are rushing to pay for bills, buy food in bulks, others are standing in panic, thinking they are going to die or it's the end of the world. Calm down, Jesus is in control. Sit down and talk with Him.

Is the Coronavirus our God? Are our lives, our destinies in the hands of Coronavirus? We are not the offspring of Corona. God's plan and purpose will prevail above all things because He is in control. Don't be in dismay. Shut the noises of fear, confusion, lies, and listen to God's small still voice in His presence!

Corona's rushing quick sound introduced a stranger raging fear to paralyze the earth. Such a weapon of Satan can't be allowed to nullify the existence of God's nations, whom He gave the right to live. Not under our watch! We are His divine workmanship; therefore, God will use our prayers, faith and revealed solutions to preserve all. Wake-up and pray! Shut that door and pray! Call upon Jesus, and He will answer (Psalm 91:15)! It shall stop in Jesus name!

Psalm 29

- 1. Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.*
- 2. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.*
- 3. The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.*
- 4. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic.*
- 11. The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace.*
- 10. The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord is enthroned as King forever.*

9. *The voice of the Lord twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in his temple, all cry, "Glory!"*
8. *The voice of the Lord shakes the desert; the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh.*
7. *The voice of the Lord strikes with flashes of lightning.*
6. *He makes Lebanon leap like a calf, Sirion b like a young wild ox.*
5. *The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.*

Chapter 2: Deal with fear and anxiety

Philippians 4: 6-7

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

In times of trouble, where you feel afraid the Bible says, pray, and the peace of God that surpasses all understanding shall overshadow you. The bible says, "Do not call conspiracy everything this people call a conspiracy; do not fear what they fear, and do not dread it (Isaiah 8:12). The Lord Almighty is the one you are to regard as holy; he is the one you are to fear; he is the one you are to dread (Isaiah 12:12). Peace, be still. Trust God, the maker of heaven and earth.

Peace, be still, Jesus spoke those words after the disciples that lacked faith woke him up amid a raging sea. They were in an uncontrollable boat, but Jesus was sleeping. Why was Jesus asleep in the storm, because only when He was at rest and peace, could find a solution and know what to do. If He was fearful, He was not going to release the answer that they needed at that time. Jesus passed that exam. May God help us to pass this current exam that the whole world is facing. We need Him!

Prayer: Lord, you said peace be still to the raging stormy seas, in the same way, we say peace be still, oh, nations. The Lord is on your side. Receive the peace of God and be still. We bind every spirit of fear and declare the spirit of love, power, and sound mind

(2 Timothy 1:7). Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, not the temple of fear. Shout: I believe! I have faith in Jesus. I will not be shaken!

Exercise :

1. What or who do you fear the most?
2. Make a list of at least three scriptures that you can declare every day until you receive the peace that passes all understanding from God.
3. 3. Read one scripture per day to boost your faith.

4. Chapter 3: Shut the door!

Isaiah 26: 20-21

Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. For, behold, the Lord cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their sins: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

What does the global lockdown mean to us as believers? Why did God allow this to happen? Why did God allow that our many churches be shut down, too, because of Coronavirus? What does shut the door mean to us, believers, and the nations as a whole? Where there times like this in the countries in the Bible?

God showed us a shutdown in Egypt during the time of His Passover. Could this hour be the hour of His Passover? He said to His own, "take the lamb for every household and eat it, and take its blood and put it on your doorposts when I pass, I will see the blood and protect you(Exodus 12). He was talking about Jesus Christ here. Can Jesus and His blood defend us all from this terror? What must we do, then to receive His protection? Jesus can heal all diseases. His blood is our protection till day (Hebrews 9). Amen

What should every believer do during the lockdown?

Matthew 6:6

But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your unseen Father. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Whenever Jesus was about to perform a real and severe miracle (Luke 15:6), He entered the room and shut the door behind. We see this with Elijah and Elisha too (1 Kings 17:17-24, 1 Kings 17:17-24). They were going to pray for the resurrection of the sons of the two of the widows. It means when you want to hear God clearly about something and conceive his mind, then manifest His word. You need to shut the

doors of the noise in both the spiritual and physical realm to hear God very well. Amen!

1. What are the spiritual doors in us that must remain open for Jesus?

Jesus is the only door to heaven. He alone paid a high prize of saving all humanity by dying on the cross of Calvary. He shed His blood on the cross, and tore the veil of the temple that through Him all may enter heaven. We all have access; we can all talk to God because He is our Father; therefore, we do not need a medium or another mediator or any idol god.

