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“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.” (2 Timothy 3:1)

The word “perilous” that Paul used in his epistle to Timothy is translated into one other English word, “fierce”, which Matthew used to describe those possessed with devils that were living among the tombs. *“And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way.”* (Matthew 8:28)

As we all look around us and wonder if it can get any worse for our society, I want us to focus on the cure and not the problem of our day. Jesus was the answer for one demonic living among the tombs which no man could tame and Jesus is still the answer for all the world’s problems and sins of today. It was the disciple’s job to row the boat that carried Jesus to the shores of the country of the Gergesenes so He could deliver “one” man from the awful bondage of sin. We have the responsibility to take Jesus to lost humanity and introduce Him so they too can have an opportunity to be delivered as we have been. Remember the graveyard you used to live in and the hopelessness of no one to help? This is the purpose of International Bible Association’s existence and because of your faithfulness in prayer and giving; we can make a difference in someone’s life if we will but row the boat to their shores and keep the lower lights burning until they too meet the Light of the world personally.

I take this opportunity once again to thank each of you who have sacrificed your time and money to send Bibles, literature and anointed preaching into prisons and around the world declaring the existence of the Man from Galilee and the only One who can deliver a soul from sin! I thank God for your wonderful response and faithfulness. We receive so many letters telling of the despair and gloom of the church world today but we also receive letters telling of the deliverance from sin because someone brought Jesus to their shore where they met Him personally. Without your sacrifices we would be limited to print and to preach this wonderful message of hope to those who sit in darkness. God bless you and thank you once again!

Paul, that great preacher, in 2 Corinthians chapter three used the words “our gospel” which is hidden from lost humanity by the blinding of the god of this world. OUR Gospel; it is not the responsibility of angels but the Gospel was placed in the hands of each and every human who has experienced God’s forgiveness personally. It is not my gospel! It is not your gospel! It is our gospel no matter what place we occupy in the kingdom of God. We are workers together and when we do our part whether it is with two mites or a basket of loaves and fishes, we are just as

important as those who pass it out in the front lines of the battle for one lost soul. Row your boat and carry with you our Gospel which every human needs to be set free and to open their blinded eyes to the “glorious gospel of Christ!” *“But if ‘our gospel’ be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”* (2 Corinthians 4:3-4) Paul also states in the two previous verses: *“Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.”* (2 Corinthians 4:1-2)

The god of this world (Satan) has blinded minds of many by hiding the truth in plain sight. Many attend what they think is the house of God and go through the form of worship but the preacher is influenced by the devil either by false doctrine or dead religion to lead souls to his kingdom in hell. Deception is the devil's main tool and many follow his easy believeism with a carnal life contrary to the true Word of God, the Holy Bible. Their congregations only hear about the love of God but know nothing about crucifying the flesh and living a holy life! Their bibles are watered down versions dulling the Sword of the Spirit! *“Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.”* (Romans 1:21-32) Those carrying the true Gospel have crucified the flesh with its affections and no longer live and partake of the pleasures of sin for a season. Our season to the flesh is over and our duty is to those who are blinded even though they may disagree and scorn our precious Gospel!

Please continue to remember those who are on the front lines in this war against time before perilous times do arrive. We must be faithful to reach the lost before it is too late; before death claims them. Our prayers are with those who support this ministry and I appreciate your faithfulness in contributing and in writing your encouraging letters to International Bible Association and to any other ministry true to Word of God both in lifestyle and duty to lost humanity. It gets lonely no matter which position we fill but some day God will bring the faithful all together and we can all rejoice in His presence. Thank God! We cannot do what you do nor can we accomplish what many preachers and missionaries do but we can be faithful in producing God's pure Word and make it available for sowing in His harvest field. Together we can accomplish the Great Commission as the Holy Spirit reproves us and then empowers us if we will obey Him!

Thank you for caring and sharing,

Jack M. Skinner

“..... ‘Our’ Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name” (Matthew 6:9)