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A Message by Dr. Joseph A. Webb

Many today will tell you "The world is changing!" "Nothing is the same anymore. There is no such thing as normal anymore." Really? Should we believe this?

Actually, most everything remains the same in the world around us; the sun, the moon, the stars, but people are reacting differently to their surroundings today, based solely on circumstances and a lack of God and His word in their hearts.

Paul said, in Titus 1:15, 16; "Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. They profess that they know God, but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work, reprobate."

I am sensing an attitude of bewilderment in many believers' minds today because of the sudden decay taking place around us in our country. Many are asking; "Where is God in all of this? This cannot be happening here in the United States of America. Does God really care anymore?"

These questions remind me of Albert Einstein, while attending a college class, where the professor was indoctrinating the students with his Atheistic philosophy; proposing the presence of sin in the world proved the non-existence of God. When the professor finished, Einstein submitted two questions to him.

1. " Is there any such thing as cold?"

The professor immediately responded: "absolutely; we experience it every Winter." To this Einstein replied: "Oh no sir; There is no such thing as cold. There is only the absence of heat, and we describe that as cold; but there is no such thing as cold."

2. Next, Einstein asked:"Is there any such thing as darkness?"

Again, the professor replied: "Of course; we see it every night or in a sealed area of space." Einstein again replied: "Oh no sir. There is no such thing as darkness. What we describe as darkness is actually the absence of light."

He then went on to say: "The evil you and I describe as evil; wickedness; depravity; or sin, is only our description of what we see. Actually it is only the absence of God in the world." As a nation, we have told God to "get out." Our school system has told Him to "get out." Our political parties are telling Him to "get out." They don't have room for Him anymore and we are seeing the fruit; not of no God; but the absence of God, and the resultant fruit from those decisions.

May the Lord allow us to see today's happenings as necessary, predicted happenings, before Jesus returns, and clear signs of His imminent fulfillment of every prophecy in the Word of God. These indicators should make us LOOK UP. We should know "Our redemption draweth nigh." What are some of these sure signs?

- 1. I Tim. 4:1, 2: "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the LATTER TIMES, some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils, speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron:" Do we see any of this happening today?
- 2. II Tim. 3:1-5; "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud,

blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucefalse accusers. breakers. incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: FROM SUCH TURN AWAY."

vs. 13; "But evil men and seducers shall WAX WORSE AND WORSE, deceiving and being deceived." Sound familiar?

ALL of these are clear evidence of one thing: The absence of God, which WILL take place in the "LATTER TIMES." EXPECT it! We have been warned!

Again: I Tim. 4:3, 4; For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears, And they shall TURN AWAY THEIR EARS FROM TRUTH, and shall be turned unto fables." (Another translation describes it as being turned unto men's misguided ideas.) Sound familiar?

What is God's solution for the true believer? Is it to give up? Is it to moan? Is it to say it is hopeless? NO! II Tim. 4:5; "But WATCH THOU in ALL THINGS, endure AFFLICTIONS, do the

work of an evangelist, MAKE FULL PROOF OF THY MINISTRY." Does that sound like retreat or defeat to you?

In Matthew 5:10-12; 16; "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men SHALL revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake. REJOICE and be EXCEEDING glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.....Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Does any of this sound like defeat? NO, it is only describing how we are to respond as we see a decline of GOD's presence in THIS WORLD.

Before long, we will see the world demanding less and less room for Jesus in society. There wasn't enough room for him in the Inn and there will be less and less room for Him in many hearts. Expect it! You have been warned and given the solution ahead of time. Will you afford Him enough room in your heart in 2013 so the world will "See your good works, and glorify your Father, which is in heaven?"

Some will say: "This is too much to ask." Really? Which Christ are you following?

When God called Mary to be the mother of Jesus; THINK of the cost she faced. Hers was a sacrificial faith. She had to be willing to lose her reputation of purity and be publicly branded as a fornicator for life. She had to watch her miracle Child, die a heinous death on the cross, while she "Held all of these thing in her heart." Matt.1:38; Tells us of her complete faith in all the angel presented to her, even though she didn't completely comprehend all he was saying. "Be it unto me according to thy word." Mary never retreated from her quality decision to obey God. Because of that decision, she faced a life of great distress and derision. She willingly sacrificed her own goals and desires to obey God, at a great price, and is still today, called "Blessed." Mary MADE room for the Lord of Glory regardless of her circumstances.

When our Lord Jesus came to earth, He manifested God, the Father's, Divine Sacrifice. When the devil tempted by compromise, He quoted scripture. When facing death, he sweat great drops of blood, but never looked back. In Matthew 22:42; "Jesus, knowing all things; said: "Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done." When celebrating His birth, we dare not forget his death and resurrection as the complete provision for your and my sins.

