

# *Resurrection Life of Jesus Church*

## **FEAR, JUDGMENT & REPENTANCE**

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### **THE SPIRIT OF FEAR**

Fear is a spirit and in the kingdom of Satan there are millions of such spirits of fear. They attack a person's intelligence and emotions. The Bible states that demons of fear are not from God. **1 Timothy 1:7**

The demon of fear brings torment. **1 John 4:18**

The demon of fear activates selfishness in a person. A perfect example of this is the prophet Jonah.

- ❖ Jonah was told by God to go to Nineveh, the capitol of Assyria, and warn them of a coming judgment. **Jonah 1:1-2**
- ❖ Jonah hated the Assyrians because they had afflicted Israel with wars. He wanted God to kill the Assyrians and not give them a chance to repent. **Jonah 4:1-2**
- ❖ After unsuccessfully running away from God, Jonah finally delivered the message and decided to watch the city for when the Lord would strike the Assyrians because he didn't believe they would repent. Jonah wanted to be as comfortable as possible and built himself a temporary shelter. God responded and rapidly grew a gourd and used the leaves of the plant to provide Jonah with shade from the sun. **Jonah 4:5-6**
- ❖ God prepared a worm and it killed the gourd. Jonah was comfortable and thoroughly enjoyed his new dwelling place. He did not want any changes and any threat against the gourd made him angry and fearful. Jonah wanted comfort and did not care about the welfare of Nineveh. **verse 7**
- ❖ God upped the discomfort and sent a strong east wind that damaged the booth and the ultra violet rays of the sun struck the head of Jonah, who became very unhappy. **verse 8**
- ❖ God wanted to deal with Jonah and reveal his selfishness. Jonah cared about a little plant that gave him comfort but not for the 120,000 people who were about to be killed in a judgment from God. **verses 9-11**

### **SELFISHNESS**

When the Soviet Union was dissolved on December 25, 1991, it was the greatest Christmas gift to the people living in Europe and the United States. The threat of nuclear war was over, and with time, the economies of the world started to grow and people were happy.

Instead of thanking God and getting involved in Christian churches, the people turned to entertainment, sports, vacations, cruises, etc. They wanted to upgrade their living



quarters and the housing industry exploded to meet the new demand for bigger and fancier homes.

Homosexuality which had been suppressed began to grow as people were deceived by the Devil and the rich and famous got into child pornography. Sado-masochism, sex perversion, and pedophilia<sup>1</sup> began to rise quickly.

Bars became a normal hangout for the people who went to drink and socialize.

Legalized gambling blossomed as people flew to Las Vegas and other gambling places to sample everything offered. There is no end to the sinful behavior found in these places.

The auto industry flourished as more people could afford to buy new cars, motor homes, travel trailers, boats, jet skis, snow mobiles, etc.

Church attendance and mission giving both went down while the good times rolled on.

## **THE CORONAVIRUS**

A small cloud of depression appeared over China as a viral infection broke out within the city of Wuhan. A class 4 biological warfare laboratory just outside Wuhan, a city with 11 million people, “accidentally” released the weaponized Coronavirus and it quickly spread to South Korea, Iran and a number of other nations.

By February President Trump and other government leaders realized this virus would impact the United States. Stock markets throughout the world started to fall rapidly during the month of March, seeing as much as 20% in losses.

First came the travel bans. This was followed by shutting down non-essential industries and stores and telling people not to leave their homes. The end result was massive unemployment and a run on grocery stores.

People became fearful as they thought about death, losing their home, the bank reclaiming their vehicle, and facing a lower standard of living. Did Christian pastors stand up with a message of repentance? No. We find churches embracing the fear and complying with the edicts to stay at home. Most churches are now streaming their services with a skeleton crew to the internet while reminding their members to continue to be faithful in tithing. We are in the same condition described in the Book of Revelation. **Revelation 9:20-21**

## **JUDGMENT FROM THE LORD**

James, the half-brother to Jesus, entered the ministry after the resurrection of Jesus. Jesus never chose him to be an apostle, but just like everyone else, he was born again, baptized in the Holy Spirit and called into the ministry. He eventually became counted as a leader in the church at Jerusalem.

Here is the message God gave to James. It is valid until Jesus comes back. It is time for the rich to weep and howl for the miseries coming upon you. A good example of this is movie mogul Harvey Weinstein. As a Jew, he did not read the Torah or pay attention to the Ten Commandments. He drank a lot of alcohol, hired women for his sexual

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<sup>1</sup> Jeffrey Epstein was a conveyer of young girls to be abused by the rich and famous.

pleasures, and even went so far as to rape women, for which he was sentenced to prison. Adding to his problems, he has now been infected with the coronavirus. Weinstein is no different from other people that sin on a daily basis. The only thing that separates him from everyone else is that he got caught. **James 5:1-6**

According to statistics from Christian researchers, some 50% of pastors are hooked on different types of pornography that ranges from heterosexual sex, homosexual sex, bestiality, and pedophilia. This leads to snuff videos, where a woman or child is violently abused and killed at the end while the camera focuses on their last painful moments on earth.

If half of the Christians pastors are involved in this type of activity, what about their church members? The apostle Paul had a strong warning for this kind of behavior. **Romans 1:18-32**

## **GOD DID NOT SPARE ISRAEL**

God is not mocked and there will be a harvest for everything you sow. **Galatians 6:7-8**

God was long suffering with the Israelites, but they eventually reached the point where God's mercy ended. There was no pity from God once the judgment began. Wrath was poured out upon the ten northern tribes they lost their independence in 727 B.C.

God gave the tribes of Judah and Benjamin another 134 years to repent. They witnessed the death and destruction done to Israel and still chose to boast in their sins. Their day of judgment finally arrived in 593 B.C. when Jerusalem was sacked and the temple was destroyed by the Babylonians. **2 Kings 25:1-12**

## **WE NEED REPENTANCE**

The warning from God still stands. The world has entered into a beginning of judgment from God and now is the time to call for repentance and a change of lifestyle.

Most likely there will be no repentance because the majority of pastors will not seek God and lead their flocks in repentance. They are stuck in their sins like the Israelites of old and doomed themselves to judgment. **Jeremiah 15:1-7**

Are you willing to repent and seek the Lord? The choice is yours alone to make! **2 Chronicles 7:14-15**

***Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!***

***Do you have an ear to hear with?***