Test everything, hold fast to what is good, abstain from every form of evil.

(1Thessalonians 5:21-23)

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#### CAUSE FOR DIVISION

The coronavirus has disrupted life all over the world and caused a staggering number of deaths. And many of our political and religious leaders are telling us vaccines are our only salvation.

However, several, if not all, of the coronavirus vaccines developed globally have either been developed or tested from the cell lines of healthy aborted children, murdered in their mother's womb.

This includes a foetal cell line called HEK-293, from the kidney of a baby girl aborted in 1972, and PER.C6, from the retina of a baby boy aborted in 1985.

It is reported that the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines used the HEK-293 cell line only in the testing phase of their vaccines' effectiveness, whereas the AstraZeneca vaccine used such cells in the design, development, production and testing stages.

These cell lines have been used since the 1960s to manufacture other vaccines against chickenpox, rubella, hepatitis A and shingles. They have also been used to make drugs against diseases like haemophilia, rheumatoid arthritis and cystic fibrosis. In light of these facts, the question of whether to accept any of the currently available coronavirus vaccines has become a moral question, and has sharply divided Christians from all religious denominations, from both the clergy and laity.

In December 2020, the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith announced in a statement, approved by Pope Francis, that the COVID-19 vaccines developed using cell lines derived from aborted foetuses is "morally acceptable" and that in the absence of any alternative, such vaccines "can be used in good conscience."

It added that, "The use of such vaccines does not constitute formal co-operation with the abortion from which the cells used in production of the vaccine derive." I will explain the meaning of *formal co-operation* in the next chapter. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops released another statement which said:

Given the urgency of this crisis, the lack of available alternative vaccines, and the fact that the connection between an abortion that occurred decades ago and receiving a vaccine produced today is remote, inoculation with the new COVID-19 vaccines in these circumstances can be morally justified.

The document also said that the inoculations produced by Pfizer and Moderna, which both used a cell line derived from an aborted foetus to test their vaccines, were preferable to the Oxford, AstraZeneca vaccine, which used cells in the design, development and testing stages. However, where no choice was available, "It would be permissible to accept AstraZeneca vaccine."

The U.S. conference also said that receiving one of the vaccines, should to be understood as an act of charity toward other community members and considered an act of love for our neighbour, and part of our moral responsibility for the common good.

Contrary to these views, at the Rome Life Forum in May 2020, Cardinal Raymond Burke declared: "It must be clear that it is never morally justified to develop a vaccine through the use of the cell lines of aborted foetuses." He also added to his statement that forced vaccines violate the integrity of citizens.

In that same month, several other Catholic Cardinals and bishops, led by former papal nuncio Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, said that it is "morally unacceptable" for Catholics to develop or use vaccines derived from material from aborted foetuses.

Following a statement made at the Bishops Conference of England and Wales in July 2020 – that Catholics have a "prima facie duty to be vaccinated," not only for the sake of their own health, but also out of solidarity with others – Bishop Joseph Strickland of Tyler, Texas, said, "I renew my call that we reject any vaccine that is developed using aborted children." Leaders and members from almost all Protestant denominations have made similar statements as those mentioned above, and either support or oppose vaccination.

## CUNNING ARGUMENTS

The most common argument put forward to justify Christians receiving a vaccine for coronavirus rests on a principle called *remote cooperation* with evil. The principle of remote cooperation means that you can receive such vaccines in "good conscience," provided that you also make your opposition to abortion clear.

This principle is explained by a Jesuit priest named Austin Fagothey in his book, *Right and Reason*: *Ethics in Theory and Practice*. It teaches that when we cooperate with evil, we need to distinguish *formal* and *material* cooperation.

Formal cooperation occurs when someone does something evil, and you share in their act by willing the same evil. Material cooperation occurs when you help someone perform an evil act, but without approving of it. Therefore, it is argued, material cooperation is not wrong by nature because you do not will the evil.

This means someone administering or receiving a vaccine developed or tested using a foetal stem line is materially, but not formally involved. They are not approving of, or willing the abortion.

Furthermore, it is argued, their cooperation is very "remote" in time, because all foetal stem lines come from a small number of babies aborted in the 1970s and the 1980s, and these cells lines now perpetuate themselves, and they contain no foetal tissue.

