

The Invisible Snare

This is a last days warning for Jesus Lovers only.
One might read this first line and think to themselves
'wow', that sounds kinda cold.
What about the poor lost sinners?
Don't they deserve to be warned also?
Praise God, I'm glad you had that thought.
At least it proves that you do have concern for men's souls.
That is a step in the right direction.
The main reason for my saying that in the beginning
is simply this. Only those who truly love Jesus
will keep his commandments and only those who
are keeping his commandments will believe what
he said anyway. In these evil days in which we
find ourselves, 'only those' who love Jesus 'MORE'
than their own lives can survive.
As you will (hopefully) soon understand, this word
'survive' entails much more than one's physical life.
The part-timers and Lukewarm Christians
have 'little' to 'no chance' of survival.
Jesus used the words 'Great Tribulation'
and even went as far as to say that this
period of time will be greater than anytime before
OR, 'ever' will be again.
Please take a close look at Christians from
the early Church even unto our day.
Christians have been persecuted, maimed, hunted,
tortured, and murdered in every way
evil men can imagine.
Consider the Holocaust. There were more
Christians murdered than there were Jews.
Were all those things horrible ?
You better believe it.
Now look back at the words of Jesus
and see what he is really saying.
He warns us of a 'time' even 'more horrible'

than any of those just mentioned.
For any and all who claim Jesus as their Lord, my first suggestion would be that you better start believing exactly what he said. How can you believe what he said without first 'knowing' what he said? If you have chosen to take some man's word about what Jesus said, rather than to learn for yourself, well, the Truth is, Jesus is not your Lord, but the one you chose to believe instead of Jesus.

These are very strong words and I know of no other words which can say it more plainly. Any person who has heard the gospel including the words of Jesus when he said, He was THE WAY, and the ONLY WAY to the Father, and yet, they have rejected those words as Untrue, well, to say it as simply as I know how, that person is not 'A BELIEVER'
Believing the words of some man dressed in a 1500 dollar monkey suit does not qualify. Perhaps now you might be better able to understand the opening lines of this article.

All who might read these words without the understanding that comes 'only' from God's Holy Spirit will not be able to understand these words or receive them as THE TRUTH.

This article is intended to be short, sweet and to the point. I am only intending here to point out something that the Lord showed me.
It pertains to a prophecy of God found in 2nd. Thess 2: 3
It describes a 'Great falling away' from the Faith. The enormous number of 'once a week' church members have NOT 'that far' to fall.

They could well be described as 'couch Christians'. Their concept of a Christian is to walk an aisle 'once' in their lifetime and then lay back on their couch and live out their life in ease and comfort.

Something I observed a few years ago might prove helpful to picture in your mind exactly what I mean about these pretend 'Christians' not having that far to fall.

Several years ago I was seated on our large (approx. 7 feet in length) couch. It was very late, perhaps 2 AM ,

in the morning. Our grandson was asleep on a smaller couch across the room. He tends to be a very restless sleeper anyway, and the fact that this smaller couch was not really long enough for him to stretch out on did not help. I was just watching him toss and turn and praying for him to rest peacefully.

About then, he rolled off and onto the carpet, a distance of barely one foot. For about 3 or 4 seconds there was absolute silence.

Then suddenly he let out a faint groan- 'uhm'.

Of course, I knew he was not hurt because as I watched this, it was as if it happened in slow motion.

Some might be wondering right about now, "what does this have to do with anything ?"

It illustrates perfectly my previous statement that these couch 'Christians' don't have 'very far' to fall. The important things to notice are, The 'fall' did not even wake him up and, (other than the faint groan I heard, and the fact that I saw it with my own eyes), it would have been 'as though' it never happened.

Now we can return to our subject of 'the couch Christians' .

