

***What Happens
When God
Does Come Down?***

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The Author and Preacher Dr. Warren Wiersbe, whom I do not agree with on every subject, but do have the utmost respect for his dynamic ministry, made an oft used quote, years ago, which said:

“The minister must realize that God’s people do not live on explanations; they live on promises.”

And thus, it has been extrapolated, from that famous quotation, that all preaching should concentrate on the positive points of Scripture and not the negative points.

While I do agree much positive preaching needs to be done...I am uncertain that this was the exact meaning Dr. Wiersbe was pointing to...having heard him speak and read his writings...he also believes in the promise of God’s judging hand.

Many absolutely abstain and withstand any preaching on *judgment*. However, just as real as God’s blessings is God’s perfect, holy judgment to bring about His, just as perfect and holy justice.

“It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.” Heb. 10: 31.

His judgment must be preached! Especially when it is obvious to all that His judgment is being poured out...on a nation...on a city...on a leader...on a family...on a person...and when it is it **cannot be denied** by anyone.

Dr. Herbert Lockyer wrote: God’s ***“Justice means that all men, whether good or bad, will receive their due...God is ever impartial. He judges the cause. Man, often judges the person, not the cause...When engaged in His punitive work, God weighs all circumstances in the balance. He never punishes rashly nor indiscriminately.”*** (*All the Doctrines of the Bible* pgs. 274-275)

God does judge and His judgment is always perfect and powerful judgment.

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With recent calamitous events, both nationally and around the world – wars, weather, and wickedness abounding. Poverty, riotousness, murders, terrorism, anarchy, and disaster on every hand and mankind seemingly on the edge of tremendous peril. The world perched on the precipice of imminent destruction...everywhere we look, everything we hear, and everyone we see all agreeing that this all must soon come to some kind of an end! Surely it cannot continue much further...certainly the Lord of heaven will end this mess soon!

But, we often forget or overlook the reality that: God's ways are not man's ways and man's ways are not God's ways (Isa. 55: 8-9) but, that ***"His way is perfect, and the Word of the LORD is tried..."*** (Ps. 18: 36) or proven to be just as perfect as His way is! He has a perfect timetable, one that we are not privy to, and one that He is fulfilling to a "T." He will end it all when He chooses to do so and nothing shall impede His perfect will!

However, God has a perfect plan and that plan is to draw all men unto Himself, by grace, so that they each may have the opportunity to let Him reconcile their lost souls and glorify Him as their Savior and as their Lord. The world has been in similar demented and devastated circumstances numerous times before and God has moved upon this world many times without failure and without faltering. He has judged and He has rescued. Note these Biblical realities:

- The Jewish captivity in Egypt – Gen. 50: 26 – 400 years!
- The Jewish Captivity in Babylon – II Kings 25: 21 – 70 Years!
- The persecution of the early Christian Church – Acts 12: 1-4 – Still being murdered around the world for over 2000 years! We will be hated (Lk. 21: 17) and we will be slaughtered (Rom. 8: 33-39). **All of this, the wickedness, the persecution, the world's demise is not new at all!**

We have no idea exactly when the final act will begin...that act being the *Rapture* of the Church and the start of the conclusion of the Biblical eschatological timeline.

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It could be today or it could be a thousand years from today...**only Jehovah God knows for certain...**Acts 1: 7 ***"It is not for you to know the times or the seasons which the Father hath put in His own power."*** However, we have a command from our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ, that we must fulfill until that time does come"

"And he called his ten servants, and delivered unto them ten pounds and said unto them Occupy till I come." Lk. 19: 13.

We are to *occupy* and do so until Jesus does come...and if He does not come in our lifetime...we are to continue to occupy (to work and serve in every capacity) till our earthly life ends and our eternal life begins!

These days are bad days, wicked times, full of sinful deeds and horrible disasters! It is not fun, but it is out plight, in the center of the Lord's will, and we must continue to *occupy* until He comes!

In our text, the Prophet Isaiah is living in perilous times, days of destruction, ungodliness, and disaster. Coming to his prophetic position prior to the death of Godly King Uzziah and serving during the reigns of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah ultimately being martyred during the reign of wicked King Manasseh. Manasseh is ruling them as King and at the time of the writing of our text...Israel is immersed in utter wickedness.

So, in prayer, Isaiah cries out to Jehovah God: *"Please come down, as Judge of all the earth, and take care of this mess!"* And God did just that with terrible judgment upon Israel, some of which continues to this very day! Beloved, most of us are praying that same prayer in these perilous days. What do we do if God does come down and begins to judge the wicked and purge the righteous? **What will we do if God comes down?**

What Happens When God Does Come Down?

First of all, Beloved, there must be a holy dissatisfaction with ourselves:

- Ps. 24: 1 – The earth and everything in it belongs to the LORD! To Him we owe complete and total surrender.
- Isa. 45: 5-7 – The LORD is the God! He is also the Judge!
- II Chron. 7: 14 – We...this does mean we, us, you and I...must get our hearts right with God now! (Isa. 64: 5 – “...for we have sinned:”)

Preparation of our hearts and lives, our families, our friends, and our Churches is of the utmost in importance...in days like these days. It may be harder than it has ever been before...but it still **MUST** be done!

