

20 May 24 - "The Coronavirus Pandemic: "Getting ME RIGHT So WE can get the WORLD RIGHT, through Belief, Dependence, Faith, and Trust in the INCOMPARABLE, UNPARALLELED, QUINTESSENTIAL GOD OF THE UNIVERSE"[BSG]

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BACKGROUND:

The situation in the world today since approximately March 2020 - has prompted me to recap information previously in January – beginning with the Season emphasis, **"THE SEASON OF FIRST BEGINNINGS."** As you can witness, circumstances ushering in the this new **"DECADE OF THE 20s"** has certainly brought in something new for the **"WHOLE, ENTIRE WORLD – "THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC,"** also known as **"COVID-19."** To date, this virus is so new that **NO ONE [but GOD]** knows its origination/beginnings, nor its cure, nor its ability for travel any distance it desires, nor the part of the body it wants to attack (Last night I heard a man say it believed the virus entered through his eyes.) Just before that, the belief was that young children would not be harmed - **but** observe what has now happened to children. This concerns parents who were planning to re-enter the workplace, but now cannot because of fear for their children. No one has any idea the length of time this virus will be on the world's scene – possibly developing into **"A NEW NORMAL"** for the entire world.

Early on this year's website posts were these writings: 1) **"You are More than A Friend, You are My Brother; You are My Sister;"** 2) **"MY TRIPLE-DOWN EFFECT;"** and 3) **"WILT THOU BE MADE WHOLE - A Three-Part Trajectory, emphasizing THE BODY, THE SOUL, and THE SPIRIT."** At that time, I did not know the reason for which these were written. I stated; however, 1) that topics might not "flow" in a sequential manner as I would desire; rather topics/readings might have to "Jump back and forth." 2) Also, much more reading would be required than in previous years. In fact, The Introduction to **"LMMI's SCHEDULE OF TOPICS for 2020 by SEASONS,"** stated the following **NOTE: "At times, you will notice an overlap of topics to read and study. REASON: The urgency of our time on earth requires the urgency of becoming, then remaining saved until the Coming of JESUS CHRIST; such urgency requires even much time in the WORD OF GOD (THE HOLY BIBLE). After re-reading the previous information, I now have the answer to these 2 points: "Time and the World are "very swiftly passing." We do not have time to wait for anything, "But of that and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven..."(Matthew 24:36) (No one has to tell you this; you see and hear of it EVERY DAY when news reports tell you how many from your city/count have died from COVID-19, alone – not counting persons who died of natural causes nor other causes. MAKES YOU THINK, DOESN'T IT?**

LMMI is here – as an **"ON-LINE MINISTRY"** to help you be ready for whenever/however **GOD** would have you leave this earth to spend your eternity somewhere. While your body has breath, you have 2 choices for your life after this one ON EARTH. Which will you choose?

INTRODUCTION:

For these reasons, it is highly essential that we continue to deliberately reiterate, while moving forward, certain, selected topics/reasons.

Coincidentally, the up-coming topics will place us right in the moment of time we need them for THIS EXACT MOMENT OF TIME IN WHICH WE ARE PRESENTLY LIVING – subliminally dealing with many facets of a person from a Biblical Spiritual, overlapping aspect – addressing selected physical/natural, mental, emotional, financial, social, and educational, financial aspects AND NOT from a legal aspect, AS WE ARE NEITHER ATTORNEYS NOR LAWYERS)

One of our major **POINTS OF EMPHASIS** for this year:

If there were ever a time we need to think about what will happen after our death -unless we are alive when Jesus Christ returns (I Thessalonians 4:17) - the time is **NOW** – beginning **TODAY!** The of the Coronavirus Pandemic readily attests to this. We need **GOD** to help us AND **HE** is here for us, even as **HE** said in Hebrews 13:5. “*I will never leave you nor forsake you.*” Unless we take **HIM** at HIS Word, **OBEY HIM** and **KEEP HIS WORD** of every command, we are doomed to spend our eternity “*in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone.*” (Revelation 21:8) **BUT! HOLD ON!** There is **HOPE** for us in **Jesus Christ!!** Our lives can end on a good note - if we are prepared to enter into eternal/everlasting life with **Jesus Christ!!**

Questions:

What does it mean to be saved? How can we become saved? How can we remain saved?