While they think they are indeed
'Christians' and claim to be such, they are in
reality only imitations; actors playing out the part mainly
because that's 'what and how' they've been taught.
Those who believe as these do are simply ,
'THE DECEIVED'
and it will take far more than a short
fall from their couches to awaken them from slumber.
The Slumber I speak of is spiritual and
unless they awaken before it's too late
it will prove to be a Sleep of Death.
The period of time Jesus described as
GREAT TRIBULATION
will 'wake up the deceived church', but,
sad to say , many will awaken too, too late.
Picture if you will, your life is going great.
You have a great job. You have a nice home.
You have a wonderful family. You have great health,
a great retirement nest egg, and all
in all 'Life is GRAND.
You've even found you a nice church.
The people are nice, the choir sings great,
the pastor has a pleasant voice, much education,
BUT...
There is 'no' Word of God spoken.
You do feel so much better for having gone
through, so all is well in your little rosie world.
A wonderful meal, 5 or 6 hours of
football, and you are ready for some well
deserved rest.
You have a passing thought to pray,
but that is pushed out of your heart
and mind by the thought, " How very
well pleased the Lord must be with me."
You lay down in tranquility and drift
off to enjoy your peaceful dreams,
Then BAM !!!
You wake up in the middle of World War Three !!!

It will be exactly as God's Word says.
“When they say Peace and Safety, sudden
destruction will come upon them.”

God gave 'for us' the ONLY son he had.
Jesus gave up everything he had with his Father
since the beginning,
laid it ALL aside to purchase us 'out of destruction',
and offered us the very life of God 'in him'.
How do many show God their gratitude for
God's great Love and unbelievable sacrifice?
A tip of the hat, a yes and amen, I believe
it all. The question is, just exactly 'what is it'
that they're So Proud of believing?
In all likelihood, they have no idea- beyond
the sad truth they have been convinced into believing-
that 'just saying' they 'believe it all'
is all that God requires.

The lukewarm, the part-timers, the once a week
God worshipers will NOT endure this
time of testing which God has already warned us of.
They can barely endure a sermon which goes beyond
the noon hour. There is also a great likelihood
this could be understandable, considering the
drivel coming out of most pulpits today.
One might also need consider that they could
have sought God for themselves.

They did not, because they have also
'chosen to believe' the lie that God's plan
for them was to hire a 'man' who would
seek God in their place, so they may return to their
couches of comfort and ease.

Come next Sunday, this same hireling
will spoon feed it into their ears and spirits.

Just as I wrote these words, the Spirit
of God brought an interesting story to
my remembrance.

When I was young (around 14 or so)

I went into a small “mom and pop”
type neighborhood grocery.
A mother and her young son were there
and the Mom had bought the boy
a very large jaw-breaker type gum ball.
As she handed it to him, he handed it
right back and said, “Here Mom,
can you chew this down for me?”
The woman was very embarrassed
and it was very obvious that this
was their normal practice.

I feel like the purpose this 50 plus year old
occurrence came to my mind and spirit
is because it illustrates perfectly those
today in 'the church' who have been
deceived into trusting in some man (any man)
to hear from God for them.

They have handed and entrusted the
Words of Life from God into another's hands.
As many are about to learn (the hard way)
God 'never' intended it to be that way.

One good reason this occurred in God's Church
is the sad but True fact, that mankind (by it's very nature)
has this unquenchable thirst for the pleasures
of this world 'far more' than learning
of God and learning 'from' God.

The majority of those who are not 'God minded' have
no clue of what is coming.

They have been deceived into believing that
they can pay someone else to seek God in
their place and then spoon feed them with
the TRUTH.

“Here momma, can you chew this down for me.”

They are spiritually blind and are in fact
under a curse because it is written that
cursed is the man (person) who puts their

trust in 'man' .

They are so spiritually blind that they can NOT discern a REAL Shepherd from one who is 'only a hireling'.

They love the appearance of Godliness, but have absolutely NO concept of the power of Godliness, which is evidenced by a changed life.

The drastic change from the day of Pentecost until now, is 'so great' that it's hard to describe. From then to now, it has not evolved 'upward' but instead, it has diluted, and in a constant downward spiral.

An old time preacher described it with these words. 'Getting use to the dark.'

Genuine Jesus Lovers' love' the Light and want all of it they can get, because Jesus is 'THE LIGHT' who came to bring the LIGHT of God's Word into a sin sick, lost and dying world. When God sent Jesus into this world, The Light came in with him, because He is The Light.