The Roman Catholic Bishop Athanasius Schneider calls this line of reasoning a *sophism*, a clever but false argument, especially one used deliberately to deceive people. And that, my friend, is exactly what it is. He said:

Some bishops, even good ones are making a huge explanation to me in a sophistic manner, of the principle of moral cooperation only, without your will, without your consent. But this is for me a sophism which cannot be applied to this concrete case, because it is evident to simple common sense that when you know this – that this vaccine is from aborted babies – then you cannot apply this moral principle, or theory, to this concrete case.

Bishop Schneider also said that if it becomes mandatory to be vaccinated for coronavirus derived from cell lines from aborted babies, "then we will enter into the time of the Apocalypse." Another argument put forward to justify taking coronavirus vaccines is the way the Bible describes how God sometimes uses the sinful actions of sinful people to bring about good.

For example, the cruel crucifixion of His Son Jesus, which we now all benefit from. So, it is argued, might not God – even though the historic abortions from which the stem lines were developed were evil – use the situation to bring about good by providing vaccines to save millions of human lives?

## REASONS TO REFUSE

First, to answer the question of God turning something evil into something good, we must remember that it was God who decided. He alone had and has the right and wisdom to turn evil actions into good for an individual or a group of people, if that be His will. We, as imperfect mortal beings, do not have that wisdom or right. On the contrary, we are commanded to live our lives based on the morals and principles in God's Holy Word.

Second, by refusing a vaccine produced in such a manner Christians speak out against the shedding of innocent blood; something that the Bible condemns. To do otherwise is a great act of hypocrisy and would leave the impression on unbelievers that abortion is ok – that something good can come from it.

The Apostle Paul says this in his First Letter to the Corinthians; that we are always to act for the sake of another person's conscience in whatever we do and approve (see 1Corinthians 10:23-33).

Finally, every atom of truth is important to God and He therefore expects believers to stand up for it no matter what the cost. The Bible is full of examples where obeying God and His Word sometimes means making great personal sacrifice and putting not only ourselves at risk, but other members of our family and community also. I will pick up on this subject again in chapter five.

## Another Important Reason

I firmly believe these few points are sufficient to discourage earnest believers in the Lord Jesus from supporting any political or religious efforts to promote and incentivise the use of vaccines in combatting the spread of coronavirus.

However, there is yet another important reason why I would advise Christians to take this path; a reason which many of our religious leaders have failed to mention, and sometimes are even unaware of.

The reason is that this whole pandemic is by no means an accident. It has been carefully planned and carried out by the Vatican Jesuit Agenda to further their goals of bringing the nations of the world under a Satanic one-world economic, political and religious system.

#### THE BROADER PICTURE

The Vatican's programme is aimed at the complete control of world finance, trade, health, governments, education, entertainment and religion, in order to merge them into a one-world government. As a study of history reveals, their whole diabolic programme of subversion began in the 1500s and has continued to this very day unabated, and often undetected by an unsuspecting world.

They control and operate through many secretive round table committees such as the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), the Trilateral Commission (TC) and the Bilderberg Group, and through many international organizations, such as the United Nations and the World Trade Organization. They also operate through non-governmental organizations (NGOs), under the pretence of charity and social agencies, in order to increase their infiltration into societies everywhere.

## Other Facts About the Jesuits

The Jesuits are responsible for the invention and promotion of many destructive ideologies like communism, feminism, liberalism, environmentalism, fascism, evolution, materialism, atheism, ecumenism, transhumanism, Talmudic Judaism and Freemasonry.

It is worth noting that when you put Catholicism, Talmudic Judaism and Freemasonry together, and compare them side by side, you discover they are ideologically identical. They are pagan systems of control. Their religion is of ancient Babylon, designed to exalt man and dethrone God. And all three demand their

members to accept their traditions as equal to Scripture. How very true are the words of King Solomon:

What is happening now has happened before, and what will happen in the future has happened before, because God makes the same things happen over and over.

(Ecclesiastes 3:15)

More than two thousand years later, that same religious group – that laid heavy burdens on the people and hindered them from entering into the Kingdom of God, that persecuted and killed the Messiah, and tried to destroy His Church over the centuries – is still alive and vibrant today in "the great city that rules over the kings of the earth."

It is also worth noting that many prominent rabbis today openly admit who the Jesuits are. However, they detach themselves from them and name them "Erev Rav," meaning rabble or mixed multitude. The "mixed multitude" are the Gentiles that joined themselves to the Tribes of Israel when they came out from Egypt (see Exodus 12:38).

Even many Evangelical organizations and churches today are under Vatican control and influence. The ministers of these churches are Freemasons, whose allegiance is first to the lodge and not to Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church.

