



## It Truly is an Exciting Time to be Alive in the Lord!

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There's a video clip making its way around the internet in which an Oklahoma preacher/prophet spends about 90-minutes offering proof that the "**Great Tribulation**" will begin in the Fall of 2010. He doesn't claim to know the day or the hour, but he does claim to be able to discern the season, as commanded by the Lord Jesus: *"Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it (my return) is near, right at the door."* **Matt. 24:32-33.**

We each have our own opinion about these matters, but one thing is certain: All the Lord's prophecies in **Matthew 24** are coming quickly to pass. For believers, then, there remains but one response: "Will I be ready?"

The **Parable of the Virgins in Matthew 25:1-13** suggests that only half of the professing Christians of today will be prepared for Jesus' return. No less a personage than *Billy Graham* (and, more recently *Perry Stone*) has publicly expressed a belief that the parable applies to Christians of the latter days. They are all 'virgins', which means they are candidates for the wedding feast of the Lord, but half of them fail to prepare themselves for the Lord's arrival through their lack of oil. Symbolically, oil often serves as an analogy for the **Holy Spirit** and **His Presence** in our daily lives. So, draw your own conclusions when you look at the state of the church today.

What does it mean to be "Ready"? We get a good clue from Jesus in the Book of Revelation: *"I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see"* **Rev. 3:18**

Now, how does one go about buying gold from Jesus? We suggest that it is done in three basic ways: Through believing in Him and obeying His commandments (John 14:15); by fulfilling His Great Commission to go out into all the world with the Truth of the Gospel (Mark 16:15); and by helping to feed His workers in the field via financial support (Malachi 3:8 and 2Cor. 8:1-12).

To get a better idea of His commandments, we refer to Matthew 25. To get a better idea of the necessity to support His workers in the field, we turn to **Matthew 6:18-20**: *"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal."*

Paul further declaims: *"Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands."* **2 Cor. 5:1**

In summary, it is obvious that the Lord is returning soon, which means that we have limited time in which to store up treasures in heaven, to buy gold from Jesus, and to prepare for life in our permanent home... the one not built by human hands.

As we drive around Northern Colorado and observe with unbelieving eyes the lavish homes in which so many people live... and then contrast that to the conditions of the majority of people in Mexico, we can't help but ponder how the Lord might view this. One conclusion is inescapable... **Barma Group** studies of Christian giving suggest that many Christians have far more treasure on earth than they have stored up in Heaven). These are the comfortable, sleepy and unprepared Virgins among us.

It is encouraging to us (and should be encouraging to all of you who so generously support this ministry) knowing that we are among those prepared for and looking joyfully to the Lord's return. Praise God for His Great Mercy!

# God Has Big Plans for This Ministry, But.... As Always, It Will Only Happen With the Loving Help of Obedient Saints

This letter to you is the first such essay in our nearly four years of Christian service to the people of Mexico. We're breaking from tradition because we have reached a tremendous turning point in the ministry. A number of events are occurring at one time, and we have before us an intimidating intersection of crossroads.

One path will see us continue on with a limited ministry of part-time workers and part-way accomplishment of goals and objectives. The other path offers the promise of full-time workers and an overflowing cup of accomplishment in reaching our original mission goals (which have been talked about in the newsletter for over three years). Which way to turn?

The workers are ready and the foundations have been laid. For a long time, we have been one of the best deals around for donors. The founders have carried the bulk of administrative costs of the ministry, allowing over 90% of the donor dollars to go into direct missions work.

This frugality, joined with the sacrifices of many, lets us reach out to God's people in a manner that goes far beyond what such a small ministry could have ever envisioned. People in Mexico think we are a large organization because of the amazing, Spirit-led level of local commitment and evangelism.

We have impacted the lives of many Mexican people at some 15 ministries in Mexico. This has been a miracle, because the truth is that we have never had even one full-time office worker or administrator, and have worked out of borrowed offices with just one part-time volunteer worker and one part-time book-keeper in all this time.

Many things are now in the works that could take us a quantum-leap further into accomplishing God's purposes for this ministry. We will be telling you about these opportunities in the monthly newsletter during the rest of the year.

One thing is certain. If we take the path to greatly expanded missionary service in Mexico, we will need to experience a miraculous increase in giving by the saints. We will also have to make a quantum-leap in the number of volunteers committed to the success of the ministry

These are big hurdles, so big that we will leap over them *only if* all the saints are obedient to what God is telling them to do. This fact explains the tone of this newspaper editorial, and explains why I personally consider this to be the most exciting time of our lives, for the ministry and for those who jump on the hallelujah bandwagon with us for a wild, Spirit-driven Year 2010.

Let's all prepare for the Lord's coming with great vigor. Let's get the work done and the people saved. Then, we can all sit back and join the great Hallelujah service planned for the marriage supper of the Lamb. Friends for eternity.

Afterward, I'm going to sit under the trees on the banks of the river flowing from the throne of God for a thousand years just to get used to the idea of living in paradise. Anyone want to join me?

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*Our friends and co-ministers Joe and Christine Lesperance are noted for their forthright, bold and courageous ministry to the world at large, including but not limited to street evangelism and one-on-one persuasion. But, we didn't realize the extent to which the enemy wanted to take them out. Despite the tornado above their trailer, they carried on with Joe's carpentry business, "Everything Under The Son", without harm or further incident. Photo thanks to Littleton Residents Gary & Alice Corns who took this snapshot on I-25 during the June 7 storms that caused extensive damage south of Denver.*

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