Many have received Jesus with joy and gladness but as they begin to realize that God expects, no, DEMANDS that his children walk in that LIGHT, many have 'chosen' to return to the same darkness out of which Jesus had delivered them.

Even in the time when Jesus walked this earth in the flesh, there were many who started out following him but when they realized that He was not leading them to a comfort couch, they turned away and ran back into Darkness. God explained the exact reason for this with the words, "men loved darkness rather than Light' because their deeds are evil."

Many famous (in the eyes of the world) preachers

have demonstrated this by not even having the courage to stand up for the gospel of Jesus Christ and answer a direct question about Jesus with God's Word.

I have witnessed with my own eyes and heard with my own ears the answer these false preachers, these deceivers, these wolves in sheep's clothing give in answer to the simple question, "Can someone be saved (inherit eternal life – go to Heaven) without believing on Jesus Christ?"

The answer these deceivers give is a politicians answer. Their mealy mouth answer will be something along this line-

"There are 'many paths' which lead to God.

"People of 'all ' faiths are members of
THE BODY OF CHRIST."

"Blah, Blah, Blah, Blah, Blah Blah."

These spineless, darkness loving twits have just stated that there are 'many' paths to God. God has already said there is ONLY one.

Even stranger is the fact that these 'clowns' call Jesus their Lord when they just got thru saying that Jesus lied.

Please do not miss the fact that these are men who are LOVED by the world.

These are the most exalted, the most glorified, the MOST respected men in the entire earth.

Why wouldn't they be?

These 'minions of Satan' have just tickled the ears of millions with only what the world 'wanted' to hear.

They just gave them permission (supposedly from God) to live their lives in absolute darkness and unrighteousness and still inherit eternal life with God.

It would not require but very little of God's Word to find God's promised reward for these.

These are the deceivers as it were.

Does this excuse the 'deceived' from any

responsibility for receiving and believing these liars from the pit of hell?

If you are willing to accept God's answer to that question then simply turn to 2nd. Thess. 2: and read verses 10 thru 11. Notice especially the words, "because they received not the love of the Truth, that they might be saved.

AND for 'this reason' God shall send them strong delusion that they (the deceived) should believe a lie."

Put as simply as I know how to say it, Anyone and everyone who desires to believe that the things God said are NOT true, and the lies spoken by deceivers are The Truth, then God being fair and just as he is, He will grant you the desires or your heart.

Sounds very fair to me, and those who think otherwise are now excused from reading further.

How very sad that such men are not only believed, but, are exalted by men as 'Great men of God'. Men such as these are nothing more than wandering clouds without water and tares who have been sown into the Body of Christ.

These are but manifest tokens of how easily 'professing Christians' are deceived and how little they understand of God or His Word. Will the blame fall on these deceivers alone? No. Because God has commanded all believers to seek God for themselves. Much easier, of course, to kick back and watch the electronic beast and leave that task up to some man.

All those who believe that God no longer speaks to men are excused and may now go back to their electronic beast. I have no doubt whatsoever you will be able to find

someone who will confirm whatever you have chosen to believe.

Using YouTube as an example, there are thousands of videos posted describing the horrible things now coming on this planet and it's inhabitants. Many well meaning Christians are posting 'many' very scary happenings.

Most have good intentions, but the thing I have noticed most is that very few include exactly 'what it is' that Christians are suppose to do about it.

One sure way of knowing exactly who these warnings are 'from' is to look and see what effect they have on you. Should you watch one and are left only with fear, despair and hopelessness, then you can be sure they are not from God. They were not sent by God and those who do such things are merely helping Satan achieve his goal of instilling FEAR in the hearts of men.

When our Great and Loving God warns of things to come he will 'always' include the way out and exactly what we must do and are to do.

If FEAR is the only thing you receive from watching these things it is simply another of Satan's devices, an invisible snare. Satan on the other hand has a far different outcome in mind than a warning from God would accomplish. The results of believing his 'threats' that leave the hearer with 'only' Fear are a guarantee of defeat.

An example would most likely explain far better than a multitude of words ever could.

A very popular topic of new videos today is the warning of being forced into taking the Mark of the Beast. The general consensus is, that the government will literally force all people to take injections and contained in these injections will be a small microchip implant, and once that is accomplished, those who receive this implant are doomed to hell and destruction by God.

