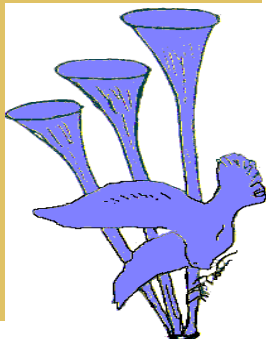




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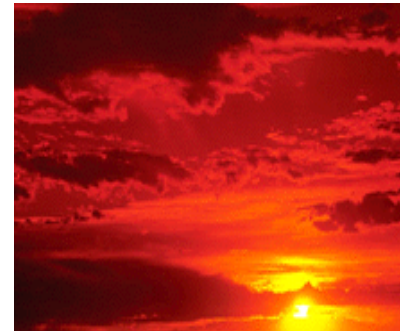
Storm Clouds on the Horizon— Warning: Approaching Storms!

How many times have we heard predictions of approaching storms and laughed it off to later see that we should have listened and took shelter?

So many times the sun is shining; the sky is blue and nothing gives the indication of an approaching storm, but we've been warned and yet because we can't see anything to indicate bad weather, we ignore it.

As I sat on the beach a few weeks ago, I looked across the water and banking storm clouds billowed high on the horizon. Predictions were out for a chance of a hurricane in the Atlantic to affect the weather later in the week, but at that time the sun was shining and there were no other visible signs of a storm except the marshmallowy clouds over the water.

I sensed the Lord was showing me that there are visible signs many times of approaching storms in life but we are too busy to look and listen to hear the Spirit of God.



Clouds billowing on the horizon indicate a storm is approaching.

Do You Depend on Flesh or Spirit?

So many times in our natural every day lives we fail to take the time to listen and then we wonder how we could have been caught off guard when the storms of life come upon us. We need to keep our spirit man stronger than the flesh at all times, by the Word of God, praying, fasting and staying in the presence of God.

Today there is such a big thing about working out at the gym; building muscle, burning fat and staying in shape. I couldn't agree more, but do we spend as much time in the Word, building our spirit man. Our flesh is fed by worldly things and our spirit is fed from the Spirit of God.

Many times people may think us strange when we're preparing our spirit man for things to come. Then as we prepare our

spirit the Lord shows us other things we need to take care of in the natural.

We can't even imagine what it must have been like when God told Noah to build an Ark. (Gen. 6:6) It had never rained and this man was preparing for a flood. He was surely the nut of all nuts, but when the storm finally came, he and his family floated and everyone else sank

I'm sure he spent many hours and days hearing the Lord and following His instructions. He could have easily quit and have been swayed by the crowd but he chose to put his trust and faith in his God rather than man. He prepared while the sun was shining and there wasn't a cloud in the sky. If he had waited until God showed him rain clouds it would have been too late.

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We must keep our spirit man stronger than our flesh at all times. Flesh can be deceived. Spirit is all truth.

Sometimes we like to wait on visible signs and confirmations from a half a dozen sources and will even doubt that we heard God unless everyone agrees. Then instead of obeying the Spirit

of God we will wait until we're caught off guard and unprepared for what comes and then we blame God for not warning us.

Stop—Look—Listen!

How can we many times see and still not believe. The Lord is telling the church today to stop-look-listen! Stop the business, stop the procrastination, stop being led by the crowd, and stop the influence of all other worldly ties.

We must begin to look through spiritual eyes; look for what the Spirit of God is showing us through the Word of God, our prayer time and just being in His presence.

Listening is something many of us have trouble with. It's easy to talk but hard to listen, especially to the Spirit of God. Why? A lot of the time the Spirit doesn't want to agree with the flesh and the flesh wins out when we don't have time to just sit and listen.

Listen means to hear and heed what you've heard. We many times hear but don't do what we know we should.

We make excuses or compromise what we heard to satisfy that old flesh nature so everything will be comfortable and no one will get upset.

Our flesh had rather be accepted by man than to be obedient to God.

Disobedience is rebellion and rebellion is witchcraft. It's time we begin to take a stand to be obedient to God no matter how much it displeases man. If man's heart is after the Lord he won't be in displeasure anyway.

When storms come, change comes. Many times change comes by destruction, and much of this is because man wasn't prepared and didn't heed warnings. Then we stand and say, "Why Lord", instead of "Yes Lord". "Why change Lord, I liked things the way they were? Yes Lord, I don't understand but show me what I need to change in my life. Lord show me how to prepare myself to be in obedience to you and your Word.

With why comes all kinds of excuses. We could come up with hundreds of reasons why things should not have happened.

With yes, comes acknowledgement of the situation and a desire to allow the Lord to bring change into your live in order to make you grow.

Storms Will Come—How Will You Handle Them?

Storms will always come, but how we handle them and the consequences then depends on what we do before they come. Some would say, "I'm not preparing for something I don't want to come. That's like asking it to come." No, the Lord tells us in the Word that there will be tribulation, but we have overcome, only if we prepare to be overcomers.

An overcomer is one who sees or senses what is coming and makes himself ready for it and goes over whatever comes!

An overcomer is not someone who folds his hands and sits back and refuses to believe anything offensive will ever come his way. He's living in a dream world!

All through the scriptures God always told the people how to prepare for storms that came. Those who followed His instructions overcame. Those who didn't were overcome.

The people who continually ask God why are most times the ones who are never willing to spend quiet time with Him to get their answers. God wants to tell us why He wants changes in

our lives, but we don't want to really hear why because it makes us responsible for what we've heard.

The chronic "whiners" are usually the "whiners" who just want man to feel sorry for them because bad things always happen to them.

A magnet draws things to itself. You need to get alone with the Lord and get demagnetized from the world and you won't continually draw bad things from the world but then good things by the Spirit of God will begin to come your way.

You'll then hear or sense warnings by the Spirit of God. He'll show you weak places in your walk before you become vulnerable for the enemy to strike. When you live by the Spirit of God you live in a state of preparedness, always ready when storms come. You will never be caught off guard.

We can't wait until bad things happen and then start rebuking in Jesus' name. That will not work unless you're spending time with Him and by the Spirit of God use His name.

With Halloween fast approaching, I felt like it would be appropriate to include in this newsletter an article I did on the origin of this horrid day. I know many celebrate it but it only brings glory to Satan Himself and his evil kingdom. In order to print this article in its entirety Charlie's Corner and Y2K will not be in this issue. Please share this someone else you know.

HALLOWEEN - IS IT FUN AND GAMES?

Please read the following carefully and prayerfully and allow the Lord to minister this to you. Read and ponder the scriptures given and see what God's Word says about the things Halloween represents and the abominations and practices that's contrary to God's Word.

Perhaps you are one who thinks Halloween is a time for children to dress up as goblins, ghosts, and witches and wear other cute costumes and go door to door saying "trick or treat". If that's what you think, you need to be made aware there is much more to Halloween.

Halloween is a day witches celebrate above all other days. They have eight major festivals throughout the year; one at both solstices and four others; February, announcing Spring, April, welcoming Summer; August, ushering in Fall, and October, The major witchcraft festival of all is .October 31st, Halloween. Witchcraft is not child's play. It's an abomination to God.

Deuteronomy 18:10-13 says, "There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son pass through fire (human sacrifices), one who uses divination (fortelling future events or discovering things secret by magical means), one who practices witchcraft, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer (wizard or magician), or one who casts a spell, or a medium or spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. For whoever does these things is detestable to Lord, and because of these detestable things the Lord your God will drive them out before you. You shall be blameless before the Lord your God."

The origins and traditions of Halloween go back thousands of years to the ancient Celts and their priests, the Druids. The Eve of October 31 was the transition from Summer into Winter and the beginning of the Celtic New Year. On that night they celebrated the Feast of Samhain by lighting great bonfires to Samana the Lord of Death who was known as the Grim Reaper, the leader of ancestral ghosts. The people were afraid during these celebrations because they believed evil spirits, witches, and demons were roaming about. It was believed that on this night the Grim Reaper would call on all the souls of the dead, especially those who had died within the last year, to return to their former homes to be entertained by those left in the house. The pagan priests, called Druids, commanded the people to put out the fires in their hearths and gather together to build a huge bonfire for these wandering spirits. Crops, animals, and even humans were offered as sacrifices on the bonfires. Fortunes were told for the new year by examining the remains of the sacrifices. Afterwards each family would relight their hearths by using burnings from the bonfire. The Druid priests required that food and shelter be supplied for the returning spirits. The Celts believed that if enough treats were provided, the spirits would prosper them in the future. If not, the spirits would do evil to them by haunting the living, causing confusion, stealing infants, killing farm animals, destroying crops or casting spells. All contributions were in honor of Samhain, the Grim Reaper.



