

*Moving  
Forward*

Looking  
Back

“Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward”. **2 John 8**

# 1 Corinthians 10:1-14

Learning from the past

# Looking Back

- 1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;*
- 2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;*
- 3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat;*
- 4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.*

**1 Cor 10:1-4**

# Looking Back

- Incredible beginning
- Amazing deliverance from bondage
- Passed through water to new life
- Sustained by the Bread of Life
- Watered by the Water of Life – Christ
- *How could anything possibly go wrong?*

# Looking Back

- 5 But with **many** of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.
- 6 Now these things were **our examples**, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

1 Cor 10:5-6

Q. What did they lust after?

A. That which was acceptable to the human palate

Many churches that have abandoned the bread God has provided, in favour of that which is 'acceptable' to the multitude & politically correct.

# Looking Back

7 Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

1 Cor 10:6

Q. What is idolatry?

A. Friendship with the world!

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment

- Issue of misrepresentation
- God is jealous of His name, character & attributes
- Anything that touches these is idolatry
- Idolatry –
  - making a God in your own image,
  - from your own imagination,
  - to suit your own desires
- Even if you call your god ‘LORD’! (cf Ex 33)

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment

- ‘God won’t send anyone to hell’
- ‘God can be worshipped in the way you choose’
- ‘God loves and accepts homosexuality’
- ‘God would never punish His Son’
- ‘God chooses to reveal Himself through ‘fresh revelations’ – experience is key’
- ‘God says she doesn’t want us to become gender exclusive’
- ‘God’s written word is not the be-all and end-all’



# Looking Back

*8 Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.*

**1 Cor 10:8**

**Q. What is fornication?**

**A. An intimate relationship with someone other than the one you are espoused to**

- Throughout Israel's history they committed spiritual fornication by going after (embracing) false god's

# Fornication

*"Meanwhile, Wheaton College professor Larycia Hawkins announced on her Facebook page Dec. 11 she would be wearing a hijab during Advent to show "religious solidarity with Muslims."*

*Wheaton is a private, evangelical Christian college in Wheaton, Illinois. "I stand in religious solidarity with Muslims because they, like me, a Christian, are people of the book. And as Pope Francis stated last week, we worship the same God," Hawkins said "*

# Looking Back

- 9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.
- 10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

1 Cor 10:8-10

# Looking Back

- II** Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the **ends of the world are come.**
- I2** Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

**1 Cor 10:11-12**

# Looking Back

- 13** *There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.*
- 14** *Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.*

**1 Cor 10:13-14**



# 1 Thessalonians 4:15 – 5:9

Looking Ahead

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<sup>15</sup> For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

1 Thessalonians 4:15

# Looking Ahead

**16** For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

1 Thessalonians 4:16



# Looking Ahead

<sup>17</sup> Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

<sup>18</sup> Wherefore comfort one another with these words

1 Thessalonians 4:17-18

# Looking Ahead

- <sup>1</sup> But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.
- <sup>2</sup> For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.
- <sup>3</sup> For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-3

# Looking Ahead

- 4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.
- 5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.
- 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

1 Thessalonians 5:4-6

# Looking Ahead

7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

1 Thessalonians 5:7-9

- The Saudi Arabian grand mufti issued a fatwa against Christian churches throughout the Arabian Peninsula.
- Saudi Arabia's top Muslim cleric called for the destruction of all churches in the Arabian Peninsula after legislators in the Gulf state of Kuwait moved to pass laws banning the construction of new Christian facilities, [according to Israel Today](#).

# The Purpose of The Rapture

- #1 to receive resurrection bodies fit for eternity
- #2 to fulfil the promise that Christ made in John 14

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<sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

<sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

John 14:2-3

# The Purpose of The Rapture

<sup>20</sup> For our citizenship is **in heaven**, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,  
<sup>21</sup> who will **transform our lowly body** that it may be **conformed to His glorious body**, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

Philippians 3:20-21



# The Purpose of The Rapture

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- #2 to fulfil the promise that Christ made in John 14
- #3 to deliver us from the Wrath to come

# The Purpose of The Rapture

IO to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

1 Thessalonians 1:10

# The Purpose of The Rapture

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- Note: Wrath is not persecution
- The 'Wrath' is 'The day of the Lord' v2

# The Purpose of The Rapture

<sup>36</sup> Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to **escape all these things** that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Luke 21:36

- ‘These things’:
- All nations in distress
- Global turmoil
- ‘The day of the Lord’ ‘Tribulation’

# The day of the LORD

*6 Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.*

*7 Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt:*

*8 And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames.*

Isaiah 13:6-11

# The day of the Lord

<sup>9</sup> Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall **destroy the sinners thereof out of it.**

<sup>10</sup> For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

Isaiah 13:6-11

# The day of the Lord

**11** And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

**12** I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.

**13** Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

# The day of the Lord

- It is a time of God's wrath
- It is God's judgment on a wicked, unbelieving and Christ-rejecting world



# The Purpose of The Rapture

- #1 to receive resurrection bodies fit for eternity
- #2 to fulfil the promise that Christ made in John 14 – taking us back to Heaven
- #3 to deliver us from the Wrath to come
- #4 to take us to the marriage supper

# Our Response for 2016

- 11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,*
- 12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;*
- 13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;*

Titus 2:11-13

# Our Response for 2016

**13** Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

**14** I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13-114



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