Now that 'would be' a very scary thought
'IF' it were true,
But, it's not.

According to God's Word, the receiving of the Mark
MUST BE PRECEDED by denying God and Jesus
and **AGREEING** to worship the **BEAST**.
Stop and think, Saints.

If it 'were possible' that these scary videos were true,
then Satan would have overpowered all mankind long, long, long ago.
He would have given 'all of us' the big hypo and then
just killed us all.

He did not, because he 'can not'. He can **NOT**
do one thing to us that God does **NOT** allow.
Real God and Jesus lovers take great comfort
is believing this.

Of course enough men could gang up on
any individual and
inject them with anything they like,
they can kill that person,
they can torture that person,
they can do everything in their
power to make a believer deny Jesus and God,
BUT ,
they can not **MAKE** you believe anything.
It all comes down to this question.

Do you love your own life more than you love God?

The saddest part to this question is- if God
is not **MORE** important to you than the small
mundane things of this present life are, then yes, you certainly
wouldn't give your life rather than to deny him.
Why would you? You won't even give 30 minutes
of your day for prayer or seeking God for yourself.
All who agree to deny God and worship some
floppy-eared Clown who has declared himself to be God,
have no reason to believe God can save them.

The God you 'will not believe' has 'no way' of saving you or anyone else who has rejected his Word.

God has made it perfectly clear that men can ONLY be saved 'thru Faith'. The very meaning of that word (faith) means you must believe what God said.

All devils believe there is but one God and tremble. Does this mean they will be saved? Hardly.

Faith means that you believe 'what God said', NOT, just 'that he is'. God delivered the nation of Israel and set them free from bondage in the land of Egypt. This is exactly what Jesus did for us.

As soon as they were set free, they turned immediately 'away from God' and returned to loving sin more than God.

They loved darkness more than Light. All who made this dreadful mistake wound up being destroyed in the wilderness. Who has deceived God's Church into believing the same lie that Israel chose to believe, but for some unknown reason we (the church) can do the exact same thing that Israel did and yet we can expect a different outcome? Who indeed?

When Jesus spoke words like, "take up your cross and follow me", and, "He who seeks to save his own life shall lose it", What did you think he was saying?

You may think God is some short, fat, bald-headed man with no legs. If that is the God you worship well, then only he can save you.

You may have chosen to believe that your dearly departed grandmother left this life

but has now returned in the body of a cow.
Then perhaps that cow can save you.
When you learn too late that you have chosen
deception instead of TRUTH, at least
perhaps you will have a goodly supply of milk.

Then, there are those who teach that you need
to arm yourself to the teeth and flee to the
wilderness and kill your enemies before they
can kill you.

Strange thing to believe, since
Jesus said to the government of his day that
'if' his kingdom were of THIS world, then his
servants would fight."

BUT, he did not do that, but rather trusted
in his Heavenly Father to deliver him.
Some might need to ask themselves exactly
what kingdom it is that they hope to inherit.
This world and the things of this world are
fit only for destruction and likewise are they
who love this world and it's ways.

The sad news is, many will do these very things
and it shows in the lives that most Christians live.
It is a most dangerous thing to love anyone or anything,
more than you love God.
If that is the case with you,
you have 'already' made Satan your god.
It will be only a short step from there to worshipping
some clown who believes himself to be God.

In a case like that, God can not help you because it's
always been every person's choice to make. It will remain so until the end.
Satan has 'no power' to MAKE anyone choose him
over God.

If he had, then he would have made that choice
for us, long, long, long ago.
If you are planning to blame Satan for 'making'
you choose him over God, forget it. That excuse

will not carry any weight and it will not hold water.

God would simply say to you, No, you 'chose'
Satan over me.

Every person will spend eternity with the 'god'
of their OWN choosing.

Sounds fair and just to me. How about you?

Satan has sought to destroy God's creation, MAN,
from the beginning. He has never changed, he never will.

Satan sought for a way to destroy Adam,
because he hated God's creation
and burned with the desire to become Adam's God.
Endeavoring to keep this short, I will give only a few
examples from the Word.

Satan hated Abel because Abel
sought to please God. He used a 'man' to accomplish
his murder and please note that Satan's tool
of choice was

Cain, a man who happened to be Abel's 'own brother'.
And so it will be in our days.

God has already said that men will be betrayed
into the hands of evil men by their own brothers.

Satan sought to kill Moses while Moses
was just an infant. He used Pharaoh in that attempt.

Don't overlook the fact that Pharaoh was but
a man, but was 'absolute ruler' of Egypt.

Why then be surprised then when in our
day any godless man who obtains absolute
power would seek to kill you.

Satan used 'Goliath' in his attempt to kill David.

Again, please note that although Goliath was
one big scary dude, he was still 'only a man'.

Satan used Herod to attempt to kill Jesus at birth.

Herod was a king, an absolute ruler, but,
Still 'only a man'.

Did you notice that every one of
these attempted murders had one thing in common?

How many of these attempted murders did Satan do personally?

NONE.

Now why would you think that is?

In each and every case mentioned above, Satan always used, or tried to use, evil, corrupt and wicked men to accomplish his evil desires.

Why, then, should these scary and terrifying announcements that evil and corrupt men are intending on murdering God's people produce fear in those who claim to love and trust God?

Simple answer. It can 'only' bring fear to the masses of pretenders.

To a real Jesus Loving, God believing, born again Spirit filled, living by Faith believer, these terrifying and error filled videos can only bring Faith into their hearts.

Evil and wicked men will always try to kill, torture and destroy God's people.

There is nothing new in this supposed 'NEWS'. These things have been so from the beginning of time.

It will be so until the end is reached and time is no more.

You could have just read these things in God's Word and chosen to believe them simply because God said it.

How very pleasing unto God it must be that those who claim to be his have chosen not to receive these things 'because He said them', but have chosen instead to believe men's words and shake in fear and trembling.

Backtracking now for just a moment.

Do not miss the prelude to Goliath and David's battle.

Goliath came out before the armies of Israel for 40 days, morning and evening.

He spoke his evil intentions and the results were
exactly what Satan desired.

FEAR

Satan's methods never change. First instill FEAR
and then destroy.

Israel's army hid in holes like frightened rabbits.

Perhaps Goliath had just released a new video
proclaiming all that he intended on doing to God's people.

One thing Satan did not count on was simply
this. There was a young boy there named David.
Because David had Faith in his God and 'because'
he had FAITH, he trusted in his God,
He had 'NO FEAR' .

Fear is 'no match' for FAITH in God and David knew it.
God's FAITH and FEAR of men's threats
can not abide in the same heart.

God is looking at you and I in the same way in these evil
days ahead.

Keeping all of these things in mind we can now return
to these fear filled videos of today.

His eyes search to and fro through out the whole earth for those
to whom he can show himself strong.

'If' these warnings suggest there is 'no way out' and that 'all
is lost', then they are 'from Satan' , not God.

Am I suggesting that the makers of these 'scary'
videos are knowingly serving Satan?

NO !!!

Are they unknowingly serving Satan by instilling
Fear and yet offer NO HOPE? Yes, absolutely.

Are there wicked, evil and ungodly men today who
have equally deadly intentions for Christians
and Jews? You'd better believe it.

God has long ago foretold us of just such a man.
This man is 'exactly' like his father Satan.

Kill, Steal and Destroy.

Of course he pleasures in Death and Destruction but
one needs to look further and deeper into his motives.

Surprise, surprise ,surprise. This man has exactly the same motive as does his father, Satan. Almost 2000 years ago, Satan made an offer to Jesus. That offer was simply that if Jesus would fall down and worship him (as God) that he (Satan) would give him all the kingdoms of this world. Guess what else? Jesus turned down that offer flatly with the words, “ It is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.” We could camp all day here, but not at all necessary. We have now reached that point in history when another of Satan's lackeys has many, many, many intentions and all of them evil for both Christians and Jews. The entire point of this article is so you can see that this is no different than it was with Goliath. Just a loudmouth blow-hard trying to instill fear in Jesus Lovers and Jews. His purpose in this is simply to instill Fear in our hearts to drive out our Faith, and THEN to kill us all. All who love God more than their own lives are a threat to his ego. This man has received the same offer Satan made to Jesus, only, he 'accepted'. It is impossible for him to cease his desire to be worshiped exactly as it is impossible for Satan.