Next: We will consider Joseph; who was asked to go against everything a Jewish boy knew was right, and take Mary as his wife. What faith it took to make room in his life for one; who socially was to be put to death; who, marrying, put a lifetime mark on him; and caused him to be willing to stay totally behind the scenes of this Divine drama. He obeyed; he was faithful to his family, and disappeared from the scene once the Christ child was old enough to be on his own. Would we have been; or are we willing to make room for God's perfect will our lives under similar circumstances?

When we speak of "making room," we understand how the world wouldn't, and still won't. We realize conditions won't improve in these last days; but Jesus tells us to put Him first in our hearts and lives, remembering we are only pilgrims, passing through and we have no promise in this life for favorable conditions either socially financially; but, but WE HAVE HIM. He is enough!

Like Habakkuk of old, may we be willing to love and worship our Lord Jesus Christ, regardless of the cost? Have we given Him our whole heart, soul, mind and strength, come what may? Habakkuk 3:17, 18 says: "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, Yet, I WILL REJOICE IN THE LORD. I will JOY IN THE GOD OF MY SALVATION."

Will you and I make room for the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, as we face this new season; 2013? Have a blessed, holy and fruitful New Year! Please consider committing yourself to being a meaningful part of this ministry in the coming year? We have never seen such a hunger and curiosity in the churches and our society concerning the truth about marriage and divorce. We need a new outpouring of support to complete all the projects for 2013. The hour is late; the time is short; the laborers are few; but He commanded us: "OCCUPY till I come." May we look forward to hearing from you soon? May God bless you, as you pray about your giving for 2013.



Dr. Webb

Just a short note to thank you for your ministry, the web site, and the books!! I frequently share your web site along with printing the newsletter

to hand out to folks along with giving away copies of your book(s) as the budget allows!! My Only regret is not being aware of your ministry several years ago rather than our being taught "religion/tradition" in church, which I see as a tool of satan!! Looking forward to our being able to thank you personally in the near future!! KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!!!

Dear Dr. Webb.

I received your newsletter today and I wanted to thank you for sending it.

I am so thankful that your newsletter made it to my home this month! The teaching on sowing & reaping was wonderful! It was a timely reminder to send you a letter that I know I must share with you. I spoke with you on the phone just over a year ago and your and sincerity came integrity through immensely. I told you then and will remind you now that I am a woman who was left alone 10 years ago (with 8 children) when my husband decided that he "did not want to be a Christian anymore." Our oldest was just twelve years old and my youngest was a newborn. He did not leave me with any financial support and I must say that life was very hard for many years. I have a great pastor here in Virginia and belong to a body of believers who believe

what you have taught, just as you have taught it and are a great support to me. My children have of course grown up a lot in the past 10 years and are beautiful and successful human beings. All of them are involved in service of some sort. In fact one of my friends who did not believe in your message at one time, stated that looking at my children was proof the teaching was real, because it was so obvious to her that God blessed us all, because I had honored the covenant. So God is so, so good, but I did not want to tell you about me but wanted to tell you some other good news.

I have been working for about five years for a small company with a Christian boss who loves Jesus and has been divorced twice. She had understood mv stand "respected it" but was clearly taught by her own pastor that adultery "breaks the covenant." (Both of her husbands were unfaithful.) I was a faithful witness (by God's grace) but did not push her. She was very conflicted because she grew to respect me over the 5 years but did not "see it" the way that I did, and at times I felt her resentment. She would ask me the questions and when I answered her intelligently and truthfully, she seemed to get angry with me, for the answers I gave to her. Last year when I called you, I ordered three copies of your book; reading it for myself for the first time. It confirmed to me that I had been taught right and believed correctly about the marriage issue and that is why I had ordered it. It also gave me something that I could give to her.

When I gave it to her she laughed at it. She said sarcastically, "I wonder how much money he gets from selling these things?" (Well I remember thinking, "if he wanted to make money this is the last message that he would preach:" but of course I didn't say that.) Well she dated a few "godly (?) men" over the course of the next vear and I could tell she hadn't read the book. I prayed for her. When she was rude to me I had thought one time I should ask her for the book back since she was not using it and it was a treasure to me. I wanted to give it to someone who would read it. It was a step of faith for me to buy 3 copies because of my own financial hardship. The Lord clearly reproved me in my prayer time and told me that I gave the gift to her and was not to ask for it back. He told me to just pray. That was my job. Just to pray. So that is what I did.