Answers:

By **Listening to**, then **Obeying the WORD of GOD (The Holy Bible)**– in every aspect. (To **Obey** means to **DO** the **WILL of GOD**, for it is the **WILL of GOD** that “we might be saved.”(I Timothy 2:3-4) We **DO HIS Will** by **listening to the Voice of GOD through HIS Word. LISTENING** leads to **Obeying/DOING GOD’s WORD. GOD’s WORD** contains **HIS Commandments for our lives.** The Bible says, “**If we LOVE GOD, we will KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS.**” (I John 5:3):

- 1) **HIS Commandments of Becoming Saved** contain these Steps to Salvation. (Acts 2:38):
“*Then Peter said unto them, [1] **REPENT**, [2] and **BE BAPTIZED [Who?] everyone of you [How?] IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST [Why?] for the remission of sins, [3] and **YE SHALL RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST.** For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to those who are afar off, even as many as the LORD our GOD shall call. [What promise? the promise of the Holy Ghost]***”

2) **HIS COMMANDMENTS of Staying/Keeping/Remaining Saved** contain information needed for **NOT sinning**, nor even **Practicing sin** through the elements of **“PUTTING GOD FIRST**1) Thinking; 2) Saying, and Doing GODLY/RIGHTEOUS THINGS.”

(1 John 3:4-10; Hebrews 10:26; James 4:17)

QUESTION: What does it mean by “PUTTING GOD FIRST”?

For anyone/everyone, GOD should always be placed first 1) in what you THINK; in what you SAY; 30 IN WHAT YOU do/your ACTIONS. After some “practice,” you will have gotten your mind disciplined to “the things/items” you need to remember each day – in every aspect of your life. Intime, **“Putting GOD first”** will become a part of your daily routine!-

A FEW SELECTED FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES:

*“In the beginning, **GOD** created the heavens and the earth.”* (Genesis 1:1)

*“Thou shalt have **NO** other god before **ME**.”* (Exodus 20:3)

*“But seek ye **FIRST** the Kingdom of **GOD**, and **HIS** Righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”* (Matthew 6:33)

*“And thou shalt **LOVE** the **LORD thy GOD** with all thy **Heart**, and with all thy **SOUL**, and with all thy **Mind**, and with all thy **Strength**: **this is the FIRST COMMANDMENT.**”* (Mark 12:30)

*“If ye then be risen with **CHRIST**, seek those things which are above, where **CHRIST** sitteth on the right hand of **GOD**.”* (Colossians 3:1)

GOAL: To be READY FOR HEAVEN – **TODAY!** through reading **THE HOLY BIBLE** (focus: New Testament), then making personal application in OBEDIENCE to GOD’s WORD by living a GODLY/RIGHTEOUS Life.

(Scriptures are from the KJV Version of the Bible. (For easier reading, incorporate the following Bible apps into your readings: 1) YouVersion: KJV, first, then use the NKJV, AMP/AMPC, NLT, .) 2) Bible Commentaries, as the Bible Hub Commentaries; Dictionary/Thesaurus [for synonyms]; etc..

PREMISE:

Throughout the Old Testament, people were constantly disobedient to God (exulting in Ungodly and Unrighteous living that resulted in dire consequences of bondage, famine, death, etc..

