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As we move closer and closer to the end of 2020, an election year, wouldn't it be encouraging if our leaders showed true understanding of the times? How desperately we need leaders today who are spiritual "sons of Issachar," truly understanding today's times [the **beginning of sorrow**]!

It was said that all these brethren followed their leaders in turning to David. The reason for their unanimity in this decision was that these leaders "had **understanding of the times**, to know what Israel ought to do." ("*And of the children of Issachar; which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment.*" (1 Chronicles 12:32 KJV).

There are signs being shown today, that need our understanding, they reveal what we should do, even what we should watch for. This October issue of the JAMES DAVIS, EML Newsletter, is on "**UNDERSTANDING THE TIMES.**" "**Look Up, For Our Redemption Draweth nigh**" (Luke 21:28):

PRAY FOR AMERICANS, VOTING IS OUR RIGHT!

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WHERE GOD GUIDES, GOD WILL PROVIDE!"

Financial Support is Urgently Needed!

THE DOOR POST SCRIPTURE:

"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf." (Hebrews 6:19-20 NIV).

"THE MOTTO: "FAITH IT, 'TIL WE MAKE IT!"



THE DOOR POST James Davis EML Newsletter ▪ Third Year

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"UNDERSTANDING THE TIMES:" is recognizing that our times are moving forward from "Grace and Mercy" to the second coming of the **Son of Man**, the **Rapture** and **Final Judgment**. As in Noah's time, we see people today living for pleasure. Many signs in this time of pandemic has surprised and caught all of us unaware with feelings of wondering "what will tomorrow bring." It is not for us to know the time of judgment, because Jesus said, it is more urgent that we proceed to **witness** for Him "unto the uttermost part of the earth," (Acts 1:7-8). Nevertheless, when we see all these signs we are to expect His return to earth in some generation, and understand that "it is near, even at the doors" (Matthew 24:33).

WE SHOULD NEVER ATTEMPT TO KNOW THE DATE: but we are to understand by seeing signs that these things have begun to come to pass" (C Luke 21:28) now. The signs are everywhere today, yet few of our leaders—even Christian politicians—seem to understand the real meaning of these times. Jesus Christ is at the door!" Just like Noah warned, we have been warned of the coming Son of Man and coming Judgment [coming death].

THE "TAKEN AWAY" WILL DIE: Those left will remain alive. This is not a description of the Rapture. Judgment occurs **after** the Second Coming of Christ, **after** He victoriously wins the battle of Armageddon (v 31). All nations will be gathered before Jesus. The goats and Sheep will be separated. **Then** Judgment follows. This judgment determines who will enter the millennial Kingdom described in Revelation 20:4-6. Who will be left on the earth and enter the millennial kingdom? The answer is Christians. Believers are figuratively referred to as sheep who will enter (C Matthew 25:31-34). Realize a thief doesn't take what is His (C Matthew 24:36-44 ESV). It seems Jesus is telling His disciples [us] to be ready and watchful over ourselves so that we remain here, as His, and not suffer loss on the day that He returns.

THE PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS: reinforces the call for readiness in the face of the uncertain time of the second "coming." This is a "watching the times" parable about women. The same point is made in both the preceding parables about men and also in the Lost Coin (C Matthew 25, 13:24-30 KJV).

LOVE, MERCY, AND COMPASSION: are the marks of God's Kingdom. As followers of Jesus, we have a choice of how we respond to "understanding the times." Will it be with love and hope or fear and withdrawal (Matthew 25:40 KJV)?

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SEEK KINGDOM VISION:
"UNDERSTANDING THE TIMES!"
Pastor Eugene Collins, III

- * **TODAY'S TIMES:** sometime take its toll, we feel like the enemy is winning. Intense emotions require us to seek God's face for relief and revival. Psalms 119 (KJV) provide a concise remedy we believers need to understand the times.
- * **Open Confession and Supplication:** "I have declared my ways, ...hearest me" (v.26).
- * **Clear Request For Understanding:** "Teach me thy statutes, Make me to understand the way of thy precepts" (vv. 26-27).
- * **Reaffirmation For Personal Witness:** "So shall I talk of thy wondrous works" (v.27).
- * **Bold Request To Gain Victory Over Habitual Sin:** "Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me thy law graciously" (V.29).
- * **Expectant Promise For Future Lifestyle Of Holiness:** "I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart" (v.31).

But understanding the times assumes our own deep desire is to live in accordance with God's Word. God will enlarge hearts. **Seek Him!**

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ARE WE OUT OF OUR MINDS? "THE DOOR POST" Feature Article

DOING THE FATHER'S WILL!

Perhaps today's signs of the times make us feel like God doesn't understand what we are going through. Why are we feeling so downhearted about how other folks are behaving during this pandemic. As we experience these signs of the times when unprecedented deaths are still occurring worldwide from COVID-19 (USA leading in cases and deaths). We see too often, news about unjustified deaths of our Black, Brown, and Yellow children; fires, hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, and public mail boxes destroyed, all in an election year. Saints think and ask, "are we out of our minds?" Mark tells us that when Jesus' parent found Him teaching, they sent a message inside to say, "we are looking for You." Jesus' response was perhaps confusing at first:

CELEBRATION OF LIFE:



"Who are my mother and brothers? ... Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother" Can we imagine Mary, processing this? Her heart must have been wrenched (C Luke 1:31-35 NIV)! The family doesn't understand, so they think Jesus is "our of His mind" (Mark 3:21 NIV)! But Jesus' answer shows us, once again, the kind of living we are call to do.

JESUS CALLS US TO: focus on the will of the Father. When we feel confused, perhaps we have replaced the Father's will with our own wills. But like Jesus, we are called to serve God first, even when others think we are out of our minds.

Believers: don't be confused, just **trust**, be **faithful** and **serve** GOD first. The Lord will help us know His will for our lives; even now, and will grant us the courage to live for Him.

Happy Birthday!

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HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY TO ALL!



THINK IMAGE: "Understanding the times:" calls for Revival through HIS Word. Sometimes this Christian battle takes its toll on us, and at weak points we feel like the enemy is winning. We can feel like our soul "melteth for heaviness" (Psalm 119:28). Many scriptures share these intense emotions and seek God's face for relief and revival. The following verses provide a concise remedy that every Christian needs sometimes.

PONDER THIS IMAGE:
Revived By The WORD!

- Jesus will sustain us (C Ps. 55:22).
- God's peace will guard our hearts (C Phil. 4:7).
- He delights over us with singing (C Zeph. 3:17).
- God will instruct us and teach us in the way we should go (C Ps. 32:8).
- He is our refuge and strength, our help in [these] times of need (C Ps. 46:1).
- In all things we're more than conquerors because God loves us (C Romans 8:37-39).
- He will never leave or forsake us (C Deut. 31:6).
- God's perfect love casts out all of our fears (C 1 John 4:18).
- Nothing can separate us from God's love (C Phil. 1:6).

God's not done with us, God's not done with us, God's not done with us!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY To All CELEBRATING Their Marriage In The Month of OCTOBER!