Well after a 4 ½ year witness she brought me into her office one day and shut the door and started weeping. She said that the Lord was dealing with her all weekend about something and she didn't know what it was. She stated that she could not sleep and got up to pray in

the middle of the night. She knew God wanted to tell her something SO she started scanning her bookshelf. She said that when she got to the last (bottom) shelf, she was on her knees. She then brought forward to me her copy of the book and said "Did you give me this?" I said that I had given it to her over a year ago. She said "I didn't even remember it was there, but when I was on my knees at the bottom of the bookcase I pulled it out and began to read it." She stated that she never moved but read it in 3 or 4 hours and that it had totally changed her position.

Dr. Webb, she had; and God let me witness one of the purest conversions (to truth - I know she was already born again) that I have ever seen. She cried but it was not self-pity. It was not hopelessness. She had in her mind exact steps that she was to take to demonstrate her Hard repentance. steps, calling including her husband and telling him that she never should have divorced him (though he was in the wrong.) She planned to tell her daughters of her absolutely wrong by marrying a second time and dating once again after that marriage failed. She runs a single mom's group at her (very large) church and made an appointment to meet with her pastors to let them

know what she would be teaching about marriage from now on and to give them a copy of your book. She borrowed my copy of your book so that she can give it to her 2 close friends who are planning a wedding (outside of God's will) and she has stated that she does not care if she loses her friends, her ministry and/or her pastors blessing. She said she is willing to pay any price to keep what she has now learned to be the truth.

This happened about six months ago and she has completed every one of those steps. She asks only for prayer that she may stand up against the onslaught that is coming against her. She is a very influential woman. Her name is Jennifer.

I don't have much to give financially at this time but I do offer you my prayer support and this testimony for your encouragement and to share with whomever you will.

I am very thankful that you obeyed God when you wrote that book. ☺

### K. H.

I am forwarding this letter to share with you some of the fruit the Lord is producing through this small, but effective ministry. It is situations like these that confirm the Lord is in all we are doing. Only the Holy Spirit can produce this kind of response in a person's heart. Thank you for your part in this harvest! We must be bolder and stronger than ever if we are to continue to see lives changed like this one. Thank you also for your prayers. We can change no one's life; only the Holy Spirit can; and is.

Dr. Webb

Thanks so much for the reply. I just read your books "Till Death Do Us Part and Divorce and Remarriage."

I can't even remember how I came across your website, but God! Even though I knew God hated Divorce and my wife filed and refuses to forgive me after I've repented and have begged her for forgiveness. Somewhere in the back of my mind and the council of others who told me (and still are) that because she refuses to forgive, that I'm free to seek other relations. After reading your books and seeing the scriptures to back it up I'm more convinced than anything that I must stand and just keep loving my wife AS Christ has loved me. I do love her more each day even though we have no

contact other than a text or an email about the kids or money she wants.

I keep thinking , how could I ask another woman to be my wife and force her to be an adulteress, if she would marry me. How selfish and ungodly for even having the thought. Well, after reading your books. It's not even on the radar screen anymore. I thank God for putting your books in my path. Even though I'm depressed and sad and full of despair because of my circumstances, I still have hope because of what Jesus my Savior and Lord has done and will keep doing. In Him I trust! Lord Jesus come soon! A. Internet

### Dr. Webb:

Very wonderful and encouraging letter.!!!!! It was real good for me right now.!!

I'll admit I get tempted to be a little discouraged .... Few seem to get help when I try to help, as of recently at least. lol. ........When I completed watching all the DVDs one Saturday about a month ago? I felt such a burden for the divorced couple that all this conflict was probably from his becomina our next pastor..... then, once I told the pastor I was concerned because I found out he had another living wife in another state, only an hour away.....

So I went that day and took this couple the \$70. set of your DVDs. They wanted to know why I came and I said, "I just don't want them to go to hell." So they, who were studying to be the next minister, at our Church where we were attending; ( till we got kicked out by the pastor). This same divorced guy, is already doing at least 1/3 the services at our previous church now... This is why we took them the set of DVDs. They refused to take them. (the DVDs) They even refused to allow them into the house. They did allow us to come back to the gate where I left them, and get them. Otherwise, this man would burn them. So my kids went back and picked them up. Moreover This man wanted to talk to me by phone and he told me a lot of hurtful things. One was, I cause so much disunity in the church, (Advisable or not, I did reply that "it was not my fault the way the pastor handled it after he kicked us out." and then told everyone over the pulpit how judgmental we are. What I had told him, I had told him in private."...... I was also told by this same divorced man how, they were talking at church.... Because of that, he preached about us, in that small church. As a result, he said they were all or mostly all talking of burning their books. An elderly lady, who is pretty much

in charge, though in her 80s, had called the Pastor from another state and told him about what was happening....... They were told by that Pastor "to burn them all."...