The same can happen with people who live that way today. On the other hand, persons who were (and are) **OBEDIENT to God (living GODLY/ RIGHTEOUSLY)** had/HAVE good consequences of having their **NAMES recorded in HEAVEN – to live in HEAVEN FOR ETERNITY (HEBREWS 11 [OUR NAMES CAN BE WRITTEN IN HEAVEN FOR ETERNAL LIFE, AS WELL.]**)

Everything one sees or hears in today's world reflects signs of the coming of Jesus Christ. For those who are saved (depicting Godliness/Righteousness in Obedience to God's Word – not forsaking the Holy Scriptures that state we **MUST** live a **GODLY/RIGHTEOUS** Life. Ephesians 5:27 states: *“That **HE** [Jesus Christ] might present it to **HIMSELF** a glorious church, **NOT** having spot or wrinkle, or **any such thing**; but it **SHOULD BE** holy and without blemish”*) – regardless of your own personal interpretation of these words. (Even the old adage of an Ivory soap commercial many years ago that claimed it was “99 and 44% pure” will not work nor qualify one to have eternal life with Jesus Christ - the same applies to any person who thinks he/she will live eternally with Jesus Christ **with less than what is stated in Ephesians 5:27****, and who also believes **no one** can live a **HOLY** life. Again, what does the **Bible** say? Stated in I John 5:17, **“ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS IS SIN,”** summarized in Revelation 21:7-8, *“He that overcometh shall inherit all things;...But the **fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.**”* **WE'VE GOT TO BE READY FOR HEAVEN-TODAY!!**

****Other Scriptures regarding Ephesians 5:27:**

Holy – Leviticus 19:1-2; Romans 7:12; 12:1; I Peter 1:13-16; Revelation 22:11-12

Holiness – Ephesians 4:24; Hebrews 12:14; I Peter 2:9-10

Holy conversation, Godliness, Righteousness, Spot, Blameless– II Peter 3:11

Blame, Blameless - Ephesians 1:4; I Corinthians 1:8; Colossians 1:22

Would you agree that **GOD** would **be UNfair** to allow **any** form of UNgodliness/
Unrighteousness (of less than 100%) to enter **HIS DOMAIN**? **If this were the case, then there would be NO need for Hell , Fire, and Brimstone.**

BUT – hold on! There is reprieve! **When you DO sin, do these:**

#1: CONFESS your sins to **GOD**. [I John 1:9 states, “*If we confess our sins, **HE** is faithful and just to **FORGIVE** us of our sins, and to cleanse us from **ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.**”*”

#2: REPENT of your sins. [“**TURN around** 180 degrees from your sin.]

- a) Again, read **I John 1:9**.
- b) Re-read **Acts 2:38** [page 1]
- c) **Micah 7:18-19**: “*Who is **GOD** like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of **HIS** Heritage? **HE** retaineth not **HIS** anger for ever, because **HE** delighteth in Mercy. **HE** will turn again, **HE** will have compassion upon us: **HE** will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.”*
- d) **Hebrews 12:1**: “*Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, **let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us...**”[Also, read verse 2]*
- e) **II Peter 3:9**: “*The **LORD** is not slack concerning **HIS** promise, as some men count darkness; but it is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”*
- f) **Hebrews 8:12**: “*For **I** will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins will **I** remember no more.”*
- g) **John 2:1-2**: “*My little children, these things write I unto you , that And **HE** is the propitiation for our sins, **that YE SIN NOT. And IF ANY MAN SIN, WE HAVE AN ADVOCATE WITH THE FATHER, JESUS CHRIST, THE RIGHTEOUS: AND HE IS THE PROPITIATION FOR OUR SINS: AND NOT FOR OUR SINS ONLY, BUT ALSO FOR THE SINS OF THE WHOLE WORLD.**”*
The **New Living Bible** translates these verses thusly: “*My little children, I am writing to you so that you **WILL NOT SIN, BUT** if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. **HE is Jesus Christ the One who is TRULY RIGHTEOUS.**”*

- h) **Psalm 103:8-12**: “The **LORD** is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. **HE** will not chide : neither will **HE** keep **HIS** anger for ever. **HE** hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is **HIS** mercy toward the that fear **HIM**. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath **HE** removed our transgressions from us.”] **NOW**, read ALL of Psalm 103, for it will surely and truly **BLESS** your Soul!!]