Just as we have physical senses (doors) in our physical bodies, we also have the same in them in the spiritual realm.

- Spiritual ears (hear spiritually)
- Spiritual eyes (see spiritually)
- Spiritual senses (detect)
- Spiritual nose (discernment)

2. What are the physical doors that we must keep open for Jesus?

- Open our hearts to love Jesus, His people, and serve them.
- Our hearts and minds so that we can receive and conceptualize God's word
- Our physical ears to listen to sermons
- Our physical eyes to see His doings

3. Which spiritual doors should be shut ?

Any false tokens and altars that are used to worship a foreign god by an individual, family, community, and nation can bring curses to a person, family, or society. False gods can remove the protection of God from people and cause Satan to come and destroy them like in Egypt (Exodus 12). Note that Jesus is the only mediator to God, the Father, therefore bow to Him alone in worship. If you knelt to a foreign god, Repent and be saved. Repent and gain life in abundance! Do not close your heart to Jesus, close to other false gods that are stealing from you and return your heart fully to Jesus. Amen.

Prayer of declaration:

Lord, I repent for following a false god unknowingly. In my ignorance and because of the wrong teachings, I worshiped false gods and not you. Heavenly Father, may you forgive me. Yes, wash me with your blood that I may receive your son Jesus as Lord and that I may worship Him in truth and Spirit.

Lord, I also pray for my nations, my families, and all those that have worshiped foreign gods unknowing. Jesus forgive us, pardon our sins and the sins of our ancestors too, that we may receive blessings from you. You said in your words, cursed be any man who trusts in another man, and we had believed dead men and other men above you. Forgive us, Lord, forgive our nations Lord.

Father, now that we have repented according to

1 Chronicles 7:14 (state this verse), we pray for you to heal our land in Jesus' name. Amen.

4. What are the physical doors to shut?

There are the things the Holy Spirit may deem as your destructions during the time of prayer and fasting. He will instruct you; accordingly, not everyone will be called to follow the same thing religiously. This lockdown is a type of fast on its own, and it's putting restrictions on our bodies and soul to experience God more and deeply. The doors could be:

- Fleshly Hunger at the wrong time
- Fleshly Thirsty for wrong things
- Fleshly or desire that
- TV or Radio or Newspapers
- Whatsapp or FB and other social media, even unnecessary earthly work at this time.
- During fasting from work to pray more
- Fasting from the physical practices of the usual church works to sit at the feet and connect with Jesus like Mary. Do not be a Martha in this time. At times

we, as believers, we are busy polishing the material of the physical church, while the spiritual church is dying.

- Soul fast enables us to fast from things that dirty our hearts such as anger, hatred, malice, bitterness, unforgiveness, carnal thoughts, carnal feelings, the lust of the flesh, the love of money, pride, jealousy.
- Staying at home in this time and fellowshiping with God personally or connecting with other believers through the internet to fellowship with them is not a sin, where two or three gather in His name, He comes. It's an advantage to be able to have 21 days that we can use to solely focus on Jesus and not only on worldly works. Amen!

Learn to travel light with God this time. His yoke is easy and light. Ask God to sanctify you and to open your channels of communication so that you can commune with the Holy Spirit and do not participate in the worship of idols. Sin doesn't have power over you after Jesus washed you with your blood, you are a new creation, and old things have passed away, and now you have become new (2 Corinthians 5:17). Do not go back to Sodom and Gomorrah.

Prayer: Lord, we want to practice listening to You, but our hearts are full of the issues of life and all the bad news of the world. We took less of your word, which is an anti-virus, empty us Lord, and fill us afresh with Your Word. (Ask forgiveness for any sin you felt it untangled you in the past and pray for God to unfold the chains of your sins in Jesus mighty name. Pray for the Holy Spirit to show you the doors that you need to shut in Jesus name. Thank the Lord and worship Him. Amen.

Exercise:

Find and study the following cases and explain why each minister chose to shut the door in every instance, what was their destruction?

Case study 1: Jesus shut the door when he went to heal Lazarus (John 11:1-44).

Case Study 2: Elisha shut the door to resurrect the son of the widow(2 Kings 4:32-33).

Case study 3: God commanded Israel to close the door through Moses.

