



Let Not Your Heart be Troubled

By Alfonso Orellana

We continue to see an increase in natural disasters, disease, economic turmoil, and wars and rumors of wars. How ready are we to face a crisis? Big or small one thing is for sure, if we go through any crisis with Jesus, our character will come out strengthened, we will be more ready to face the next one because we will depend on the One that has “overcome the world”.

The words “Let not your heart be troubled...” found in John 14:1 are more than nice words said to twelve puzzled men 2,000 years ago. This phrase is a call to surrender, a call to complete dependence upon Jesus.

As He foretold in Matthew 24, crisis after crisis is coming our way, so His call today continues to be to rely fully on Him who has “overcome the world.” Read Matthew 24:4-14 and see what He said we should expect before He comes back for His church.

Here you can find an explanation of those very things that we see daily in the news headlines. These things continue to occur at an alarming rate. There is but very little time before we witness what is described in verses 30 and 31.

Are we preparing to be standing among those who will see the Lord coming in the clouds with power and great glory? In Luke 21 we can find more specific instructions on how to prepare for the crisis just ahead of us and the glorious end result for those that in Him endure it. Read Luke 21-34. Here’s a summary of those instructions:

1. “Overcharged with surfeiting (excessiveness, overindulgence), drunkenness, and cares of this world. — There is a lot to watch out for when almost anything in

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The Source of the Church’s Power

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The church of Christ is God’s appointed agency for the salvation of men. Its mission is to carry the gospel to the world. Jesus said to the representatives of his church, “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” There is no limitation to this command. The good news of a Saviour,—Christ dying as our sacrifice upon Calvary, Christ pleading as our high-priest and intercessor before God, Christ our king and deliverer, coming to redeem his children,—this is the message to be carried to all the world, to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. And the obligation rests upon all Christians. Every one, to the very utmost of his talent and opportunity, is to fulfill this commission. The love of Christ, revealed to us, makes us debtors to all who know him not. They are our brethren, and God has given us light, not for ourselves alone, but to shed upon them.

When Jesus gave the commission, he added, “Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” And he bade the disciples, “Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.” Here is the source of the church’s power to fulfill her divine mission,—Christ with us, Christ abiding in our hearts by faith.

Without a living faith in Christ as a personal Saviour, it is impossible to make our influence felt in a skeptical world. If you would draw sinners out of the swift running current, your own feet must not stand on slippery places.

We cannot impart heaven’s light unless we have received it. We cannot reveal a Saviour, of whom we have no knowledge. You cannot teach others of Jesus and his righteousness, you cannot portray his matchless love and the fullness of his grace, you cannot picture him as the Christian’s all in all, as the comforter and guide of men, unless your own heart is filled with his love. You will not be able to present God as a God of compassion and love unless you can say, “I have tasted, and know that the Lord is good.” The heavenly influences surrounding the soul of the true worker are felt by those for whom he labors; the presence of heavenly angels is not seen by human eyes, but it is felt.

“We are laborers together with God.” Bear this ever in mind: Jesus says, “Without me ye can do nothing.” It is God who must accomplish the work. The Saviour declared concerning what he himself had wrought, “The Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.” The laborers are to be partakers of the divine nature; divinity and humanity must be combined. Humanity will adapt itself to humanity, and by manly resolves and wise efforts, will set the springs of intellectual life in motion under a tide of divine forces that are

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our day-to-day life can do any of these things to us at “any time.” Whether it is in lifestyle choices, work, entertainment, etc., Jesus is warning us against being ruled by wrong habits that will place our minds in a state of unconsciousness about that most important event. When He mentions drunkenness, He is not referring only to being literally drunk, intoxicated with alcohol or drugs, but in a state of drunkenness as if we were really drunk and not realizing what is happening around us. If there is a time when our minds should be at its sharpest level it is today. We need to study and learn what things are detrimental to our mind and surrender them to Jesus so he can show us a better way to keep it clear and sharp to be ready for the crisis.