#3: DO NOT REVERT TO COMMITTING THIS SIN, AND ESPECIALLY NOT *PRACTICING THIS, NOR ANY SIN* [*habitually SAYING wrong things , THINKING wrongly, or DOING wrongly*] your former(habit-forming) sin(s) nor LIVING your former Ungodly/Unrighteous lifestyle(s), for JESUS has forgiven you of your sins.. Only *you* can recall it to begin **PRACTICING [repeating the “thing”] that God has forgiven you of. If you do Practice Sin [repeat sin], you are on very dangerous ground.**

Remember:

- 1) **GOD LOVES YOU**, for John 3:16 states, “For **GOD** so loved the **WORLD**, that **HE** gave **HIS only begotten Son**, that whosoever **BELIEVETH* ON HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, but HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.**” **Remember:** Hell was not designed for you; it was actually designed and prepared for the devil and his angels. (Matthew 25:41) **REMEMBER:** People have a **CHOICE** of where they want to spend Eternity; **GOD** will never force anyone to go to Heaven or Hell; this would be unfair for **HIM** to do so.
- 2)***BELIEVETH on HIM** -in John 3:16- means to **DO, SAY, THINK** what **HE** commands us-to **DO, SAY, THINK** what is in **HIS WORD**. **HIS WORD** is the **HOLY BIBLE**. **HIS HOLY BIBLE** contains what **HE** commands/demands of us in full **OBEDIENCE** to **HIM**.
- 3)***JESUS** [in John 14:15, 23, 24] said, “**IF** you love me, keep my commandments. ...**IF** a man love **ME**, he will keep **MY WORDS**: and **MY** Father will love him, and **WE** will come unto him, and make **OUR** abode with him. **He that loveth ME nor keepeth not MY sayings: and the WORD** which you hear is not **MINE**, but the **FATHER’S** which sent **ME.**” What are some of these **WORDS/COMMANDMENTS** referenced *for us* by **JESUS CHRIST**? Some are known as “**THE TEN COMMANDMENTS,**” found in Exodus 20:1-17, and are summarized in Matthew 22:39, Mark 10:19 and Romans 13:9. **Others??**

Remember: The Purpose for this Series is to

“BE SURE YOU ARE READY FOR HEAVEN... TODAY!”

IMPLICATIONS/RESULTS/CONSEQUENCES:

GUESS WHAT? YOU DO HAVE A CHOICE!!

#1: OBEY GOD by living GODLY/RIGHTEOUSLY = Entering HEAVEN to spend an Everlasting Life (ETERNITY) with Jesus Christ!!!

Remember: *“In my Father’s House are many mansions...”* (John 14:2)

OR

#2: DISOBEY GOD by living Ungodly/UNrighteously = NOT entering Heaven to spend your eternal life with satan “in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone.” (Revelation 21:8 NKJV)

For these Readings, Sub-Themes/Topics are listed and are designed to give “Implicated Applications Essential for Your Eternal Life with Jesus Christ”:

A. With Interactive Implications -

- 1) For your own Personal Application/Assumptions/Presumptions, write what each Topic Means to/for You?
- 2) For Daily Implications and Impact, what are the Positive or Negative Consequences/Results for your Daily Living during each Season discussed?

Note: If you ***REALLY*** want to live eternally/everlastingly with Jesus Christ, you ***must adhere*** to what **HE** has outlined to us through **HIS** WORD. For this year’s study, we shall mainly focus on selected passages from the New Testament, though readings from the Old Testament will be used, as well.

From the Pauline Epistles (Letters)– those Books written by the Apostle Paul: Romans, I Corinthians, II Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, I Thessalonians, II Thessalonians, I Timothy, II Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews [accredited to Paul].

From the General Epistles (Letters) – books written by James, I Peter, II Peter, I John, II John, III John, Jude.

From the Book of the Revelation to John.

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