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Foresight Is Better Than Nearsightedness

Greetings, prayer warrior and kingdom saints! How are you and the Lord doing today? We are living in tumultuous times! In 2008, it was declared that our country is in an economic recession: High oil prices brought about an increase of food prices. Food prices also rose as a dependence on food crops, such as corn, to produce alternative fuel sources like ethanol. Banks have been affected by the credit crisis, causing some of them to go into bankruptcy. Housing foreclosures are becoming the norm, and unemployment is on the rise. These times are not only affecting the United States, but the whole world!

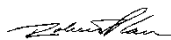
As disciples, we need to look at the big picture: God “shakes” things which can be shaken, like man-made institutions, but that which cannot be shaken, like His Kingdom, will remain firm.

Hebrews 12:26-29 (ESV) says, *“At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, ‘Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.’ This phrase, ‘Yet once more,’ indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.”* In the context, this passage is referring to the changes that will take place at the first coming of Messiah, who is to change the old order of things, but I believe there is a general principle taught here as well. That principle is this: God’s Kingdom, regardless of the instability and insecurity of this fallen world, will remain constant, and it will never fall apart, even though everything that can be shaken will fall apart! I love how this passage tells us that since we received a kingdom that cannot be shaken; we ought to continue to offer up to God worship and praise! Bad economic times, foreclosures, high prices and high unemployment rates will never take away our joy in the Lord! These things can never rob us of our peace in Christ because our peace does not come with political, social or financial rest, but from Christ Himself! For He said in John 14:27 (ESV), *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”*

We have a great opportunity to show the world Jesus! We are in a great position to share with the world our testimony! When people see kindness, joyfulness, faithfulness, peace and generosity in us, surely they will ask: “How can you be this way during these times?” Then we can let them know of our Hope and Strength, Jesus Christ! Let us take this opportunity to share Jesus with a world that is being shaken by political, financial, social and spiritual corruption! Let us help people to turn to Christ by letting them know that there is a God who sent His Son, Jesus, to die for their sins as well as ours and that through Him, we have peace and hope in a world that is fallen!

No Jesus, no peace! Know Jesus, know peace!

Your fellow servant, telling the untold millions,



Robert Carr

“Speaking about what we have seen and heard...” Mark 5:19 Family Matters

The Top Ten Predictions for 2009

Pedro Gelabert

The New Year is upon us. 2008 was definitely very challenging for many of us. We have been stretched, we have grown and we have persevered. If you have remained in the body you are hopefully better than you were at the beginning of 2008! My family and I are so blessed to be in Jesus, so blessed to commune with all of you in His holy body! We remember those who are still not ready for the coming of our Lord and we intercede for them. Many are our own family members, living empty lives, clinging to memories and drunk with nostalgia. How sad to think that the best days of your life will never return again! Sometimes the task to deliver this awesome message of the Gospel is daunting. I lay awake at night asking the Lord, how? How can I do it? How will we do it? I already know He will continue to work His wonders so we can marvel at Him through 2009:

1. Jesus will continue to intercede for His church and the lost before the brilliant throne of our Heavenly Father, 24-7.
2. The Father will continue to pour out His love, mercy, kindness and blessings, as well as His wrath because of sin, upon the peoples of the earth.
3. The Spirit will still anoint His preachers to speak the truth in the churches that people may be convicted of sin, repent and be saved.
4. The Lord will continue to listen to His people beg for the souls of those who do not know Him and for healing in the lives of our loved ones.
5. The Holy Spirit will continue to move in the church, leading us to grow higher, richer, and better prepared for the return of our Lord through the living and active Word of God.
6. God will continue to manifest Himself to us and to the world in various ways; answering, prayers in the positive and the negative, and always encouraging us to be patient and to wait on Him.
7. The Lord will continue to reward obedience and loyalty while punishing disobedience and hypocrisy.
8. Our wonderful God will continue to be zealous for His people, planning for and causing us to prosper and to have brighter and brighter hope for our eternal future with Him!
9. The name of Jesus will continue to ward off evil spirits, the powers of darkness, and save souls who pledge allegiance and bow down to the name.
10. The sovereign truth that frees will continue to be available for discovery, recovery, and freedom.

“The Lord added to their number...” Acts 2:47 Baptisms

DATE	NAME	TOWN
10/26/08	Richard Hill	Binghamton, NY (Stony Brook)
11/27/08	Michael Agbewonou	Ghana (NYIT: Old Westbury)
11/30/08	David Ramis	Hempstead, NY
12/06/08	Kevin Layell	Richmond, VA (Internet)
12/17/08	Kevin Freeland	Middle Island, NY

“They first gave themselves to the Lord...” 2 Corinthians 8:5

Weekly Budget: \$ 9,000		
DATE	ATTENDANCE	CONTRIBUTION
12/07/2008	293	\$6,588
12/14/2008	294	\$9,551
12/21/2008	298	\$7,294
12/28/2008	260	\$10,001

Dear Brethren,

As we continue to grow, it is the goal of the Lord’s Church to continue to help support full time workers, support various missionary works, and provide benevolence to various needs, and in keeping with the main purpose of spreading the Gospel and bringing lost souls to Christ. It is with this in mind that the weekly budget amount is now increased to \$9,000. May the Lord continue to bless you richly as you serve Him and His Kingdom.

