

# Scriptural Truths

## E-Mail Meditations

The Lord Will Come . . . Perhaps Today . . . Behold, I Come Quickly . . . Rev. 22:7

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### How Much?

July 26th, 2024 the Olympic Games opened in France. It was a display of corruption spewing like a volcano, but to the imagined freedoms of man, it was a wonderful love. From God's moral Absoluteness, it was a blatant display of defiant ungodliness and a manifestation of things to come.

While thousands watched the shameless display, the judgment of God had given them up and over to a reprobate mind (Rom. 1:24, 26, 28). It was concerning such souls that was written. Paris put on the most flamboyant and diversity-celebrating of opening ceremonies. Paris didn't just push the envelope, it did away with it entirely as it hammered home a message that freedom must know no bounds.

A practically naked singer painted blue made thinly veiled references to his body parts. Blonde-bearded drag queen crawled on all fours to the thumping beat of, "Freed From Desire" by singer-songwriter Gala who has long been a voice against homophobia. The Last Supper was mocked in a blasphemous display of satanically blinded trans men and things which were too immoral to show on TV were cut out.

The questions are:

1. How long before God will tolerate man's idolatry and blasphemy before His fury strikes?
2. How much longer can He let the lovely Person of the Lord and the sacred ordinance of the Last Supper be openly blasphemed?

The scriptures inform us that the whole world lieth in wickedness (1 Jn. 5:19). The Greek indicates the entire world of humanity lies like a sleeping child in the arms of a mother. The child is unconcerned and unaware of what is really happening outside the fact it is being cuddled by mom. So Satan is soothing man and immunizing him from eternal realities, captivating their senses by sports, vulgarity, entertainment and debased comedy.

One can be sure there was no thought of God in their minds as they celebrated moral corruption. Yet, at that moment, the coach of the Samoan Boxing team suddenly took a heart attack and died. Amid the revelry they were unaware death was about to strike.

The earthly population is fast approaching the day when these things will be normal, for the days of Noah and Lot have not yet arrived (Lk. 17:26-29). The first major act of God in judgment will be when there arises from a corrupt world a man called, "the man of sin" (2 Thess. 2:3). He will be the personification of the multiple debasements of sin. The scripture informs its readers that he will not have the desire of women (Dan. 11:37), loyalty to Satan will be such that almost all of humanity will be Satanists worshipping Satan. Christians will be hated and slaughtered by beheading (Rev. 20:4) and the hatred of Jews will be intense.

When man thinks he is in control, then in judgement man will have less curtailment by the Holy Spirit and there will be slaughter, famine, and people killed by wild beasts (Rev. 6:4-8) as never before.

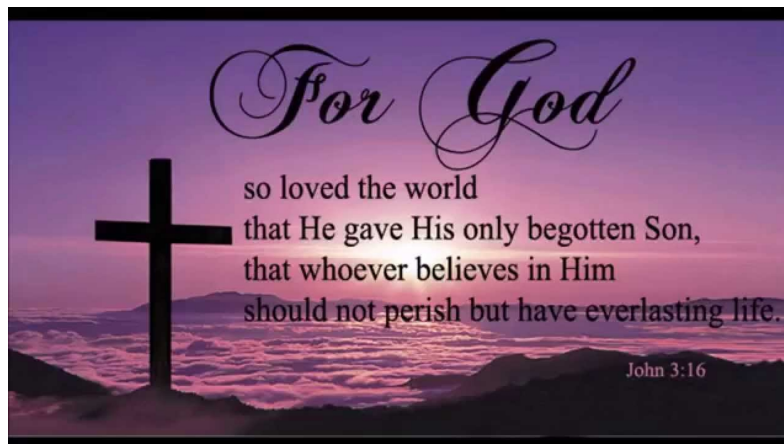
I ask, "Why does God not immediately punish such evil-doers, such blasphemers and mockers of His Son?" The scriptures supply the answer. God is longsuffering, "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Pet. 3:9). The Epistle of Jude answers the question, "Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him" (Jude 1:14-16).

When the longsuffering of God has waited until there is not an individual in the world who is interested in God's salvation, we read, "When the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power" (2 Thess. 7:1-9). God does not make threats but promises, and He said, "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord" (Rom. 12:19).

Had the people at Jasper known there would be a fire and their homes burnt to the ground, would they have been concerned about the repainting of a room or pruning the flowers, or would they have been preparing to get out of there as quickly as possible? I am sure the roads to Calgary and Edmonton would have been filled with cars, trucks, motorbikes, and anything that would get them away from the imminent danger. Only a fool would have waited despite the warnings and foolishly believed they could escape. It was either get out or face a dreadful death, it was either a turn from your home or burn in the fire.

God gives us warning and has written, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" (Heb. 2:3). God has made a way of escape from the frightening dread of Hell which is total abandonment by God. No more drugs, booze, parties, but unspeakable pain and sorrow. No tears but deep wailing, and the awareness of black hopelessness forever more.

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