**Yes, Satan intends to kill us all.
Where is the news in that?
As always, he uses evil ungodly and wicked men to do his evil deeds.
Where is the news in this?
What does it matter which way he chooses to accomplish his evil deeds?**

We have two choices that I can see, and only two.

We can either believe and trust in our God or,
we can believe in the lies and threats of Satan.

It is written in God's Word, "Fear NOT those
who are able to kill the body, but 'rather', fear Him
who is able to destroy both body and soul in Hell."

Our mortal lives are but for a short time, whereas
eternity is forever.

Someday, which now looks to be sooner rather than later,
'many' are going to have to choose.

Deny God and live a few more years- 'maybe' ,
or choose God's precious gift of eternal life
thru Jesus and let the temporary consequences
of physical death be damned.

Doesn't seem to be much of a comparison to me,
but then, that's just me.

God has known from the beginning who would choose
Life with him eternally, as well those who would love
this poor old mortal life more than him.

For those who are not certain, will they make the
right choice? I can only recommend that you pray as never before.

Pray as though your eternal life depended on it.
It does.

When the blade is lifted up and ready to fall,
it will not be the best time to make your decision.

God has already told us in his Word that many
will give up their lives for choosing him.

When you are willing and able to trust God
for whatever he has chosen for you,
then you might want to consider the words
of the three Hebrew children as they were
about to be cast into the fiery furnace.

"Our God whom we serve is ABLE to deliver us
from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us
out of thine hand, O king. BUT IF NOT, be
it known unto thee, O king, that
WE WILL NOT
serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image
which thou has set up."

Multitudes of God's people have been killed, threatened to be killed, tortured and maimed. Some received deliverance and some did not.

Do you have a problem with trusting God to make the right choice for your life? Don't you believe God would know better than you would about your life?

If you might possibly think that he does NOT, perhaps you are thinking MORE HIGHLY of yourself than you ought.

Perhaps you might even not KNOW God nearly so well as you think.

What I'm endeavoring to get all to see is simply this. 'If' it is God's will that you be among that multitude who will lay down their lives, why would you 'not' understand that he has your best interest at heart?

For any and all who can NOT understand that God might just know what's best for you FAR better than you yourself do, then perhaps it might be worthwhile to seek God. If there 'ever' was a time to pray and seek God for Strength and for Faith to endure unto the end, NOW would seem to be that time.

Paul, Peter, James and multitudes of others have already made the supreme sacrifice. There is no higher honor than this.

Can't you just 'know' that God has the perfect end for you life here on earth? How foolish must a man be to presume that he knows better than God?

This sounds exactly like the man called the Antichrist.

My first thought would be, 'pretty foolish'. For those who don't see, or who refuse to see that, you might want to re-evaluate your love for God and for Jesus.

What a simple choice this should be to make.
You must choose between someone who loved
you enough to die in your place, or,
an evil wicked man who's only intentions are
your death and destruction.
Looked at in that Light, this should be
the easiest choice you've EVER made.
My advice to every person is this.
Choose wisely because your decision is eternal.

It is written that in the last days that men's
hearts will fail them for fear, for looking at the
things coming on the earth.
I hardly think that would indicate anyone
who is a 'real' Jesus Lover.
God is searching for more men like David.
Hole-hiders, there are a plenty, but men
of Faith are more precious to God than anything else on earth.

I can only hope that these few words cause some
to think, to pray, to ask God, AM I Ready?
In the history of this earth, there have been many
who desired to 'BE GOD'. Thus far none
have succeeded. Where do you suppose they
are now?
They will be joined soon by this last days joker who
believes himself to be God.

Will you be able to stand before some flop-eared
wannabe Goliath, and tell him straight out,
No, I will not worship you, because it is written,
"Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and him
ONLY shalt thou serve?"

My prayer is that many will, you and myself
included.

Amen and Amen