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The Kingdom of God Is More Attractive Than Ever Before

The never before unusual crisis—the pandemic of novel coronavirus (COVID-19)—has quickly changed our lives in many ways. For example, no handshaking, no hugging, social distancing at least six feet between two persons, wearing face mask, and other ways to avoid getting the virus. The coronavirus has changed and cancelled our plans—business trips, errands and vacations. We had to cancel our flights, car rental and hotel reservations. We had to cancel our trips for the GC Session, Deaf expos, etc. In fact, the GC session has been postponed to 2021. As a result airlines, hotels, businesses have suffered the loss of a lot of money. Many restaurants are closed laying off many workers who depend on their small pay and tips. By

the state governments' orders all churches and funerals are closed to prevent a large gathering of people. So, many funerals and worship services are live-streamed in order to keep their members connected with each other.

The world's crisis is caused by the invisible and dangerous enemy—called COVID-19. It is a new kind of virus that is different from other viruses that sickened us. COVID-19 started in and spread from China where many people eat unclean wildlife. This virus is dangerous because a person who has the virus may show no symptoms but can spread the virus to the public. So, it is very contagious that has sickened so many people.

As of today, April 10, 2020, that bug has killed more than 95,700 people and infected more than 1,600,000 all over the world. The United States has more than 465,000 cases and more than 16,600 deaths. COVID-19 has caused a great economic panic and crash because of the closures of many businesses that depend on the public—most people are staying home as much as possible to avoid the very contagious virus. In other words, COVID-19 is affecting all parts of our lives that we depend on for our security,

happiness, and enjoyment. Many people are really afraid of death that might happen to them if they were infected. Their dreams and goals are shattered as broken glass.

When will it end? If the crisis is over, will it ever happen again? Yes, as long as sin in this world we will see more different kinds of troubles—natural disasters, pandemics, murders, wars, drugs abuses, hatred, etc. Jesus did not promise us that everything will be better in this old world.

Sin is like COVID-19 that has infected everyone since Adam and Eve. Sin is worse than the real COVID-19. COVID-19 can sicken or kill us. Sin only destroys us—eternal loss. “Sin came into the world because of what one man did, and with sin came death. This is why everyone must die—because everyone sinned” (Romans 5:12, NCV).

People and government leaders of all over the world have been trying hard to make their countries a place for their people to enjoy with good health and peace. But the world is still full of problems and unhappiness. Nothing will ever get better. Now, more than ever before continuing sufferings and problems of the world are causing many people to think twice about putting their faith in

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the government, leaders, medicine, technology, etc. because they realize that everything they are trying to improve the society things always get worse than before. Jesus expects that to happen when He spoke with His disciples about the conditions of the world especially at the time of the end (we are in this time).

Here is Jesus' prophetic message to us: "There will be signs in the sun, moon, and stars. On earth, nations will be afraid and confused because of the roar and fury of the sea. People will be so afraid they will faint, wondering what is happening to the world, because the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then people will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to happen, look up and hold your heads high, because the time when God will free you is near!" (Luke 21:25-28, NCV). In other words, God is touching people's hearts to look up at Him rather than in these false promises and false security of the world. People do not realize that Satan and his evil angels are working hard to keep attracting them to the world that is full of unhappiness, sickness, death, etc., and at the same time Satan is working hard to attract them to love the sinful life of the sinful world. Satan is trying to blind the people from knowing about the perfect kingdom of God. God wants the world to know our Creator God who has a place in His kingdom where there is no death, unhappiness, pain, etc. He has been working hard to save them from deceptions by the devil. The bad experiences people are facing can lead them to look up seeking God. The kingdom of God is becoming more and more attractive to the world than ever before. That is why God is allowing the people to experience bad things of the world to change their attention from the sinful world to the kingdom of God—heaven and the new earth. Actually, pains and sufferings are our "good medicine" to wake us up to go back to God. God's salvation is more important than the comforts of the world that can keep them away from seeking God for eternal life and the likeness of Christ.

"This is what the Lord says: 'Babylon will be powerful for seventy years. After that time I will come to you, and I will keep my promise to bring you back to Jerusalem. I say this because I know what I am planning for you,' says the Lord. 'I

have good plans for you, not plans to hurt you. I will give you hope and a good future. Then you will call my name. You will come to me and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will search for me. And when you search for me with all your heart, you will find me! I will let you find me,' says the Lord. 'And I will bring you back from your captivity. I forced you to leave this place, but I will gather you from all the nations, from the places I have sent you as captives,' says the Lord. 'And I will bring you back to this place'" (Jeremiah 29:10-14, NCV).