I did not really care a terrible lot if they burned the books because I know it must affect them to BURN THEM. .....but it was amazing...... And It reminded me of people in the past and present, who burned the Bibles......

I was encouraged a week ago, two of the ladies whom I know real well( both widows) sent the books (D & R Trojan Horse) back to me by way of a friend, instead of them burning them). I was glad to get them back!

Anyway several gave me back the books, though I didn't want them back..... and most of the locals gave back the DVDs (the few that I loaned) and wouldn't keep them.

So I just need God's wisdom. To know what to do as It seems I am nearly at a standstill. It is always neat to hear how God helped someone.

My Dad, who lives in another state; (who read both letters, and read mine to the pastor here and the pastor's letter back to me); did tell me he is proud of me. He pretty well agrees with your ministry and always has. I'm so thankful for him & mom. I've sent

them the set of DVD's hoping that I get some good response back from there.

The Bible Church (we do go to the most); the pastors daughter says they have in their bylaws, a divorced guy cannot be a leader or pastor. They have grown MEGA here, grown more than any other church, and Thankfully this is at least one locally that does not let divorced men preach.

But we need Gods help because my husband still doesn't know if he feels like going there regularly. because of other; what we fear, is "false" preaching.......

Maybe, this doesn't make much sense, but I do thank you for your prayers for us!!!!!!! And for your ministry which has been a huge blessing to us!!!!!!!!! If we didn't have it to help us I don't know what we'd have done. God seemingly works thru this ministry to lead us away from bad churches, as we see people's response to it..... and then later, we often see the reasons God didn't want us there ----as various churches seem to totally go off the deep end after we and those who believe like us, leave.....lol

### Points To Ponder



- The best way to break a bad habit is to drop it.
- You don't have to be listed in Who's Who to know what's what.
- Prayer changes us; not God.

Rev. Dr. Joseph and Patricia Webb,

We bless you in the lovely name of Jesus for sending us this amazing testimony; it literally 'blessed the socks off us'! What a blessing to read of this faithful woman of God who persevered and prayed for her boss and saw His mighty hand at work with her employer who was converted to truth, in her situation. We so wanted to send it to our son and his wife, who last year supported our daughter when she 'married' a divorced man. On Sunday night we telephoned Mike Gorrie in NZ about it and he gave us Godly counsel in saying he felt it was still too soon to send it to our son - to wait until he was well. and truly ready to hear truth. We know that is not happening yet (it has been two years now since we shared our hearts and the truth about MDR with our son, his wife and our daughter. They rejected our pleas but we continue to trust God for the miracle!)

We also spoke with Mike about our meeting up with David Pawson from the U.K. at the Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem this month and how we were able to give him a copy of your DVD "The Subtle Web of Divorce and Remarriage," which does

endorse David's book entitled "Remarriage is Adultery unless"....... ('One's Spouse Has Died" is the completion of the title, which David goes on to add in two places within the book). David seemed very pleased to hear of others who are standing for truth and said he believes it to be the biggest problem issue in the church today. His spirit is greatly grieved because of what is happening.

We've no doubt Mike will be in contact with you Rev. Joseph and share more about how God opened a door for us to speak with David privately and some other interesting things which occurred in Jerusalem. David Pawson was once again, one of the keynote speakers at ICEJ's Feast of Tabernacles.

Rev. Joseph would you be willing for us to send this testimony on to others? We feel they would be blessed to read such an inspiring story?

Shalom and our love to you both as you continue the fight for truth in this vital issue.

R&B: NSW, Australia.//////

# Morning & Evening Devotional Readings by Charles H. Spurgeon (revised/edited by W. C. Neff)

As a Christian you have to live in the middle of an ungodly world, and it is of little use for you to cry, "Woe is me." Jesus did not pray you should be taken out of the world. What He didn't pray for you, you shouldn't desire. It is

better to trust in the Lord's strength to meet the difficulties and glorify Him in it.

The enemy is ever on the watch to detect inconsistency in your conduct; therefore, be holy. Remember that the eyes of others are upon you and that more is expected from you than from others. Strive to give no occasion for blame. Let your goodness be the only fault they can find in you.

Seek to be useful as well as consistent. Maybe you think you cannot serve God until you're in "a more favorable position." Not so! The worse the people are around you, the more they need your efforts. If they're crooked, it is more necessary that you are straight; if they're perverse, the more they need to see your good moral behavior.

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Remember: Peace is not the absence of trouble, but the presence of God in our lives.

Remember: Part time Christians cannot defeat full time devils.

Remember: The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stand in moments of comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

Remember: Jesus did not say; "Go ye into all the world and tell them they are OK."

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Shouldn't the physician be where there are many sick? Where does the soldier win honor but in the hottest fire of battle?

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