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JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

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*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,
THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN*

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Luke 9:51

Now it came to pass, **when the time had come** for Him to be received up, that He **steadfastly set His face** to go to Jerusalem,

A Developing Intensity in His Messages and in His warnings, Time was near!

Luke 12:54-59

Then He also said to the multitudes, “Whenever *you* see a cloud rising out of the west, immediately you say, ‘A shower is coming’; and so, it is. **:55** And when you see the south wind blow, you say, “There will be hot weather’; and there is. **:56** Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how *is it* you do not discern this time? **:57** “Yes, and why, even of yourselves, do you not judge what is right? **:58** When you go with your adversary to the magistrate, make every effort along the way to settle with him, lest he drag you to the judge, the judge delivers you to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison. **:59** I tell you, you shall not depart from there till you have paid the very last mite.”

It’s hard for us to picture Jesus “urgent” about something.
we associate urgency with worry or panic.
Jesus never worried nor did He ever panic.

He is Urgent About What He’s Saying in Chapter 12,
But more so now // He’s closer to the cross. two worlds will clash

In Some Ways the Outcome is Already Known.

The Devil will still be Satan and Jesus will still be The Lord,
But Mankind will have an opportunity to decide...

IS IT THE WEATHER OR NOT?

1.) Know the Biblical forecast for tomorrow v.54-56

is what's happening in our world just an accident?

or is there a pattern, a logic and reason for what is escalating in the world?

This Time, It's Different!

1a.) Increasing clouds of a coming storm vs. 54

Then He also said to the multitudes, "**Whenever** *you* see a cloud rising out of the west, immediately you say, 'A shower is coming'. and so, it is.

Jesus is and is not giving a lesson in meteorology.

The Bible Stands Alone
from all other books in the World, because it is not of this world.

"**Whenever** *you* see a cloud rising out of the west, immediately you say, 'A shower is coming'; and so it is.

...and I love how perfectly accurate it is.

do any of you remember when we were in Israel on that one trip when the wind began to blow. it got cool, the winds brought a terrible looking cloud. we went back to the hotel in Jerusalem, and we woke up to 4 inches of snow

Are You **Reading** the Days in Which You Live?

John 13:19

Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am *He*.

1b.) Devastating effects upon the world vs. 55-56

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**Jesus was Challenging Them to Know the Bible
(Palm Sunday was Coming, They Had the Answer)**

Matthew 24:4-9

And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. :5 For many will come in My name, saying, "I am the Christ," and will deceive many. :6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. :7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. :8 All these *are* the beginning of sorrows. :9 "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.

Luke 21:26

men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth,

Mark 13:29

So, you also, when you see these things happening, know that it is near—at the doors!

I Went Through Several Storms this Week.
the turbulence was gross, and it became wearisome by the hour...

KNOWING THE BIBLICAL FORECAST FOR TOMORROW

1c.) False sense of peace and safety vs. 56

:56 Hypocrites! You can **discern** the face of the sky and of the earth, but how *is it* you do not discern **this time?**

1 Thessalonians 5:1-4

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. :2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. :3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. :4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

the world leaders are scrambling
to stabilize the global economy right now.

**The U.S. mortgage crisis, the fall of the U.S. dollar,
the drop in the Stock Market,
has caused the world markets to reel.**

there's a great fear around the world right now
that the American might stop using his credit card.

In The Middle East

Bush and Rice just got done pressuring Israel to give up land for peace and wants Jerusalem divided between the Jews and the Arabs so there'll be peace.

This is What the U.S. is Asking for.
"Israel, you have to give up land to your Enemies.
and in return, Muslims will have to give up Terrorism."

Jeremiah 6:14

They have also healed the hurt of My people slightly, Saying, "Peace, peace!" When *there is no peace.*

Joel 3:1-2

"For behold, in those days and at that time, When I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem, :2 I will also gather all nations, And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; And I will enter into judgment with them there On account of My people, My heritage Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; They have also divided up My land.

IS IT THE WEATHER OR NOT?

2.) Do the right thing to prepare vs.57

2a.) Why are you not seeing this? vs. 57

:57 "Yes, and **why**, even of yourselves, do you not **judge** what is right?"

If You Had to Assign a Verse to What is;
"Politically Correct" – *this is it!*

This is a Strong Rebuke!

Why? Because end time deception will increase beyond your natural ability to detect it.

What's The Weather Report?

Matthew 24:24

For false Christ's and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, **if** possible, even the elect.

and this cloud is on the move & and fast approaching.

Deception Never Introduces Itself as its Self.

The World is Being Deceived Regarding the Global Economy.
The World is Being Deceived Regarding Global Islam.
The World is Being Deceived Regarding **Global Warming**.

What's the "Weather" Report about Planet Earth.

Romans 1:20-23

For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, :21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. :22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, :23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

if we really cared about the environment, the economy, the injustice - - we would cry out to Him alone Who can Heal it.

No! – because man has become a god. he determines what he wants regardless. man decides what is valuable or not. he will save the earth and everyone in it.

Storm Warning!

unless you have **stored, deposited**, into your heart and mind
The "Bible", God's Holy Powerful Word – you're at risk of being duped.

Example

in the sciences we test the authenticity of things with acids.
in the sciences we test the accuracy of things with exposure.
in the sciences we test the value of things with results.

**a "recreational" Christian is a Christian in title and name only,
will soon be swept away by the coming storm of deception.**

Matthew 7:13-15

"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. :14 Because narrow *is* the gate and difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. :15 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.

Matthew 24:10-13

And many will turn away from me and betray and hate each other. :11 And many false prophets will appear and will lead many people astray. :12 Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold. :13 But those who endure to the end will be **saved**.