2. “As a snare” - I once hit a man that was drunk with my father’s SUV. I can remember his face when I hit him. Believe me, it came to him as a snare. Praise God he got only bruises and I guess a very bad day the following day. But what Jesus is referring to here is worse than just bruises. No matter how much we claim to be Christian, if we’re not governed by Jesus in our thoughts and actions, that day, instead of glorious, will come as a snare.
3. “Watch and pray always” - To watch is more than following all the news stories about war and famines and earthquakes. To watch is to examine ourselves constantly whether we’re following our own selfish inclinations or the will of God. To watch is to say as Paul did in Acts 9:6 “Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?” in any situation of our lives. To watch is to follow, guided by the Spirit, all the counsel that God has left for us in His Word and in the testimonies of His Spirit. To watch is to “work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.” Philippians 2:12. If we watch this way, we will pray. We will pray for those that are not watching, for our neighbors, for our enemies, for our families and churches. If we are led by God, we will be led to pray.
4. “Accounted Worthy” - How are we accounted worthy? We are accounted worthy by what Christ did for us at the cross and what He does in us through His Spirit. See Romans 5:8-10; Romans 8:1, 9; Hebrews 5:9.

These are important steps we need to diligently consider as we prepare to meet our Savior. Christians, your King is coming and we have work to do! It is very important that we pray for the Lord to guide us in reprioritizing our lives so that everything we do will be in harmony with His divine will. Only as we daily cooperate with Him are we taking positive steps toward heaven.

“My dear brethren and sisters, let the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ be in your minds continually and let them crowd out worldly thoughts and cares. When you lie down and when you rise up, let them be your meditation. Live and act wholly in reference to the coming of the Son of man. The sealing time is very short, and will soon be over. Now is the time, while the four angels are holding the four winds, to make our calling and election sure.”—*Early Writings*, p. 58.

May we heed his voice is my prayer in Jesus name. Amen.

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Our June Guest Speakers

Dennis Priebe

Dennis Priebe is a Seventh-day Adventist minister, with 40 years experience as a pastor, a teacher, and seminar speaker. Eleven years were spent as a college professor at Pacific Union College, and 20 years as a seminar speaker for Amazing Facts. He has been married for 43 years to Kay, and they have one son, Matthew. Over 500 seminars have been held in churches and schools around the U.S. He has written several books and booklets, with many audio and video tapes on these topics. His one desire is to prepare people for what he believes to be the very soon return of Jesus to this world.



On his web site Dennis Priebe states the following: “Is Jesus really coming soon? Christians have been saying so for over 140 years, but life goes on as usual, with wars, famine, poverty, violence, deadly diseases, and space travel taking the headlines of our daily news. No headline has yet reported the sighting of Jesus Christ with hosts of angels on the horizon. Are Christians chasing an elusive dream? Are the millions of people around the world who call Christianity the opiate of the masses really right?”

“My family and I have dedicated our ministry to the proposition that Christians have not been deluded in believing that Jesus is returning to this planet very soon. We believe that, in spite of the daily newspaper headlines, His return could be sooner than anyone really thinks. Yes, we are fully aware that life seems to go on with few changes from year to year. But we share a conviction that the reason Jesus hasn’t returned yet is not due to a failure in God’s promises, but to a failure on the part of people who call themselves Christians to demonstrate what true Christianity really is.

“Jesus has been waiting many years to finish the horrors of sin on this planet, but His people have been insubordinate. They have called themselves by His name, but they have shown the character of Satan all too frequently. They have been angry, jealous, proud, bitter, depressed, self-righteous, legalistic, careless, and backbiting far too often, and those watching have not seen very much of the character of Christ revealed through them. In short, Christians have been insubordinate to their Master, and have succeeded in delaying His return for many years. The plan of salvation cannot come to a final conclusion until Christians who live in the end-time demonstrate by their daily lives what allegiance to Christ really means. Loving obedience is the rarest of jewels and the

THREE ANGELS KITCHEN

Crunchy Dill Pickles

By Kyong Weathersby as seen on 3.ABN

INGREDIENTS

- 1 2/3 cups water
- 2 1/2 tsp. Sea Salt
- 2 cloves garlic
- 4 tbsp. lemon juice
- 1 tbsp. Turbinado sugar
- 1 tsp. fresh dill weed
- 1 quart canning jar

DIRECTIONS

1. Slice cucumbers into 1/2 inch rings. Place dill weed and garlic into the bottom of the canning jar, then pack cucumbers into jar.
2. Place water, sea salt, lemon juice and turbinado sugar into a small saucepan. Bring to a boil. Pour brine into jar until liquid is 1/2 inch from the top.
3. Seal with a lid and place in the refrigerator. The pickles are ready to eat after 24 hours. *DAJ*



watching universe needs to see if it is really possible on a mass basis.”