Case study 4: Moses shut the door to go to the mountain to be with the Lord. Why did Moses leave the people that God gave Him to lead to cleave to God?

Case study 5: Jesus withdraw from the disciples to pray alone in the secret place (Luke 5:16). Does this suggest that we should not always feel the pressure(that's noise) to minister in every area or be pushed by people, we should have time for everything.

Case study 6: Mary withdraws from the catering ministry to go and sit with Jesus. She went to sit at the feet of Jesus, and Martha complained to Jesus about that (Luke 10:38-42). What was Jesus response, and why?

Chapter 4: Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand!

1A prophecy: The word of the LORD to Israel through Malachi.

Israel Doubts God's Love

2“I have loved you,” says the LORD.

“But you ask, ‘How have you loved us?’

“Was not Esau Jacob’s brother?” declares the LORD. “Yet I have loved Jacob, 3but Esau I have hated, and I have turned his hill country into a wasteland and left his inheritance to the desert jackals.”

4Edom may say, “Though we have been crushed, we will rebuild the ruins.”

But this is what the LORD Almighty says: “They may build, but I will demolish.

They will be called the Wicked Land, a people always under the wrath of the LORD. 5You will see it with your own eyes and say, ‘Great is the LORD—even beyond the borders of Israel!’

Breaking Covenant Through Blemished Sacrifices

6“A son honors his father, and a slave his master. If I am a father, where is the honor due me? If I am a master, where is the respect due me?” says the LORD Almighty.

“It is you priests who show contempt for my name.

“But you ask, ‘How have we shown contempt for your name?’

7“By offering defiled food on my altar.

“But you ask, ‘How have we defiled you?’

“By saying that the LORD’s table is contemptible. 8When you offer blind animals for sacrifice, is that not wrong? When you sacrifice lame or diseased animals, is that not wrong? Try offering them to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you?” says the LORD Almighty.

9“Now plead with God to be gracious to us. With such offerings from your hands, will he accept you?”—says the LORD Almighty.

10“Oh, that one of you would shut the temple doors, so that you would not light useless fires on my altar! I am not pleased with you,” says the LORD Almighty, “and I will accept no offering from your hands. 11My name will be great among the nations, from where the sun rises to where it sets. In every place incense and pure offerings will be brought to me because my name will be great among the nations,” says the LORD Almighty.

12“But you profane it by saying, ‘The Lord’s table is defiled,’ and, ‘Its food is contemptible.’ 13And you say, ‘What a burden!’ and you sniff at it contemptuously,” says the LORD Almighty.

“When you bring injured, lame or diseased animals and offer them as sacrifices, should I accept them from your hands?” says the LORD. 14“Cursed is the cheat who has an acceptable male in his flock and vows to give it, but then sacrifices a blemished animal to the Lord. For I am a great king,” says the LORD Almighty, “and my name is to be feared among the nations.

1. Because God loves us, He calls us to repent!

Repent means turning away from what we did wrong in our hearts, in action. It is asking God forgiveness in prayer. God is expecting us to be sincere and truthful before Him in this hour. As we all humble ourselves in repentance, He can open the heavens for our lands and heal our nations too (1 Chronicles 7:14).

2. Go back to our first love

- (intimacy with Him; hence He allowed the global shut down to grab our attention and hearts.)

3. Repair the altar

Altar speaks of sacrifices, and God says we have been giving wrong sacrifices.

The first sacrifice is not what we do in the church buildings physically. It is what our hearts give to Him in His secret place; hence the global shutdown is to allow us to fix that with Him by His Spirit in the secret place.

Therefore this call, forces us to introspect and not be ignorant. He is calling the global church not one church but the whole body as its the entire body of Christ that is His bride.

4. Go back to the service that honors Him alone!

He cries for His fatherhood! Could it be that we replaced His fatherhood? Some churches turned His worship, glory, and honor to themselves or their pastors or earthly things or false gods and not to Jesus. Their devotion and reverence is no longer Christ-centred. How can the Father cry for His children to call Him Father, it means, He sees them making another a father, we are not so sure who!

He cries for His honor!

It means that honor has been robbed away from Him. We therefore need to introspect and find out the type of recognition He wants. We seem to have honored the things of the world more than Him. Who does our worship go to?

He cries for wrong church services (false sacrifices) to the priests!

We may have been doing church services that are not necessarily His burden for the nations!

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