Mark 13:22-23

For false Christ's and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. :23 But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand.

DOING THE RIGHT THING TO PREPARE

2b.) Why are you not doing this?

vs. 57

“Yes, and **why**, even of yourselves, do you not **judge** what is right?

how does knowing the weather effect you?

- what's happening outside dictates what we're going to wear.
- what's happening outside dictates what we're going to do.
- what's happening outside dictates what we're going to say.
- what's happening outside dictates what we're going to feel.
- what's happening outside dictates what we're going to conclude.

2 Peter 2:1-2

But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, *and* bring on themselves swift destruction. :2 And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.

1 John 4:1-3

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. :2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus **Christ** (Messiah) has come in the flesh is of God, :3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus **Christ** (Messiah) has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

DOING THE RIGHT THING TO PREPARE

2c.) Why are you not living this?

vs. 57

:57 “Yes, and **why**, even of yourselves, do you not **judge** what is right?

James 4:17

Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do *it*, to him it is sin.

Romans 2:21-23

you, then, who teach others, do you not teach yourself? You who preach against stealing, do you steal? :22 You who say that people should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery?... :23 You who brag about the law, do you dishonor God by breaking the law?

IS IT THE WEATHER OR NOT?

3.) Take the path that Christ has set

vs.58-59

3a.) Keep the path clear of hazards

vs.58

:58 When you go with **your adversary** to **the magistrate**, make every effort along the way to settle with him, lest he drag you to **the judge**, the judge delivers you to **the officer**, and the officer throw you into prison.

being a Christian today in the postmodern, post Christian America it's like walking in a mine field...

“Settle The Issue Out of Court”

ajnti÷dikoß antidikos, *an-tid'-ee-kos*; The opponent of your case or lawsuit. One who is or becomes the arch-enemy or adversary against you.

But there is a “Natural” argument here built into This warning.

#1

Is Jesus referring to the adversary, Satan and his devilish plan to carry men off to hell?
(it's possible)

1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. **:9** Resist him, steadfast in the faith

#2

It's possibly worse than that. (What could be worse than Satan being against me?) Jesus here most likely is speaking of Himself

Psalm 2:10-12

Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judge of the earth. **:11** Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling. **:12** Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish *in* the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *is* all those who put their trust in Him.

Time is Running Out...

For now, the Lord is mercifully calling to you and reaching out to you.
He has given us His Bible to know just how late the hour is.

But when that opportunity is passed,
then the door will be closed, and the Judge will come.

2 Timothy 4:1

I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom

Hebrews 10:31

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Revelation 6:14-16

Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. **:15** And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, **:16** and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!

All These Storm Warnings Matter

Matthew 7:13-14

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WHAT DOES THAT MEAN TO ME?

Stop Loving the World

1 John 2:15-17

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **:16** For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. **:17** And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

TAKING THE PATH CHRIST HAS SET

3b.) Stay true to the path

vs. 58

In Navigational Terms, "Stay True" or Dead-On We would say

get or stay devoted, committed. this may mean that you're to make changes in your life and lifestyle.

2 Timothy 2:15

Be **diligent** to present yourself approved to God, **a worker** who does not need to be ashamed, **rightly dividing** the word of truth.

how well do you know the Bible?
how much of you does God have?
how much of God do you have?

:58 When you go with your **adversary** to the **magistrate**, make every **effort** along the way to **settle** with him, lest he **drag** you to the judge, the judge **delivers** you to the officer, and the officer **throw** you into prison.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN TO ME?

it means that you decide about whether you want Him or not.

Romans 10:8-13

But what does it say? *“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart”* (that is, the word of faith which we preach): **:9** that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. **:10** For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. **:11** For the Scripture says, *“Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.”* **:12** For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. **:13** For *“whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”*

TAKING THE PATH CHRIST HAS SET

3c.) Continue on the path until you're in the clear vs. 58

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The Only Way You're Going to Wind Up in Satan's Cell
is to not walk with Jesus Christ, don't do that -

1. keep the path clear of hazards.
2. stay true to the path.
3. and continue on the path until the end.

Can I Really Know for Sure?

2 Peter 1:10-11

Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things, you will never stumble; **:11** for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

How?

John 15:4-5

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it **abides** in the vine, neither can you, unless you **abide** in Me **:5** “I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who **abides** in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

Abide me÷nw meno, men´-o; a primary verb; to continue. to place yourself into or to immerse yourself into, the act of living, dwelling, enduring on.

1 John 2:24-25

Therefore, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. :25 And this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life.

Jude 24

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

“Pastor Jack, I want to continue on to the end”

WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT ALL THIS?

We Need to **Encourage** Each Other Like Never Before.

For an example, **I see faith at work in your life right now. you’re hear, you’re thinking, you’re willing...**

Judges 6:12

And the Angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, and said to him, “The LORD *is* with you, Gideon, you mighty man of valor!”

we need to be a “Jesus-style” kind of church,

Ephesians 4:11 And **He Himself** (Jesus Christ) gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

apostles	the church is un-fathered today	- love
prophets	the church is un-corrected today	- discipline
evangelists	the church is un-fruitful today	- growth
pastors	the church is un-healed today	- restoration
teachers	the church is un-taught today	- depth

Ephesians 4:12 for the (- un) equipping of the saints for the (- un) work of ministry, for the (- un) edifying of the body of Christ,

Ephesians 4:13 till we all come to the (- un) unity of the faith and of the (- un) knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect (- un) man, to the (- un) measure of the stature of **the fullness of Christ**.

I’m Going to ask you to take your heart/will and rededicate yourself to Jesus Christ today.

End of Study