

In a Time Like This!

Redeeming the time, because the days are evil [Ephesians 5:16].

This statement is a good description of the present situation of the world and some people's inner world.

I have questions and I believe you might have questions as well.

In a time like this!

Who is it for?

What is it for?

Why at this time?

What action or response is needed?

If there is any time the world needs God, without mincing words, it is now. This I do not like to say but permit me to say it, we need Him *desperately* more than ever, the world is dying.

We shouldn't deceive ourselves, things are no longer at ease. The center is no longer holding, we are just patching things up.

Events are happening and like someone politely said, " **there is action everywhere**".

Unimaginable things are happening; positively and negatively but from my observation, and as an opinion, the negatives are taking the upper hand, they are outweighing the positives.

What is the prevailing order?

War, killings, terrorism, bad lifestyles, destruction, outbreaks of diseases, violence of different forms, and varying magnitudes, among others. Peace is gradually eluding our planet. Most of us don't seem to care about each other, the names of the present game are "self"(selfish interest) and "rat race"(survival of the fittest). Some do care, but possibly go unnoticed.

I have been asking myself if Matthew 24: 5-8 is about becoming a reality or already happening.

If there is any time the world needs each other's attention(each one of you, I'm not saying the Pastor or Preacher only) it is now.

Once Again, so sorry to say it but it's becoming obvious; the world is sick, the world is lonely, the world is lost and the world is confused. The more we know, the more breakthrough we have, the greater the problems we encounter, the world is getting hopeless and finally, our wisdom is now turning to folly at its best and finest.

Why do we need God?

1. He is the manufacturer. The Scripture says that in the beginning, God created heavens and earth (Genesis 1:1). Without any contradiction, He is in the best position to fix our issues, He holds the right answers to our questions, situation notwithstanding.

2. He owns everything. God owns you, He owns me, owns the earth and its contents (Psalms 24:1 and 1 Corinthians 10:26). Most if not all the owners have access to their products manuals. This put them in a vantage position for a better understanding of the operations and workings of their products. God owns the earth and everything in it.

3. He knows everything. There is a saying; *he who pays the piper calls the tune*. The person who owns or pays for something controls how it is used. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is laid bare before Him and to Him alone we will give accounts of our doings(2 Chronicles 16:9 and Hebrews 4:13). The all-knowing God is the only one that has the correct diagnosis of the "sick" world.

4. He has the capacity to heal the world. The right diagnosis is the foundation for adequate and proper treatments. Admittedly, the world is sick due to our evil doings. The earlier we accept our shortcomings and seek help, the better for our existence. All that is needed is for us to confess and forsake our evil ways, God will forgive and heal our land(2 Chronicles 7:14). He is the greatest Physician and more than ready to heal our world.

5. He said we should call on Him. God said we should call on Him, this is more than a promise. He said we should call on Him in times of trouble, He will deliver us and all honors coupled with glory will be for Him(Psalms 50:15). The world is in dire need of God because there is trouble and more are looming. Let's call Him!

6. He said we should not fear & He will be with us. 'Fear factor' is a new way of life and wave of living. Fear kills more than any sickness or disease you can ever think of. Our world is clouded with all forms of fear; what to eat, wear, security, housing, among others. The Word of life says that at this point we should be strong and courageous. Do not fear in any way, God will always be with you and maintain His presence with you(Deuteronomy 31:6 and Joshua 1:9). 'Fear Not' is the watchword.

Beloved, you too have a role to perform, it's time to act and take responsibility.

How does the world need me?

1. By reaching out to people. Join hands in spreading the Good News. Reach out to people and let them know about the good God (Mark 16:15). Let them know about Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, the custodian of peace, peace of the world lies with Him. Remember, you can only give what you have at your disposal. Jesus Christ is an embodiment of peace, He is peace in His entirety. All of our peace accords and plans have failed us, only Jesus Christ never fails.

2. Compel them to come. Obedience is very crucial in the walk with God. We are not expected to just go out rather go out, preach the Gospel and compel them to come to God's presence (Luke 14:23). The solution to the present challenges can only be found in Zion(house of God). It is your duty to draw people to the house of God, the world can be delivered.

3. Exemplary living. As a child of the Most High, let your light shine for the world to see. You are the 'salt' that will add flavor and taste to our tasteless planet (Matthew 5:13-14).

How will these be achieved? Live a life worthy of emulation, exemplary character is a must.

4. Life of giving(giving in every sense). It is more blessed to give than to receive, givers never lack. Don't forget that Jesus Christ set the pace for us, He gave all(John.15:13). We must be ready to give all even if it involves laying down our lives(1 John.3:16). Giving to the needy is a rewarding venture and Godly.

5. Now is the time. Now is the time for action, immediate response is needed. Delay might be costlier than ever imagined. Act fastly and meaningfully.

Whatever you can do now, never shift it to tomorrow (Proverbs 3:28).

Finally, Jesus Christ the Prince of Peace is the only solution for a time like what we have at the Moment. He is the *light* to the dark world and *order* to a clumsy planet.

Jesus Christ is Lord