

## What It Takes! *Slide Notations*

"Blessed is the servant whom his lord, when He comes, will find faithful in His house..."  
He will make him a ruler in His kingdom!

**What will it take?** To be found faithful at the return of the Lord...? We've read the scriptures about the "*lionized times*" we're *living in!*

"Lovers of themselves, covetous, arrogant, proud, slanderers, rebellious, unthankful, wicked, w/out natural affections, covenant breakers, false accusers, no self control, angry, haters, traitors, conceited, lovers of pleasures more than of God, having the look of godliness w/out its power..." 2T3.1-5

**Evidence of the times everywhere!** Church is compromised/powerless. Puffed up w/sin **1Co 5** Prevented by possessions **Mk 9.21,22** Led by "Pharisees" **R2.28 1P3.3 Mt 23.27** Apostasy imminent! **1T4.1, 2Th 2.3**  
Clintonesque Christianity: **hypocrisy** Oprah Christianity: new age/Buddhist **syncretism** Jesus Seminar:  
**humanism**

**Economic Descent** As the result of greed/covetousness foreclosures up 57% from last year  
A.R.M.'s resetting in May/June (1:100?) Squatter damage/scams. Bank losses in billions \$\$\$\$. New/used sales in deep slump. As the result of fear/competition building for energy, raw materials, food... shortages/inflated prices

Food prices rising/affecting every other sector of financial world! Rice/wheat up 100%/ rationing begun. Corn/soy diverted/consumed for fuel. Durable & soft goods sales off because people are choosing food over stuff!  
Entertainment sector struggling /rising costs/fewer people w/food/fun. People forced to lower footprint!!!

**(Footprint Asides)** Californians use 36% less energy. Turn off lights/running water. Consolidate car trips: car pool, "pearl" list, ride a bike! Cut back on eating out (*eat l.o.'s!*). Cut back on eating (exercise!) Cut back on shopping trips (2x max). