

A 2nd Word from the LORD on Covid-19

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As I may continue to receive words from the Lord to share with my Mission and the broader Church on the Covid-19 pandemic, I will put it on the Mission website for all who are interested to read. This is the 2nd word I received that followed on the 1st on 21 March 2020. If you have not read the 1st, please do so as it will make this follow up word clearer and more meaningful.

A 2nd Word for the Faithful on earth

As our Lord uses Covid-19 to purify and purge His Church and judge the world, He prompts me to share from Scripture His protection over the faithful on earth. This word applies to this outbreak and to any future act of God to purify His Church and judge the world. Yes, we will get pass Covid-19. But as we are in the last days, and as Christ' return is ever nearer, we can expect that there will be other acts of God after it. It may be pestilence, disease, natural disasters, war, social upheavals, whether from nature, or from humankind, from nations or society. This is why the following guidance from Scripture is vital for the faithful:

God has long ago given His model of protection for His faithful on earth in the event of His judgement on the earth. It is in how He sent the Ten Plagues against Egypt while the Israelites were still in Egypt. In the Book of Exodus, Egypt represents the world that is under God's judgement. Israel in Egypt represents the faithful People of God on earth, which is the faithful Church on earth today. Just as God kept the Israelites in the Egypt of that time safe, even in the midst of the Ten Plagues, so God will keep His faithful Church safe, even in the midst of His judgement on the world in our time.

Guiding Principles for our Time

Here are Scriptures that guide us as to how to stand under our God's cover today:

Live & Act by Faith In Christ!

Romans 1:16-17 (bold emphasis mine)

For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the **power** of God for salvation to everyone who believes ... "The righteous shall live by **faith**".

Hebrews 11:6

And without faith, it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.

Standing in faith in Christ is our cover! We are called to seek Him first above all, every step of the way. For every church, every Christian organisation, every Christian leader at every level and in every sphere of life - not just in Church, but in families, in business, in politics, in government, in all areas of society - and for every Christian, we need to seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33) to hear and do His will.

Continue to Assemble & Worship as His People

Hebrews 10:23-25

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Matthew 18:20 (bold emphasis mine)

For where **two or three** are gathered together in **My Name**, there am I among them.

The application from these verses for our situation is

- do NOT stop gathering together IN CHRIST'S NAME - not for socials, not for fun, but to honour Him as an act of worship from our heart as His People
- we do NOT need big gatherings or huge events to do this; even 2 or 3, in so far as we do so in worship, meets His approve and has His presence
- the use of the web and the internet and electronic means to do this is an extension of - **but not a total substitute** for - how to meet to honour Him, especially to hear Him and obey
- take into account governmental and leadership measures and counsel, for the Lord may use these to guide us; but these are not substitutes for seeking to receive from the Lord His leading for us; if such measures contradict Scripture or the specific leadings of the Spirit - such as to stop true worship, or to stop true witness for Christ, the Lord comes first (Acts 4:17-20); we need then to pay the cost of discipleship for obeying Him. We need to seek His guidance and strength to do so.

Are you Shakeable or Unshakable?

Hebrews 12:26-29

"Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." ... 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.

Be honest now. How has this Covid-19 pandemic shaken you? May you seek the Lord that He may shake out of you all that is shakeable and put in you what is from Him that cannot be shaken! Any dishonesty or self-deception on our part is our resisting what He wants to do in us His Church. Admit to yourself and to Him. Repent of these and seek His forgiveness. He will strengthen you with what is unshakable. Being able to stand in faith in Him, to hear Him and obey, be it Scripture, or the current leadings from the Spirit, is how we stand on the Unshakable. This heaven and this earth will pass away. But not one iota or one dot of His Word will pass away until all is fulfilled (Matthew 5:18). He and His Word is our eternal Rock.

May the Lord so lead and enable us as His faithful to do His bidding, according to this word of guidance. HALLELUJAH! AMEN!

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