The word Halloween came from the Catholic celebration of All Saints Day. The eve of All Saints Day was called All Hallows Eve or Hallow E'en. The original birth of Halloween goes back more than 2000 years to the Celts in what is now Great Britain, Ireland, France and Scotland.

The old pagan customs developed from the Celts varied within each country. The Irish begged for food in a parade they had for a god called Muck Olla. The Scots carried torches across fields and lit bonfires to drive away witches and evil spirits. In Wales, marked stones were thrown into bonfires and if a person's stone was not found in the ashes the next morning, it was believed he would die within a year. In England and Ireland, people made jack-o-lanterns, which were believed to scare away evil spirits. They used potatoes and turnips, but today we use the pumpkin. Because of the strict religious beliefs of the early settlers to America, Halloween was not observed until the 1800's when settlers from Ireland and Scotland came and brought their traditions

with them.

The Druid priests would dress up as witches, demons and evil spirits and go door to door threatening to trick if they weren't treated. Often the treat they were asking for was a human sacrifice. In America children still dress in these costumes and go door to door for "trick or treat". Many parents are unaware of where the tradition came from and what they are allowing their children to be involved in.

Witchcraft and Satanism play important roles in Halloween. When the Christian church attacked paganism, many hundreds of years ago plenty of temples and false gods were destroyed, but pagan worship re-appeared in the Dark Ages in the form of Witchcraft.

While the witches are spending Halloween honoring the Goddess of Winter and having communion with the spirits of the dead, there's another group which is equally as serious about the Halloween celebrations, the Satanists. To them it's a celebration of death and Satan.

These cults have six weeks of celebrations ending on the night of Halloween. The first week the Satanists gather and chant 666 until they see the face of Satan manifest in front of them. On the night of the second week, they sacrifice a small animal. The rituals are long and elaborate, starting at 6:00 in the evening and ending with the death of the sacrifice as close to midnight as possible. The third week the Satanists use a larger animal like a dog or small sheep or goat with as large a set of horns as they can find. The head is severed and set up as a symbol of the perfect head of Satan.

When they come together on the form a ritual-like murder of an in-child is an offspring of one of the very purpose and time. If she does C-section, thereby having no birth to produce a child among them-gal aliens, thinking they will not they kidnap a runaway, adopt or buy enforcement authorities around the children increase during this time of



night of the fifth week, the participants perform or very young child. Most often the cult members who is impregnated for that n't deliver on time, then her child is taken by or death certificate. If they have been unable selves, they steal a child, preferably from illegitimate report it because they fear the authorities, or a baby through the black market. Law enforcement agree that reports of stolen or missing year.

To the Satanists, a small child is looked upon as a perfect sacrifice to their master. The child is representative of the Christ Child and He is the one they choose to blaspheme and destroy in their long and brutal torture and slaying of the child. After the death of the child or infant, the participants drink the blood and eat a portion of the heart.

The sixth week and final night is Halloween, October 31st, and the night when they contact spirits of the dead. A child and an adult female are sacrificed on this night finalizing their rituals.

This is a prime time for Satanists to recruit kids for Satanism. They visit "haunted houses", many church sponsored, and invite some of these kids to a "real party" elsewhere for the purpose of an initiation ceremony into Satanism. These Satanists are committed and dedicated worshipers of their Lord, Satan and will go to any measure to carry out their plans.

Many churches, good, solid ones, think Halloween is a time for spooky fun and games and sponsor "haunted houses" and other programs designed to scare and frighten the kids and yet raise money in the name of fun. God does not give us a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind, (II Timothy 1:7). It's not God's desire for anyone to be fearful, but He desires us to be wise about the works of the devil and to live separated lives unto Him. He does not want us to seek after strange and supernatural happenings. Do we portray examples of Jesus Christ when we dress as werewolves and devils? Should spiritual leaders create a spirit of fear in young people. God's Word says not. I Thessalonians 5:21-22 says, "But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; abstain from every form of evil."

Should Christians and their children participate in Halloween celebrations? Yes, if they are witches, Satanists, humanists, atheists, or anything other than a true Christian.

Ephesians 5:1 instructs us to be "imitators of God". Can you see Jesus dressing as Satan or as a demon because it was the Feast of Samhain, and His disciples having a party to honor this Grim Reaper?

