**A World At War**

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All around the world today, we are at war …

·        We are a world at war with the Coronavirus, CoViD19.

·        We are a world at war with terrorism.

·        We are a world at war with drugs.

·        We are a world at war with poverty.

·        We are a world at war with hunger.

·        We are a world at war with depression and suicide.

·        We are a world at war in our homes.

·        We are a world at war in our schools.

·        We are a world at war in our city streets,

**Because …**

·        **We are a world at war with God.**

The wars we face today cannot be won with carnal weapons.

The many wars we face in life can only be won if we surrender.

I am not suggesting that you surrender to drugs, depression, divorce, division or the devil’s desire to take away your joy and your peace and your security or your life or the life of your loved ones with this current coronavirus.

However, I am imploring you to surrender to the One Who can heal the leper; raise the dead; cast out devils and save a soul from hell.

**Surrender!**

**1.  Surrender to the Word of God**

**2.  Surrender to the Will of God**

**3.  Surrender to the Way of God**

One of the messages in the early chapters of the Book of Revelation paints a clear picture of where we stand in the world today. It’s found in:

Revelation 4:1  After these things I looked, and behold, a door *standing* open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard *was* like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, “Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this.”

John saw the future and he saw the things which would take place on the earth during the Great Tribulation which is to come upon all the world.

John was not in the tribulation period and neither are we. He wrote to us about a coming day. When I read this verse my mind is drawn to the clear picture it paints for us today … **It’s the picture of an open heaven!**

John saw a door standing open in heaven …

This is a clear parallel to what Jesus said when He was speaking to His disciples about the coming last days. Jesus said:

Matthew 24

36  “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.

37  “But as the days of Noah *were*, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

38  “For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark,

39  “and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

The door of the ark was standing open … there was an open opportunity for all who heard and believed the message God had given through Noah … the door was open, just like the door of heaven, right up to the moment God shut it.

The world in Noah’s day was at war with God. Wickedness permeated the lives of ungodly men who ruled the earth, and everyone imagined they were safe and secure without God. When God finally had enough, and the set time had come, God closed the door. It was yet another seven days before He judged the sin of this world and destroyed the evil and those still at war with Him.

Genesis 6

5  Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually.

6 ¶  And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

7  So the LORD said, “I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.”

8 ¶  But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

9  This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.

The world in Noah’s day may have been evil and at war with God but Noah wasn’t. As well, Noah evidently influenced his family greatly because not only did Noah go through that open door of salvation, but so did Noah’s family.

Today I have some good news and I have some bad news …

·        **The Bad News – The world is at war with God …**

·        **The Good News – The door of heaven is still standing open!**

You can still find grace in the eyes of the Lord and without respect to what you are facing today or will face tomorrow, His grace is sufficient!

Today I am asking you to humble yourself in the eyes of God and surrender your life, your marriage, your health, your home and your hope to Him. He will never leave you or forsake you … you can depend on God!

These are the days God is giving us to work on ourselves and walk closer with Him … You can find Him in prayer!