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Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for your giving to International Bible Association and its ministries. I have shared many times about the work in Madagascar but would like to focus on our prison ministry, Miracles & Missions Digest and personal evangelism in the weeks ahead. We must focus on the salvation of individual lost souls and not on those whose names are recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life.; Jesus' teaching about the ninety and nine and the one that went astray reveals what God focuses on. Jesus stated that the ninety and nine needed no repentance so He focused on the one who needed to repent and attempted to bring them back into the fold. When we go to church and question if Jesus is present, it may be He is out after lost sheep and we should be praying for them instead of selfishly wanting a blessing. *"And he spake this parable unto them, saying, What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance."* (Luke 15:3-7)

The one incident when Jesus entered the Temple and cast out those He was displeased with showed what He was expecting to find in His house! *"And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves."* (Matthew 21:12-13) Many have made the house of God a den of thieves by making it a house of fleshly fellowship, entertainment, and pleasure rather than a house of prayer.

I had been dealing with problems concerning our mailing machine for some time without receiving any assistance from the company we lease it from. I was unable to renew the postage which I had paid for. One day I called and made contact with a man from the company concerning my complainants. He seemed to be a foreigner like all the rest I had tried to deal with their poor English but later discovered he resided here in the USA. He first inquired to whom he was speaking with and the company name. Next he asked for our email. When I gave him our email he responded that the names were familiar to him and some where he had read some material and was impressed. He immediately contacted another division and had them refund our money which I had paid but was unable to use. In our dialogue he told of his cousin, who was not a Christian, calling him concerning all the violence in the news that our nation was facing.

He said he responded to him that he should not be concerned about the condition of the times but to be concerned about the condition of his soul. After our conversation was ended the instruction he gave to his cousin reminded me the words Jesus spoke to His disciples in Luke 21:28 “*And when these things begin to come to pass, **then look up**, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.*” What good advice for all of us as the last day events keep appearing all around the world and even in our own nation. To focus on the requirements of Heaven for ourselves and others and not on the conditions eroding here on earth!

“*And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: **see that ye be not troubled**: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.*” (Matthew 24:4-8)

“***Let not your heart be troubled**: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*” (John 14:1-6)

“*He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, 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.”* (John 14:21-23)

Do not be as concerned about having a church to go to as having the church which will come to you and abide by keeping God’s commandments found in your Bible! Jesus is not coming for an earthly church; He is coming for His church!

Consider it was the news media that the devil used to try to destroy Job’s faith!

“*Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*” (Philippians 4:8)

“***Be ye therefore ready also**: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not. Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all? And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season? **Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.**” (Luke 12:40-43)*

What are we doing, just sitting in a building enjoying being entertained or are we consumed with a passion for lost souls within and without who needs someone to share what has set us free from sin? Brothers and Sisters although I appreciate the offerings sent I appreciate more the prayers sent up to the Father for those who need to repent who are found in church and out of church. Do not leave the House of God without the burden the Spirit of God will impress upon a Believer with who does not belong to the dens of thieves which abide in many houses of God today. “*Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.*” (Luke 12:43)

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The Word of God is much easier to preach than to obey!