God's people were punished for refusing to obey Him before the coming of the Babylonian soldiers that captured and destroyed Jerusalem. God's people were forced to stay in Babylon for 70 years, but God promised them that they would return to Jerusalem after the 70 years of captivity. It is in the same way we experience here where we suffer from all kinds of problems. We need to trust in Him and stay faithful until the end when Jesus returns to take us home from the captivity of the sinful and dying world. Trust God's promise and you will make it! Amen!

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Announcement

Due to novel coronavirus (COVID-19) all of the planned events and travels are on hold, suspended or cancelled. For the GC Session at Indianapolis, IN it is postponed to May, 2021, but there will be no exhibition so 3ADM will not go. DeafNation Expo events have been cancelled for this spring, but all of them have been moved to the autumn season. DeafNation will inform us of the new schedule for the fall season. The DeafNation World Expo has been rescheduled to next year. The Southern Deaf Camp Meeting is cancelled. Western Deaf Camp Meeting, SNEC Camp Meeting, DEAR, and DYAC are not certain, but the conferences in where the camp meetings are scheduled will decide whether or not to continue with the plans. We suggest you not to make any plan to go to the "opened" camp meetings until the decisions have been made in later months.

DEAF and SDF churches are closed but they are using the live-streaming worship service.

COVID-19 Crisis

We are in the serious crisis of COVID-19 (CoronaVirus 2019). There are some tips to take good care of ourselves and stay healthy.

Don't touch your faces before you wash your hands. We need to wash our hands for at least 20 seconds after touching things that might have the virus. Wash your hands after you arrive home from the errands such as food shopping, getting gas, visiting the doctors, Post Office, and other places. As often as you can use the disinfectant wipes on the doorknobs, stair rails, kitchen countertops, computers, phones, and other things we use with our hands.

According to a research you can use the face mask again, if you spray it all over with hydrogen peroxide. Then put it in the zip-lock plastic bag and leave it in the sun. This will save your money.

Follow God's simple rules of good health—

NEWSTART

N—Nutrition

Eat healthy vegan or vegetarian foods. If you are concerned about the fresh produces like fruits and vegetables. Use cold water in the kitchen sink, and then add one cup of white vinegar. Leave the produces in for five minutes. Then rinse and wash them. It also removes most pesticides. Remember eat a plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables.

E—Exercise

Exercise daily for at least 30 minutes. Walk around the blocks for at least 2 miles a day. This will help you to circulate your blood which is good for your heart.

W—Water

Drink at least 8 glasses of water per day. The body is about 70% of water. Drinking water is same thing as taking a shower to clean the body. Enough water helps to improve the blood system to work better to improve the immune system to fight against the germs.

S—Sunshine

Let the sun shines on your skin for 15 minutes to get the natural Vitamin D that strengthens your bones and helps the body's metabolism and hormonal balance.

T—Temperance

Self-control is very important for keeping your body in balance. We need to avoid gluttony (eating too much) that can affect your minds. Also, we need to avoid any alcoholic drinks that are harmful to your body. Plus, avoid sugary soda drinks and much sweet foods. In the Bible the word "temperance" is used six times in King James Version. Temperance means self-control. We all need to guard our thoughts and desires (your minds). We need also to control our words and actions that begin in our minds. That includes our attitude. In Philippians 4:8—"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." It is a good list for us to follow so we do the right way before God. Bring every thought under control that you might serve Christ and live for Him all the days of your life.

A—Air

It is the most important element for your body. It is a good habit to open the windows when we go to bed. We breath fresh air from outside.

R—Rest

Resting restores our body and mind when we sleep. A good rest or break from working in the office and/or working outside will help us to have more energy to do more. Let us have a good sleep from 7 or 8 hours through the night.

T—Trust in Divine God

We trust God in everything as long as we allow God to control our lives. Just trust Him. Proverbs 3:5, 6—"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths" (MEV).

May God be with you as you read health messages from the Bible and tips from other good sources to prevent getting COVID-19.

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