Donna Nicholas

Donna Nicholas was raised on a farm in Western Oklahoma and attended the Methodist Church. After marriage, she and her husband moved to Michigan, where he completed college, then she went to Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University) in Berrien Springs one year before returning to Oklahoma. During that year, the desire to become a Seventh-day Adventist was planted in her heart by observation of the lives of students and teachers on the campus.



Following the return to Oklahoma, Donna gave birth to three daughters and was a housewife for several years, while the desire to be a Sabbathkeeper kept burning inside. Then the Lord led her to memorize large portions of Scripture to present for programs. The power of the Word that she hid in her heart set her free from ties to her family and her world, and led her into the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

She later went to teach school for 12 years, nine of which were done in the Adventist School System. Then she discontinued teaching to pursue a writing career. “Success” came in May of 1996 with the printing of doctrinal memory cards, *Sealing Touch*, which were followed by eight other books plus her Christian biography.

Donna lives in Thomas, OK, where she constantly works to compile new memory plans and share the power of Scripture memory one-on-one, in seminars, and in group meetings of many kinds. In a world where athletic rivalry seems to have first place, it thrills Donna to challenge people to a competition that can be pursued by everyone—the feat of Scripture memory. She has three married daughters and eleven grandchildren. *DAJ*

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

May

29 – Beryl Permaul

24 – David & Ruth Qualls

31 – Mitchel Boyd

25 – Charles & Beryl Permaul

“And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him” Hebrews 5:9

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Revival for the End-Time Seminar

Presented by: Pastor Dennis Priebe from Amazing Facts

Date: Friday and Sabbath, June 6-7, 2008

Friday 7:00 PM: What is the Final Atonement?

Sabbath:

- 10:45 AM: What Is a Seventh-day Adventist?
- 12:30 PM: Potluck Lunch
- 3:00 PM: How Inspired Was Ellen White?
- 6:00 PM: Potluck Supper
- 7:00 PM: Evangelicals and Adventists Together?
- 8:00 PM: Special Feature

Prepare for the coming disaster with a spiritual disaster kit:

The Hidden WORD, The Prayed WORD, The Studied WORD

Presented by: Donna Nicholas, Director of SEALING TOUCH Memorizing Ministry.

Date: Sabbath, June 28, 2008

Other seminars planned for this year

- Larry Kirkpatrick – June 21, 2008, 11:00 AM
- Martin Kim - Adventist Southeast Asia Projects. August, 2008
- Tim Reisenberger - Christianity 101. September, 2008
- Jon Wood - Jesus for Asia's SE Asia Missions Update. October, 2008

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Worship Schedule

Saturday (Sabbath)

Sabbath School.....9:30am
Main Worship Service.....10:45am

Wednesday

Prayer Meeting.....7:00pm

powerful, thorough, and permanent.

Of the disciples after the transfiguration of Christ, it is written that at the close of this wonderful scene they “saw no man, save Jesus only.” “Jesus only,”—in these words is the secret of the life and power that marked the early church. When the disciples heard the words of Christ, they felt their need of him. They sought, they found, they followed him. They were with him in the house, at the table, in the closet, in the field. They were as pupils with a teacher, daily receiving from his lips lessons of holy truth. They looked to him as servants to their master, to learn their duty. They followed him as soldiers follow their commander, fighting the good fight of faith. Though Jesus ascended to heaven, the sense of his presence was still with them. It was a personal presence, full of love and light. Jesus, the Saviour, who had walked and talked and prayed with them, who had spoken hope and comfort to their hearts, had, while the message of peace was upon his lips, been taken up from them into heaven, and the tones of his voice had come back to them as the chariot of angels received him “Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” He had ascended to heaven in the form of humanity. They knew that he was before the throne of God, their friend and Saviour still; that his sympathies were unchanged; that he was still identified with suffering humanity. He was presenting before God the merits of his own precious blood, showing his wounded hands and feet as a remembrance of the price he had paid for his redeemed. They knew that he had ascended to heaven to prepare places for them, and that he would come again, and take them to himself.

As they returned from Olivet to Jerusalem, the people looked upon them, expecting to see on their faces expressions of sorrow, confusion, and defeat; but they saw there gladness and triumph. The disciples did not wail over disappointed hopes, but were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God.

As they met together, they were eager to present their requests to the Father in the name of Jesus. In solemn awe they bowed in prayer, repeating to one another the assurance of the Saviour, “Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name; ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.” During the ten days following the ascension, they with one accord devoted the time to prayer and praise, waiting for the descent of the Holy Spirit. They extended the hand of faith higher and higher, with the mighty argument, “It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.”... *DAJ*

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