The Jesuits are also responsible for the formation of many modern-day cults, like Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses and Seventh-day Adventists. And many modern-day movements, like the New Age Movement, the Women's Liberation Movement, the LGTB Movement, the Dominionist Evangelical Movement, the New Apostolic Reformation Movement (NAR) and Black Lives Matter, to mention a few.

They are also behind the rise of the occult, paganism, witchcraft, and Luciferianism. All of these are designed to subvert, hinder, distort and render unattractive the true Gospel message of salvation by grace through faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Most of the top executives who control the mainstream media are members of Catholic Orders. For example, Rupert Murdoch, owner of several mainstream newspapers in Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom, and also owner of all the major Bible companies, is a Knight of Malta, which is the lay order of the Jesuits.

Hollywood and the music industry are also owned by the Jesuits. Therefore, it should come as no surprise that the whole media and entertainment business glorify everything evil, yet mock and attack Christianity, always depicting it in a negative light.

The Jesuits have been using the film industry to carry out a giant global psychological operation programme on the minds of billions of people. Most films contain themes and music of lust, pride greed, hate, adultery, promiscuity, homosexuality, bad language, materialism, drug use, violence, suicide, and so forth. This is designed to influence hearts and minds and cause fear, confusion, contempt for authority and illusions about life and reality.

Children are no exception. You may have heard about the Disney commitment to promoting the LGTB agenda through their films and Disney products. This should come as no surprise. Pope John Paul II awarded papal knighthood to Roy Disney, Executive Vice-President of Walt Disney Productions some years back.

Considering these facts, it is evident why many of today's most famous film and music stars promote a lot of the evil vices mentioned above, and frequently use the *All See Eye Symbol* and the *Pride Rainbow Flag*, but at the same time wear crosses and other Roman Catholic symbols.

This is done to show their allegiance to the Jesuit order. They are promised fortune and fame for helping to tear down Christian values and re-engineer humanity for the establishment of the Luciferian New World Order.

These symbols have also infiltrated into the Christian music industry and churches undetected by genuine pastors and ministers. But God's Word is clear on the subject:

Do not bring a detestable thing into your house, or you, like it, will be set apart for destruction. Regard it as vile and utterly detest it, for it is set apart for destruction.

(Deuteronomy 7:26)

## Facts Relevant to the Pandemic

The above are just a few examples of the Jesuit control and influence on society at large, but I will venture to give just one or two more examples that are very relevant to what our world is facing today.

For some years now, various renowned secular authorities have powerfully demonstrated through historic facts that the Establishment is responsible for creating almost all major wars and global crisis, which they then turn to their own advantage in order to gain more money, power and control.

They embrace the Hegelian Theory, *Conflict brings Progress*, and *Crisis brings Opportunities*. This means they create the problem and then offer the down-trodden frightened people the solution in exchange for their political and religious freedoms.

And this is what we have been witnessing these very days. Important Vatican-controlled agencies – like the World Health Organization (WHO), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the Food

and Drug Administration (FDA) – have been spreading a barrage of propaganda and lies to convince the masses that food, water, fuel reductions and vaccine programmes are being implemented for their safety and benefit, while the complete opposite is the case.

Dear reader, believe me, this is no conspiracy theory. As I just mentioned, various secular authorities have been warning us for years that there is a shadow world government, a hidden hand at work, behind world events, pushing a definite agenda. Amazingly, their New World Order is clearly described in the end-time prophecies of the Bible. In the Book of Revelation we read:

In amazement the whole earth followed the beast. They worshipped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshipped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?"

(*Revelation 13:3-5*)

Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. It was given authority over every tribe and people and language and nation, and all the inhabitants of the earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the lamb that was slaughtered.

(*Revelation 13:7-9*)

In that same prophetic Book the Apostle John calls the Jesuit empire, "Babylon the great, mother of whores and of earth's abominations," and he warns believers to be separated from her, lest they pay a severe price:

Come out of her, my people, so that you do not take part in her sins, and so that you do not share in her plagues.

(*Revelation 18:4-5*)

It is an amazing reality, and the grace of God too, that many faithful Roman Catholics, both from the clergy and laity, are waking up to these realities. In 2020 Bishop Schneider made these incredible statements to Life Site News:

Maybe I'm wrong, but I have the suspicion that partly this COVID situation was created not only to implement a new dictatorship and control of the population, but in some way to legalize abortion globally – the killing of unborn babies – so that the entire planet will be collaborating in the process of killing babies through the vaccine which will use parts of aborted babies.

