



“WHAT’S GOING ON?”

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Introduction

The world and our nation currently finds itself in a perplexing environment. Some people are perturbed because of the pandemic; some people are perplexed because of the protests; some people have become poisoned because of political practices, personalities, and propositions; and some have become paralyzed because of the predicaments. But whether it be the pandemic, the protests, the politics or the predicaments, the one question that the majority of people continue to raise is “what’s going on?” When we take the opportunity to read and review Isaiah Chapter 59, We realize that God has revealed to us what’s going on in this current environment. He points out that the world and especially this nation, is in the midst of conditions associated with and due to people having a fervency to participate in man’s social operating procedures instead of people having the faith to perfect our master’s spiritual operating procedure.

Isaiah 59:1

God Is The Always Available Remedy For What’s Going On In This Current Environment.

- The Lord’s hand is not so short that it cannot save, and His ear is not closed that it cannot hear.

Isaiah 59:2-8

God’s Retrospect Of What’s Going On In This Current Environment.

- People’s wrong-doings have kept them away from God;
- People’s sins have hidden God’s face from them, so that He does not hear.
- Peoples hands are sinful with blood, fingers with wrong-doing, lips have lied, and tongues talk about sin.
- No one wants what is right and fair in court. And no one argues his cause with the truth.
- People trust in what is false, and speak lies. They plan to make trouble and do what is sinful.
- People bring young ones from the eggs of deadly snakes and make traps as a spider does. The person who eats of their eggs dies, and a snake comes out of the egg that is crushed. Clothing cannot be made from the work of the spider, so they cannot cover themselves with what they make.
- The people’s works are works of sin. They hurt others with their hands. And they are quick to sin and to kill people who are not guilty. Their thoughts are thoughts of sin. Wherever they go, they destroy and cause suffering. 8 They know nothing about peace, and there is nothing fair in their paths. Their roads are not straight. Whoever walks on them does not know peace.”

Isaiah 59:9-15

The Repercussions For What’s Going On In This Current Environment

- What is right and fair is far from us. What is right and good does not come to us.
- We hope for light, but see darkness. We hope for bright light, but we walk in the dark.
- We feel for the wall like blind men. We feel our way like those who have no eyes.
- We trip at noon as in the night. Among those who are strong, we are like dead men.

- All of us make noise like bears, and cry inside ourselves like doves.
- We hope for what is right and fair, but it is not there.
- We hope to be saved, but it is far from us.
- We have done much wrong before God, and our sins speak against us.
- Our wrong-doing is with us, and we know our sins.
- We have gone against the Lord and have acted as if we do not know Him.
- We have turned away from our God. We have made it hard for others.
- We have thought and spoken lying words from the heart.
- What is right and fair is turned back. What is right and good stands far away.
- Truth has fallen in the street, and what is right cannot come in.
- Yes, truth is not there. And he who turns away from sin comes under the anger of sinners.”

Isaiah 59:16-18

God’s Review And Response Regarding What’s Going On In This Current Environment

- God saw that there was no one, God was appalled that there was no one to intervene;
- So God’s own arm achieved salvation for him, and his own righteousness sustained him.
- God put on righteousness as his breastplate, and the helmet of salvation on his head;
- God put on the garments of vengeance and wrapped himself in zeal as in a cloak.
- According to what they have done, so will God repay wrath to his enemies and retribution to his foes;
- God will repay the islands their due.

Isaiah 59:19

God’s Provides Reassurance Of A Rescue In The Midst Of What’s Going On In The Current Environment

- So shall they fear the name of the Lord From the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun.
- When The Enemy Shall Come In Like A Flood, The Spirit Of The Lord Shall Lift Up A Standard Against Him.

Isaiah 59:20

Repentance Is The Recourse For What’s Going On In This Current Environment

- The One who saves from the punishment of sin will come to Zion, and
- He will come to those of Jacob who turn from their sinful ways,” says the Lord.

Isaiah 59:21

God Has A Reward Reserved For Those Who Faithfully Perform According To His Word During What’s Going On In This Current Environment

- As for me, this is my covenant with them,” says the Lord. “My Spirit, who is on you, will not depart from you, and my words that I have put in your mouth will always be on your lips, on the lips of your children and on the lips of their descendants—from this time on and forever,” says the Lord.

The Conclusion And The Cure For This Current Environment

- We have the remedy in God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit
- We have reassurance in God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit
- We have repentance through God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit
- We have redemption through God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit
- We have a reserved reward from God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit