

Why The Last Days are Dangerous!

KJV 2 Timothy 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

The word **perilous** is also defined as “*violent, difficult, and dangerous*”!

What makes The Last Days different than any other time in human history?

The answer is mankind’s rejection of God and His ways!

KJV Haggai 1:5 Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.

6 *You have sown much, and harvested little. You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes.*

7 *Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.*

8 *Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may be glorified, says the LORD.*

God says when people spend most of their time making themselves happy building their lives instead of The Kingdom it causes problems!

Building a house for God is more than building church buildings and ministries, its building the family of God.

It’s building the people of God who make up the family of God!

Haggai 1:9 You looked for much, and behold, it came to little. And when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why? declares the LORD of hosts. Because of my house that lies in ruins, while each of you busies himself with his own house.

10 *Therefore the heavens above you have withheld the dew, and the earth has withheld its produce.*

11 *I called for a drought on the land, the hills, and on the grain, the new wine, the olive oil, and whatever the ground produces, on humans and animals, and on all your hard work."*

God called for a draught upon His people, not the world!

Times got hard for the people of God because of **their ways!**

The word **consider** means “to make a careful examination and not ignore the facts” in this case examine how we’ve been living and by whose **standards** we measure ourselves?

Isaiah 1:18 "Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

19 If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;

20 But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

God says for us to be **reasonable** and **consider** our ways, to carefully look at what we’re doing and how we’re living.

To sit down with God (The Word) and **discuss** our condition considering God’s promises and find out why we keep falling short of the glory?

Why our families, homes, schools, churches, and cities look as they do?

Why don’t we look like God is in our midst?

Why is crime, unemployment, violence, and division all around us?

The apostle Paul tells us plainly:

2 Timothy 3:2 People will be selfish and love money. They will brag, be arrogant, and use abusive language. They will curse their parents, show no gratitude, have no respect for what is holy,

3 and lack normal affection for their families. They will refuse to make peace with anyone. They will be slanderous, lack self-control, be brutal, and have no love for what is good.

4 They will be traitors. They will be reckless and conceited. They will love pleasure rather than God.

If we look carefully at these scriptures, it’s obvious **our ways** are the problem, **not God’s ways**.

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Matthew 23:37 "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you kill the prophets and stone to death those sent to you! How often I wanted to gather your children

together the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings! But you were not willing!

Jesus said He wanted to gather His people together and cover them with His love, but **they were not willing!**

The Last Days are filled with people even so-called believers who **love themselves more than they love God!**

People who love themselves more than God are **dangerous, difficult, and violent people.**

It's **selfish people** who love **only** themselves that make it dangerous!

Again **perilous** can be defined as *“violent, difficult and dangerous.”!*

What is the opposite of **violent**—**peaceful, calmness, and relaxed?**

What is the opposite of **difficult**—**easy, effortless, and leisurely?**

What is the opposite of **danger**—**safety, security, and protection?**

Self-love is dangerous because as it increases it leaves **no room** for the love of anyone or anything else.

In *Matthew 24:12* Jesus said, *“because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold”*. Laws are made to protect everyone equally, when laws are found to be **unjust** people rebel.

This is exactly what's happening today!

Proverbs 11:10 When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth: and when the wicked perish, there is shouting.

KJV Proverbs 29:2 When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.

ESV Proverbs 28:12 When the righteous triumph, there is great glory, but when the wicked rise, people hide themselves.

It's clear from the scriptures what **righteousness** does to society, it makes people, communities, and cities safe, peaceful, and prosperous.

However, **righteousness** is defined by God and not the people!

Psalm 35:24 Judge me, O LORD my God, according to thy righteousness; and let them not rejoice over me.

David asks God to “*shaphat*” **govern** his life by God’s standard of righteousness and don’t let the wicked rejoice over him.

David asked God to **vindicate** (**avenge and clear his name**) of the lies and misconceptions people have of him and fulfill his promises!

I believe God is **vindicating** people who have been wrongfully judged and prosecuted. People who have had opportunities stolen from them because of the **systematic selfishness** of the ruling class.

David says The LORD rewarded him by delivering him from all his enemies because David lived **righteous** before God and the people.

KJV Psalm 18:1 <To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, the servant of the LORD, who spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the **day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies**, and from the hand of Saul: And he said,> *I will love thee, O LORD, my strength.*

- *David said in vs 17 his enemies were too strong for him.*
- *They confronted him on the day of his calamity, but God defended him. They said David’s faith in God was meaningless!*
- *God brought David out of a tight place into a large place and rescued him because God was pleased with him.*

Psalm 18:20 The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.

David said The LORD “*gamal*” **rewarded** him for **his righteousness!**

Gamal means “**to deal bountifully with, to blessed mightily, and repay fully and gloriously.**”

A Prayer for The Righteous

*KJV Numbers 6:24 The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:
25 the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
26 the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

May The LORD your God deal bountifully with you,

May He bless the work of your hands and give you the desires of your heart.

May The LORD your God keep you in all of your ways.

May all your enemies be defeated and taken out of circulation.

May all injustice toward you turn in your favor!

May The LORD your God frustrate those who scheme against you, may their thoughts and plans fail; and may all your plans succeed!

May those that hate you repent, and learn to call you friend!

May your righteous life be a testimony to all who hate God, may The Blessing of The LORD overtake you in this season and every seed you sow bring forth a mighty harvest for the glory of God.

May The LORD your God repay you for your righteous labor in His Kingdom, may you be rewarded for your consistent stand for his Name.

May your enemies who won't repent be rewarded for their attacks against you, may they decrease as you increase.

May they grow weary, frustrated, confused and fight against each other as they grow weaker and weaker.

While you increase in favor with God and man growing in wisdom, knowledge, understanding and strength in every way.

May The Last Days be your best days because The LORD your God, who is your Father *never* takes His eyes off the righteous He seats them on thrones with kings to honor them forever (Job 36:7).