The vaccine will be imposed and obligatory – so that you cannot work, travel, go to school without it, obliging the entire population to receive the vaccine, but the only vaccine will be that made with cells from aborted babies.

Perhaps they will not accept other vaccines, and they will lie, saying that these are not effective, that the only effective vaccine will be from aborted babies.

I am not affirming now that this will happen, but it is my suspicion: it appears to me realistic that this could come. This is for me the last step of Satanism: that Satan and the world government — ultimately the masonic world government — will oblige all, even the Church, to accept abortion in this way. And therefore

we must resist very strongly against this, if it comes. We must even accept to be martyrs.

Here Bishop Schneider admits that the Vatican's plan is Satanic and aimed at the complete control of society. In relation to what he said about the aim to legalize abortion, one thing is worth noting. In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic and America's economic and health emergencies, President Joe Biden, a declared Jesuit, once in office gave himself first to the task of reversing the Trump administration policies on reproduction health issues and allowed federal funds to flow again to international groups that provide or refer patients for abortion services.

You will remember that Bishop Schneider also said earlier that many bishops from within the Roman Catholic Church were using false arguments to convince Roman Catholics to be vaccinated. And we pointed out in a previous chapter that many Protestant ministers have fallen prey to their persuasive arguments. When we bring all this together, no one can deny it is a direct fulfilment of the Apostle Paul's warning in his Second Letter to the Thessalonians where he says:

The coming of the lawless one is apparent in the working of Satan, who uses all power, signs, lying wonders and every kind of wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

(2 Thessalonians 2:9-11)

Neither can anyone deny that the current Satanic post-pandemic developments, that are gradually destroying our national sovereignty and personal freedom, are paving the way for the dreaded Mark of the Beast System described in Revelation chapter thirteen. It reads:

Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or on the forehead, so that no one can buy or sell who does not have the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name.

(Revelation 13:16-18)

As a side note, there are many renowned secular authorities today worldwide, not to mention numerous Bible prophecy teachers, who believe the whole COVID pandemic, and the vaccination programme, is designed to modify our DNA. To put this in simple, non-technical terms, they desire to turn humanity into "new creatures."

This would certainly be characteristic of the devil's workings and those of his servants. Everything he does is a cheap imitation of the work of the One True God. Such a campaign would be a Satanic counterfeit of the biblical New Birth.

## Just Tell Me What I Want to Hear

In spite of the indisputable secular and biblical evidence that bears witness to the truths we have spoken of so far, many people still refuse to believe or even seriously consider the facts.

The reason for this is quite obvious. If they accept that there is a hidden power that controls the world's military, the intelligence systems, the international banking system and the most effective propaganda machines in history; and that the ultimate goal of this power is to enslave humankind, then such knowledge would engage responsibility and demand action. Moreover, such knowledge would interfere with how they wish to live; it would also disrupt their future plans, hopes and ambitions.

# What if Vaccination Is Mandatory?

Some will quote Romans chapter 13, where Christians are commanded to obey the governing authorities. The Word of God tells us to obey and submit to the governing authorities, and to our Church leaders, only to the extent that these authorities and spiritual leaders do not teach or force us to do something the Bible forbids, or teach or forbid us to do something the Bible commands. We see an example of this in the Book of Acts, where the religious authorities forbid the Apostles to speak in the name of Jesus, to which Peter and John replied:

Whether it is right in God's sight to listen to you, rather than God, you must judge; for we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard.

(Acts 4:19-21)

As believers, we must continue to be God's people in the world, holding up *His* standards and obeying *His* will, above every other authority and power, no matter what the cost. This is the subject of our next chapter.

#### THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

While it is true that the events spoken of in the previous chapter take place at the mid-point of the seven-year Great Tribulation, it is also true that they will not just suddenly begin to happen at that point; they will actually have been building momentum during the preceding years and will have disturbing implications for Christians.

Yet even if we are pressured by anti-biblical government laws, political correctness, or by our personal fears; or even if we are tempted through our love for worldly comforts, we must "fight the good fight" and not allow ourselves to waver or give in.

If we fail to take a stand against every form of evil and defend biblical truths, then we are not taking a stand with Christ, but with Satan. There is no neutrality in the Kingdom of God. In Jesus' own words:

Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

(*Matthew 12:30*)

Again, in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus makes another radical statement, showing what is involved in discipleship and the cost for each individual. He said:

Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.

