

Week of August 2

Seeing the Spiritual Scene behind the World Situation

“And he said to me, Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand this matter..., your words were heard; and I have come because of your words.” (Dan. 10:12)

“Epaphras, who is one of you, a slave of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God.” (Col. 4:12)

The spiritual scene in Daniel 10 includes both good and evil spirits that are engaged in an invisible spiritual war. While Daniel was praying, a spiritual struggle was taking place in the air between two spirits, one belonging to Satan and the other belonging to God. It is crucial for us to see that behind the scene a spiritual struggle is taking place, a struggle not seen with human eyes. As the struggles are taking place between the human governments, God is behind the scene managing the world situation. (*A Timely Word*, msg. 2, II.B-C)

Pray that the saints would be empowered in the Lord and in the might of His strength to be able to stand in the battle against all the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenlies. (*Beseeching.org*, Day 34)

Pray that we will see a spiritual vision of the throne of God as the center of God’s administration throughout the universe and see the ruling of the heavens by the God of the heavens over all human government on earth to match the eternal economy of God for Christ to do two great things: (1) to terminate the old creation for the germination of the new creation through His first coming, and (2) to smash and crush the aggregate of human government and establish the eternal kingdom of God in His second coming. (*Beseeching.org*, Day 4)

Oak Glen

The Apple Fire is currently burning near our conference center in Oak Glen. The property is now included in the mandatory evacuation zone and all of the saints living on the property have moved off the mountain. Initially, the wind caused the fire to burn away from the conference center, but changing winds over the weekend have caused the fire to progress slowly towards it. We ask that the churches would pray for the Lord to protect His interest at the conference center and that the fire would be kept away and be brought under control by the fire crews.

Bibles for America

Bibles for America has been collecting survey responses from those who order a Bible or download a ministry book. This will help us refine our marketing strategy and reach more young people between the ages of 18 and 24. We’re also producing short gospel videos to post on social media that will hopefully capture the attention of young seekers.

Please pray for our new content and the fine-tuning of our marketing. Pray that more young seekers would find our blog posts, videos, podcast episodes, and, most importantly, would order a free copy of the NT Recovery Version.

Kyrgyzstan

Many saints in Kyrgyzstan, including most of the leading brothers, have contracted coronavirus infections. This has affected not only their health but also their ability to earn a living. Please pray that all their needs will be met and that the Lord will sustain the churches in that country, which are crucial to His testimony in Central Asia.

Prayer for the Current Situation

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States and around the globe, please pray:

1. For the Lord to protect all His interests on earth, including the saints and the churches;
2. For the saints and churches to be open to what the Lord will accomplish during this time;
3. For the saints to persevere in prayer for the Lord’s final move to end this age; and
4. For the gospel of the kingdom to be proclaimed and the hearts of many men to be open to receive it.

Announcements

1. **Morning Revival:** week 2 of *A Timely Word Concerning the World Situation and the Lord's Recovery* (Memorial Day Conference).
2. **Labor Day Weekend Blending Conference:** The churches in the entire state of California will blend together in an online conference from September 4 to 6. There will be four meetings. Details regarding the schedule and the way to join will be announced in the coming weeks..
3. **Interim Instructions for Giving:** Since our meeting halls are still closed, instructions for where to mail checks and options for online giving, which now includes Zelle, are at www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings.
4. **Guidelines for in-person group meetings** are posted at www.churchinlosangeles.org/covid19. We will proceed slowly, cautiously, in loving care for one another.

Online Resources

1. **The Church in Los Angeles** has a YouTube channel to show videos from recent gatherings, such as gospel meetings and midweek perfecting fellowships. youtube.com/churchinlosangeles
2. **A Timely Word of Supply** to meet the present need from messages given by Brother Lee is posted each week on LSM's website. www.lsm.org/timely-speaking.html
3. **GTCA** updates ongoing burdens about the ten target cities for migration this year. gtca.us
4. **The Bible Tells Me So** is posting daily videos on weekdays to help foster a "Family Time" in each household. www.thebibletellsmeso.com/familytime
5. **LSM Christian Radio** broadcasts hymns and messages 24 hours each day. lsmchristianradio.com
6. **Bibles for America** has easy-to-use resources for telling people about God's salvation. gospel.biblesforamerica.org (English) and gospel.bfa.org/es (Español)
7. **Living to Him** provides a forum for helping young working saints to practically enter into a vital living for the building up of the Body of Christ. livingtohim.com
8. **Shepherding Words** addresses critical issues facing the Lord's recovery. shepherdingwords.com