Now: What happens when God does come down?

1. Isa. 64: 1-4. **There is a Prayer for Revival.**
 - a. **With Passion.**
 - b. **With Hunger.**
 - c. **With Hope.**
2. Isa. 64: 5-7. **There is a Position of Repentance.**
 - a. **For a Righteous Relationship with God.**
 - b. **For a Right Relationship with the Church.**
 - c. **For a Real Relationship with His Word.**
3. Isa. 64: 8-9. **There is a Plea for God to Remember.** (Num. 6: 23-27)
 - a. **We are only Clay.**
 - b. **We have trusted in Your Son.**
 - c. **We are ready to serve Thee.**
 - d. (Ps. 78: 39) **We must remember too!** (Ps. 78: 42)

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So, my Beloved, what will we do when God does come down? He is going to you know? His judgment is already falling and its severity is going to increase...what will you do?

What will you do when God's judgment does fall directly on America?

Remember, I believe that His judgment is already falling on America...but not in His full severity...that I believe is yet to come...but, it will come and soon it will fall on this Nation in its absolute fullness of power! Unless, as a Nation, we openly and fully repent.

If not, one day soon, God will say to America: ***"Enough is enough! You have crossed over the line! You have gone too far! Now my punishing judgment will fall...without reprieve...without antidote and without pause!"***

"Therefore, will I also deal in fury: mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in my ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them."
Ez. 8: 18.

All around us are the evidences that His great judgment beginning to crush and to destroy, because there is:

- Crime is at an all-time high.
- Hunger and starvation world-wide...modern economists tell us that famine is a foregone conclusion as there are more mouths to feed than there is food to feed them.
- Demented works on every hand – all out abuse of children, cannibalism, drugs, alcohol, murders, sexual perversion, and woeful wickedness on every hand.

There is an all-out hatred for the things of God:

- Hatred toward His Word.
- Hatred toward His Cross.

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- Hatred toward His Children.
- Hatred toward His Church.

It is the most blatant hatred, of the things of God, in our history...outwardly mean, openly vicious and angry toward God's things.

All morality is challenged as wrong and blatant perversion is rampant, including the murderous ripping of babies from the warm comfort of the womb – as legal and encouraged birth control – and the government's juridical authority condones it nationwide. Even overlooking the grotesque selling of the body parts of aborted babies on the open market...and those who participate in such debauchery brag and laugh about it with impunity. God, please help us!

And worst of all, the Church has become a playground for the liberalism of God's people, the misapplication of His holy Word, and the destruction of His Holy Doctrine...with learned Christians leading the way! Preachers watering down the Word of God...teachers purposefully teaching wrong doctrine...Christians filling the pews of Church sanctuaries loaded with unconfessed sin, just as comfortable as they can be...un-convicted, without remorse, refusing to repent...

Little prayer is made...little faith is shown...little work is done...little funds are given...few souls are sought...and few, if any, are stirred to change...or moved to repentance!

We are a wicked people...deserving the judgment of a holy God!

And that judgment is at the door of our Nation...at the door of our Churches...at the door of our City, at the door of our homes...it is at the door of our hearts!

What will you do, my friend, when His judgment falls? What will you do when God does come down?

How will you respond?

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What does your heart say right now? Right this very second? What are you going to do...now that God has come down and touched your heart? What will you do now that God has come down to call you to repentance...before He comes down in judgment?

One of the most renowned prisons in the world, in the nineteenth century, was the Newgate Prison in London, England. Renowned for its clientele – the most vicious criminals in the British Isles. One of those was middle-aged woman who had heinously murdered her husband and for that crime was sentenced to death by hanging.

It was 6:00 am on the day of her execution, the sentence was to be carried out at 7:00 am. The Warden went to her solitary holding cell and found her still sleeping. Hands folded under her head, covered up to the neck, comfortable, with a smile on her face, sleeping away. He was moved by the fact that in one hour she would be dead, hanging by her neck. He could not wake her...and ordered the guards to let her sleep thirty more minutes. At 6:30 am the female guards went in, still sleeping peacefully, silently, somberly...they easily shook her shoulder to wake her...she opened her eyes to see that guards. Suddenly realizing where she was and what was happening, she screamed at the top of her lungs, crying out... ***“No, No, No! Don’t wake me yet! I was home with Momma in the garden. We were picking flowers, my brother was there, my Daddy was coming down the road...No, No, Not yet!”*** With tears in their eyes, the guards read the death sentence, took her from the bed, and headed toward the gallows. She could be heard crying out... ***“No, I’m not ready, please let me go back to sleep, please let me go back home! Not yet, not judgment, not yet please!”***

No one is ever ready for judgment! What will happen to you when God does come down?