(Luke 14:26-27)

This means we are not to allow anything to hinder God's purposes for our lives, which is to uphold and testify to God's truth. It also means we are to offer ourselves as "living sacrifices" to the Lord,

by denying ourselves all earthly comforts and rewards, and to be prepared to suffer the loss of everything, **even our very lives**, to demonstrate to the world that obedience to Christ and His cause are more precious to us than anything else. Probably the longest exposition of such heroism in the Bible is found in the Letter to the Hebrews. We will use the life of Moses as just one example:

By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share illtreatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the reward.

(*Hebrews 11:24-27*)

And we are told in the Book of Revelation that many faithful children of God will suffer martyrdom for refusing to compromise God's Word and worship the Satanic trinity:

But they have conquered them by him by the blood of the lamb and by the word of their testimony. For they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

(*Revelation 12:11-12*)

#### BEWARE OF SELF-DECEPTION

Concerning the last days of world history, the Word of God gives a very precise and detailed blueprint of the global scene. It clearly warns us of the general trends, events and specific characters that will arise prior to the Second Advent of the Lord.

Many New Testament writers, including Jesus Himself, spoke of the wisdom of discerning these prophetic signs and warned believers to "be ready" for His return. As we demonstrated, many of these biblical prophecies are being fulfilled before our very eyes.

However, of all the signs the Bible warns us to look out for, deception is probably the most mentioned. It will be rampant on Earth prior to Jesus' return. In the Gospel of Matthew we read:

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" Jesus answered them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Messiah!' and they will lead many astray."

(*Matthew 24:3-6*)

For false christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect if that were possible. See, I have told you ahead of time.

(Matthew 24:24-26)

## And to quote the Apostle Paul's prophetic words again:

The coming of the lawless one is apparent in the working of Satan, who uses all power, signs, lying wonders and every kind of wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion, leading them to believe what is false, so that all who have not believed the truth but took pleasure in unrighteousness will be condemned.

(2 Thessalonians 2:9-13)

Note this deception can only deceive those who do not love God's truth – ALL OF HIS TRUTH. And as we said earlier, to love the truth means to know, receive, practice and defend it.

Sadly, there are many people today who profess to be Christians and believe they are saved but are actually deceived. This class of professing believers, whether church members or leaders, can appear very holy outwardly, and be very submissive to their religious organization or leaders. They may also preach sound doctrine and do many "good deeds." But if all these things are done independently of God, without a heart submission to His Lordship, they are as "filthy rags in His sight."

Moreover, such professors of the faith fail to see that God will not only judge people by the things they say and teach, but also by the things they fail to say and teach. There is a very clear reference to what we are saying in the Gospel of Matthew where Jesus says:

Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. On that day many will say to me, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your

name?" Then I will declare to them, "I never knew you; go away from me you evil doers."

(*Matthew 7:21*)

Note this passage is not referring to Muslims, Buddhists, Hinduists, or other. It refers to people who define themselves Christians, who are active in ministry – engaged in deliverances, prophesying, preaching the Gospel and doing social work. Yet Jesus says to them, "I never knew you."

There are many other biblical passages where this sad reality is taught. For instance, the parable of the *Ten Virgins*, five of which were foolish and five were wise. The foolish virgins had an outward appearance of the faith, but lacked the presence and regenerating work of the Holy Spirit.

Consider also the parable of the *Drawn Net (Matthew 13:47-51)*, the *Weeds among the Wheat (Matthew 13:24-31)*, the parable of the *Unwise Servant (Matthew 25:14-31)*, and the parable of the *Wedding Banquet (Matthew 22:1-15)*.

The parable of the wedding banquet teaches this same truth even more forcibly than the others. Here we see a man without a wedding garment, he was not in Christ, clothed in His righteousness. However, his filthy condition was unnoticed by his fellow-guests and he remained in the Kingdom, the visible Church, until the Second Coming of the King.

In many of these parables the professing believer appears to be unaware of his true spiritual state and puts off self-examination until it is too late.

Dear reader, there is "an outward form of godliness" in people which is not easy to detect. But on that Day all secret things will be disclosed by Him who searches hearts and minds and the false professors will be thrown out "where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Another shocking reality to note is that we are speaking of large numbers of those who are self-deceived. In the Gospel of Luke Jesus says:

Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able.

(Luke 13:24-25)

Again, in Matthew Jesus makes a similar statement:

Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life and there are few who find it.