Arthur Shlesinger, Minister of Finance.

2 Corinthians 8:1-3 – “...Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity...they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability...”

I Want To Know Christ.....

By Tokunbo Quaye

Troubles are bound to come in this life. Jesus reminds us in John 16:33 **“In this world, you will have trouble.”** I remind myself of that when my day doesn’t go as planned or when an unexpected situation brings me worry. Knowing this helps me to deal with the “shock factor” of things not going the way I planned.

When troubles come, I have sometimes spent too much brain power on figuring out how the situation got to be or how I can quickly resolve and control the situation to end my discomfort. I sometimes worry because of financial difficulty or when I feel I lack the wisdom to deal with the challenges of married life. I sometimes experience physical and mental exhaustion that comes with raising young kids and looking to train them in God’s ways in such a wicked world.

Philippians 3:8 says **“What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ”.**

Your trials are probably different from mine since we each have our own race to run in this life (Hebrews 12:1). But one thing is for sure, no matter what troubles life brings, knowing Jesus still needs to be our highest priority. This is our purpose for living. Our trials are designed not to distract our lives, but so that through them, we may know God better. Nothing surpasses this!

Philippians 3:10 says **“I want to know Christ”.** This should be our goal in the face of our trials. By the time that trial is over, we should look more like Jesus.

How do we know Jesus through our trials?

Prayer. Don’t allow yourself to give in to the impulse to complain about the situation. Pray first. Make it your goal to surrender to God’s work in you through the situation. Ask Him for strength to please Him and display the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22) despite the discomfort you’re feeling. If you feel too weak to pray, call a sister and pray together over the phone. Seek necessary advice after you’ve surrendered to God.

Bible Study. This will strengthen your mind to depend and trust God alone. He is working for your good (Romans 8:28). Write down bible verses that you need and meditate on them whenever your heart fears. I sometimes listen to sermons while doing chores or running errands. This helps me to redirect my thoughts when they start to drift.

Fellowship and Serve. When you spend time with other saints and the lost, you get to find out what their needs are. Pray for them and look for ways to meet their needs. This will help you to take the focus off yourself. In the midst of your trial, make yourself available to God and be useful to His work. Don’t be wrapped up in yourself because that renders you useless to God. Whenever I die to self and instead look to be useful to God, I experience God’s power the most. I know that anything good that I’m able to do is only by God’s strength. 2Co 12:10 says **“For when I am weak, then I am strong.”**

When we do these three things, our trials will not become the focus of our day, but knowing Christ through our trials becomes our focus. When this is the focus, we will experience peace, which isn’t the absence of conflict, but is nearness to God. This is the place we should always strive to be.

God uses our trials as a tool to help us know him better. When trials come, let us persevere with a surrendered heart, making it our goal to know Him better. The more we know Him, the more like Him we become. Amen.

“For the building up of the Body...”

Ephesians 4:12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 📖 We will not meet for Wednesday night Bible class on January 14th (Long Island and City).
- 📖 **Devotional Services:** January 9th and 23^r at 8:00 PM. Please come early to fellowship and encourage one another.
- 📖 **Video Library:** If you have any items taken out from the video library, please make sure they are signed out or return them if you're done with them. Please see Rob Dixon in the back foyer Sunday after services for more information.
- 📖 If you would like to order a cassette tape of a past sermon or seminar, please see Rob Dixon.
- 📖 We are now reserving the front two rows for people who wish to be prayed with, during the song of invitation. Please try to find seating elsewhere. Thank you!
- 📖 All announcements should be submitted to David Luhrs.
- 📖 Address/telephone changes can be e-mailed to directory@licoc.org.
- 📖 **Parking reminder** - Public Safety has issued a statement requesting that all church members and visitors **refrain** from parking on any **grass areas** beyond the parking lots surrounding the chapel. Thank you for your cooperation!

MISSIONARY SUPPORT

- ✝ Apologetics Press.....International
- ✝ We Care Ministries.....West Monroe, Louisiana
- ✝ Ron Clayton.....India
- ✝ Oswaldo Sanchez.....El Salvador, Central America
- ✝ Doug & Lucy McDougle.....Ukraine, Russia

“Your faith toward God has gone forth...”

1 Thessalonians 1:8

COMMUNITY BIBLE CLASS MINISTRIES

Long Island Ministry.....(Wednesday 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.).....Robert Carr.....(631) 348-7322
New York Institute of Technology Chapel, Carleton Avenue, Central Islip, N.Y.

City Ministry.....(Wednesday 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.).....Pedro Gelabert(347) 732-2101
Individual House Churches

Spanish Ministry.....(Tuesday 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.).....Charlie Gómez.....(631) 772-2889
New York Institute of Technology Chapel, Carleton Avenue, Central Islip, N.Y.

UPCOMING KINGDOM EVENTS

For anyone wanting to use his/her vacation in a fruitful way, take a vacation to help bring souls to Jesus. :) Join a “We Care Ministry” soul winning team and help bring people to the Lord. Learn the techniques of the “We Care Ministry” team leaders: Larry West, Willie Tolison, and Bill Oden. Room and board will be provided. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Bob Carr.

We Care Campaign Itinerary

2009	Location
Jan 21 - Feb 1	Mesa, AZ
April 15 - April 26	Amarillo, TX