Everything God has called an abomination (Deuteronomy 18:10-13) is glorified in Halloween. As Christians we have no business being a part of this at any time and especially in the name of fun.,

Jeremiah 10:2 says, “Learn not the way of the heathen. Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness or what fellowship has light with darkness? Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? Or what agreement has the Temple of God with idols? For we are the Temple of the living God, just as God said, “ I will be their God, and they shall be my people”.

“Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate,” says the Lord, “and do not touch what is unclean.” (I Corinthians 6:14-17)

Many people in the church have become vulnerable to a spirit of fear because they have for so long believed Halloween and other occult practices to be an innocent season of fun.

“You were formally darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light...and do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even espouse them” (Ephesians 5:8,11)

By now you may be wondering if there are any alternatives that can be provided for our children without participating in the ancient religious traditions of the witches and Satanists, well, the answer is certainly yes.

Churches and youth groups might have a “Hallelujah Night” or “Harvest Party” or even a “Country Party”. Church leaders should plan the activities where those who come may dress as Bible Characters or dress in western clothes (scarves and hats). Christian games can be set up in carnival style where the children can play games and have lots of fun. Candy can be distributed by allowing church members to donate assorted candies and individual goody bags may be made up and given to each child. New and used toys can be donated for the prizes for the games. Supervised hayrides, hot dog suppers, and cake walks are other fun activities. These are much better alternatives than allowing the children to participate in a religious night of evil which has also become very dangerous for children, with candy tainted with drugs and apples filled with razor blades.

Halloween is not fun and games. It is serious business and we need to as Christians become aware of the subtle evil we enter into by participating in the practices of the night.

It’s time to take a stand, to quit straddling the fence, and start calling evil –evil and good—good! Let’s live by Ephesians 5:11, “and do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness but instead even expose them”.

Remember The Hurricane Victims

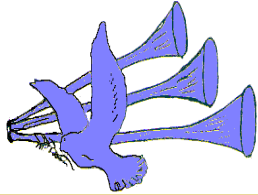
So many people in our state have lost everything they owned due to the hurricanes and floods that have hit our state. The first part of this newsletter was written before any of this happened and it has opened my eyes to just how crucial it is to be prepared not only for our own storms but for others. We must help in any way we can, and pray for these people that through this horrible devastation and problems that the love of people will draw many people to the Lord.

Remember, we are the hands, feet and voice of our Lord. We are the only Bible many people will look at. Are we living examples of Christian love or are we just a talker? Let us be doers of the Word and reach out and help our fellowman in a real time of need.

Our son and his family lost everything when giant trees fell through their house. They were not in it at the time, but the water damaged most of the things beyond reuse. He says God has been so real to them and He believes they will be better with everything than they were before. It has really changed their outlook on things and I know it will for other people. Ask the Lord to help you prepare to be used in others lives not only now but in the days to come. Our prayer should be, “God, use me in the lives of others to show your love and draw them to you”.



Allow God to use your hands to bless someone in the days to come
and in turn you will be blessed in the way you need it most.
Be His hands to extend love to someone everyday!

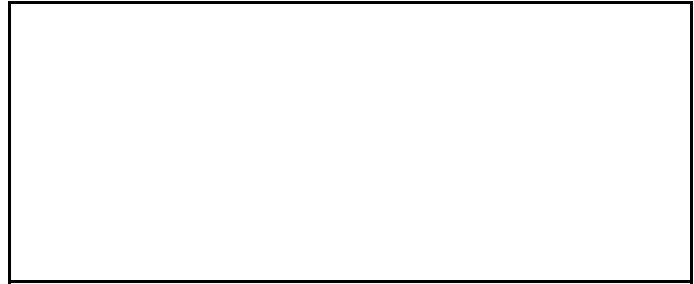


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God's Beauty Is All Around Us!

This is certainly a beautiful season. The trees and bushes take on a radiance of colors. The reds, yellows and orange make for a breathtaking sight as we look at what the Lord has done and nature obeys.

I always think of harvest time when I see these glorious colors. It's as if God has taken His paintbrush and stroked the most vivid colors He could on the canvas of our world. Each season is unique in its own way and yet reflects His glory and wonder. Should anyone ever doubt that God is always near, all we have to do is look at what He has done all around us. His wonders never cease and it seems each year as the seasons change the beauty becomes even more lovely.

Our God is a God of beauty and wonder. He is all we need and is ever present to meet our needs. In the coming days look around you and see His miraculous creation and be blessed.



His creation is awesome and He has put it all here for us to enjoy. Look to see the Lord in every beautiful leaf and flower your eyes behold. He Is There!