(*Matthew7:13-15*)

These texts do not say *a few* may be misled, but "*many*" shall seek to enter in, and shall not be able. Many preachers today take delight in very large congregations. But it is not about quantity, it is about the Spirit; how many members of the congregation are truly born again and living holy lives in total submission to the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, I urge you this very moment to examine your salvation in this regard. This is both fundamental and biblical. Paul writes:

So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall.

(1Corinthians 10:12)

Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Jesus Christ is in you – unless you fail indeed to meet the test.

(2 Corinthians 13:5)

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## FEAR NOT LITTLE FLOCK

The proponents of the New World Order are aware that people take pride in their countries and individual identity, and will not easily give up their national sovereignty unless motivated by fear. As far back as 1994 David Rockefeller made this bold statement at the United Nations: "All we need is the right major crisis and the nations will accept the New World Order."

And George Bush made a similar shocking statement. He said that global government could not be achieved unless some great crisis motivated the population to abandon their national sovereignty. He said: "From chaos will emerge the New World Order."

There is little doubt that over the last few decades our world has been pushed toward greater globalization not only by the carefully planned crises we spoke of earlier, but also by their devilish offspring – FEAR. And this whole pandemic and its aftermath seems to be their Final Solution. It has instilled unprecedented fear and anxiety into the hearts and minds of millions of people.

However, this too is a direct fulfilment of biblical prophecy. The Book of Revelation says that in the last days there will be a great demonic out-pouring on the world causing great calamity. And Jesus warned in the Gospel of Luke:

There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken.

(Luke 21:25-27)

## Again, in the Gospel of Matthew He says:

For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now – and never to be equalled again. If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.

(*Matthew 24:21-23*)

As you can see from these Scriptures and current events, dear reader, the world has everything to fear and worry about. However, YOU, if you are IN CHRIST JESUS, do not. Throughout the Old and New Testament God's people are continually commanded to "fear not." One of my favourite Old Testament passages comes from the Book of Isaiah. It says:

I have chosen you and not cast you off; do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

(Isaiah 41:9c-11)

#### In the New Testament Paul exhorts us with these words:

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

(Philippians 4:4-7)

#### And the result of not worrying will be this:

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

(Philippians 4:7-8)

Finally, consider these amazing words of the King of the Universe Himself:

I tell you my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that can do nothing more, But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten in God's sight. But even the hairs of your head are all counted. Do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

(*Luke 12:4-8*)

But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you – you of little faith.

(Luke 12:28-29)

The Word of God commands us so often not to fear or worry because these are the opposite of having faith, and without faith it is impossible to please God or receive anything from His hands:

For whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith.

(1John 5:4-5)

Faith is our victory because it does not worry about tomorrow, neither does it look at the circumstances, but faith looks to God, who promises to be with us and give us peace, protection and victory in ALL situations.

Therefore, let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and His promises, and not on the frightening conditions in our world today, lest, like the Apostle Peter, we begin to sink in deep waters.

## use Your Spiritual Weapons

I realize your present condition could be so difficult that your faith is beginning to fail. Take courage. Do not let this discourage you. Overcoming fear and worry and growing in faith is a process and trials are necessary for testing and growth. But if we resist, the outcome is amazing. Moreover, God has given us spiritual weapons to aid us. First, we can increase our faith and strength simply by reading the Bible. Paul says:

So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

(Romans 10:18)

Second, we can increase our faith by praying in tongues. In the Book of Jude we read:

But you, beloved, build yourselves up on your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit.

(Jude 1:20-21)

Third, we can increase our faith just by asking in prayer. In Philippians quoted above we are told to make our requests known to God. And Jesus said, "Ask and you will receive." It is just that simple.

I will finish this chapter with one other important reason why we should not be afraid or disturbed by all that is happening around us today, and what the Word of God says will happen in the future. It is that all this is a very clear indication that the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ is drawing near:

When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

(Luke 21:28)

In light of such an amazing promise, let each of us, with great hope and thanksgiving, "finish the race" set before us, and be an "overcomer," as our reward is indeed very great. Paul writes:

The sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about be revealed to us.

(*Romans 8:18-19*)

I am not sure about you, but for me nothing could be more glorious than to have our precious Lord and Saviour smile and say, "well done good and faithful servant."

# A Closing Prayer

"Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm," for if I am to be faithful to the end, it will not be by my own good resolve and strength – for I know my weaknesses and proneness to vanity. It can only be by your own sustaining love and power Lord.