

# Behold the Lamb Ministries

## Is It Time For A Move?

We are living in an hour of earth's history where it is necessary for us to discern the signs of the times. We believe that the coming of Jesus is "even at the doors." Matthew 24:33.

Back when Christ walked this earth, He gave a rebuke to the Pharisees and Sadducees concerning the importance of being wide awake and noting the worldly events. In Matthew 16:2 & 3 Christ said, "When it is evening, ye say, it will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, it will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowring. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?" I truly believe these verses apply to us as well as those in Christ's day—perhaps even more!

There is an area where God has given us clear instruction in the Spirit of Prophecy that I believe God's people are having a difficult time grasping and doing something about. First, let me ask a question. What do you think of our cities? Have they become tremendously corrupt? Even the cities noted in Scripture were dens of iniquity! Have they changed? Sure they have—they've become worse. Every vile imaginable thing is a reality in our world's cities! So how can so many of us feel that these are good places to raise our children? You should ask yourself, for whom are you raising them? If for Christ and the Heavenly Kingdom, then examine what types of influences they are daily feeding upon. This is a vital question if we and our children are to be saved.

Psalms 55:9-11 describes fairly well the current conditions existing in our cities today, "For I have seen violence and strife in the city. Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof: mischief also and sorrow are in the midst of it. Wickedness is in the midst thereof: deceit and guile depart not from her streets." We call ourselves a "Christian" nation; yet, we are continually pushing God and godly morality aside. All the while, we continue to pray to be blessed as a nation. Psalms addresses this thought in chapter 127 and verse 1, "Except the Lord build the houses, they labour in vain that build it: except the

Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." We need not fool ourselves; it's past time for us to move from the cities. Sure we are to continue to go into them to win souls; however, our homes need to be outside the cities. As God's people, we've read the end of the "Book": we know that the cities will continue to get worse until the coming of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. *The Adventist Home*, p. 373, is pretty direct concerning this subject; it reads, "Educate our people to get out of the cities into the country where they can obtain a small piece of land and make a home for themselves and their children." In *Selected Messages*, Book 2, p. 355, we find the reason why this is so important to our Christian walk, "Let children no longer be exposed to the temptations of the cities that are ripe for destruction." Praise God for His timely warnings and instruction! Prophecy-studying Christians also know that God will soon visit these places that have continued in such sin. And what a tremendously terrible experience it will be for those who knew the warnings to leave but didn't!

Satan would like nothing better than for God's people to stay put in the cities. Listen to another quote from *Selected Messages*, Book 2, pp. 255-256, "It is Satan's purpose to attract men and women to the cities, and to gain his object he invites every kind of novelty and amusement, every kind of excitement."

God's judgments have fallen upon the cities of this world in the past and will continue in the present and in the future. Please note what *Evangelism* p. 29 has to say about this, "The inhabitants of the ungodly cities so soon to be visited by calamities have been cruelly neglected. The time is near when large cities will be swept away. And all should be warned of these coming judgments. But who is giving to the accomplishment of this work, the wholehearted service that God requires?"

Unfortunately, so many God-fearing Christians find themselves clinging to the cities for their jobs, family, and friends. We must develop a faith as that which many Godly forefathers before us had (such as

Abraham) and ask ourselves, "Whom shall I serve? Whom shall I obey?" I pray that your answer will be as Joshua's was, "...as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Step out in faith. Ask God to lead you where you should live. His directions have already been given. Now it is up to us to heed them. There's still time. God has a plan and a place for you away from the cities. It's past time that we put our complete trust in Him to direct our paths in this area. No one loves and cares for you more than Christ. He knows what is best for us now and for eternity.

We need not fear the future. We have powerful promises to claim as we make these decisions. Let's look at Jeremiah 33:3, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." And again in Jeremiah 29:12 & 13, "Then shall ye call upon Me, and ye shall go and pray unto Me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart."

Don't put this decision off any longer. The Lord has been impressing my mind that I needed to address this issue with you, His people. It is my prayer, as well as all of us here at Behold the Lamb, that the Holy Spirit has been speaking to your hearts and will give you power and courage from on high to do what is right in this area while you can. Tomorrow is never promised us. We need to start today taking the necessary steps to follow God's direction.

May His blessings be upon you and yours!

In His Service,

Pastor Kenny, Sister Chris, and your  
BTLM Family.

***"God forbid that we should rebel against the Lord, and turn this day from following the Lord...Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve Him in sincerity and in truth." Joshua 22:29 & 24:14.***

# Prayer Requests:

—Juanita, from Herrin, IL, requests prayer for her daughter Myrna. Please pray for physical and spiritual healing.

—Many of you may remember Pastor Kenny's first cousin LaRae who use to play the piano and co-conduct our choir at the BTLM Church. LaRae now lives in South Carolina and is suffering tremendously colitis and other related illnesses. It is so bad that she may pass if healing doesn't come soon. She is only 50 years old and still has a loving, working heart for the Lord. Please pray for a quick and complete recovery.

—Remember our local BTLM Church family as well as our global church family.

—Our BTLM elder, Mark, is requesting prayer for his neighbor.

—Brother Jim P., from Illinois, requests your prayers. The Lord is definitely leading in his life. Pray for victories physically and spiritually.

—Please keep Pastor Kenny and Sister Chris' niece, Maddie, in special prayer along with her family.

—Sister Lorene, from Herrin, IL, requests prayer for her grandson who has recently been in a terrible motor cycle accident.

—Brother Paul, from Nassau, Bahamas, requests your prayer for the success of a new Adventist radio station he is starting in the Bahamas this month. Pray that all goes well and that it will be a tremendous blessing in harvesting souls for the Kingdom. "FYI," our "Behold the Lamb Presents" programs are being scheduled to air over this station. ⇒

—Julia, from Zeigler, IL, requests your prayers. She has been quite sick lately and not able to attend church.

—Please keep Eric, from Portland, OR, in prayer. He has been suffering from a blockage in his colon and allergies.

—Please remember Sister Grace H. in your

prayers.

—Michael S. requests your prayers.

—Phil S. needs prayer for colon cancer.

—Hurbie, from Indianapolis, IN, is requesting prayer for constant pain. She also requests prayer for her husband who is diabetic and needs help with his eating habits.

—Sister Anita, from West Frankfort, IL, requests prayer for a new baby that was recently born and appears to have Down Syndrome. The mother is not well either and is in need of prayer.

*"Then hear thou in Heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause." I Kings 8:45.*

*"...pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16.*

# Awake.!?

Hello again dear friends and family. It is our prayer and hope that as we meet through this newsletter and monthly DVDs and CDs that all are growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour. As Pastor Kenny noted in the opening article, we are living prophetically at the very last moments of this world's history. We must press together and pray that we may not become weary in well doing. It's interesting to note that at the lowest and most stressful time for Christ as He was about to complete His final earthly mission for our salvation, His most beloved disciples, Peter, James, and John, could not stay awake and pray with Him. They fell victim to the enemy as they gave into the heavy slumber that seemed to overwhelm them. We are told in the book *The Desire of Ages* (Read the chapter entitled, "Gethsemane.") that had they persevered in prayer, they would have gained the victory and would have been the comfort and companionship our Precious Lord so desperately needed at that time.

Friends, the enemy hasn't changed one iota. He still desires to lull us asleep to the snares of this world. He knows if he can keep us spiritually sleeping, we will not be ready for Christ's return.

Recently, a supporter wrote to us mentioning how sad it was that various ministries are publishing their financial needs when

they, themselves, are struggling financially. We truly understand this. When our ministry struggles we, too, struggle individually as well as corporately with the Lord's work. God never promised all would be "rosy" as we work for Him and do our part to support His work. However, He does promise blessings as we follow His directions in giving financially and prayerfully to His work. Have you ever thought of the blessings that are continuing this day to pour in from the widow who gave her last mite? Most of us have never sacrificed so much. And God, for the most part, doesn't require all our means be given at once. He does require, however, a faithful 10% tithe and an offering from a cheerful, blessed giver. In return, He promises to "open the windows of Heaven" for us. Malachi 3:10. Read it for yourself, and claim His promised blessings.

It is also important to note that we are instructed to make our needs known. This gives you the opportunity to be blessed in meeting those needs. We wish we could report that all the financial needs we have laid before you in past months have been met. But, unfortunately, that is not the case. However, many of you have done

more. You've prayed and sent more than you normally would have and we praise God for that!

As our ministry is growing and as our outreach expands, more funds will be needed. God's work takes money—lots of money to continue. We believe this is why God has left us with a financial plan to maintain His work.

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This is **NO** time for us to be lulled to sleep. We must **WAKE** up for the harvest is ready and we are called to the field to labor. Please prayerfully consider what the Lord would have you to do to further His work and add souls to

His Kingdom.

In closing, be watching for our new program, "Behold the Lamb Presents" to be aired over 3ABN soon. We've submitted six new programs to them thus far. We are hoping to hear back soon when, and possibly, what time they will be aired. When we receive this information, we will be happy to pass it on to you. **Until next time, may our Lord continue to richly bless you and yours!**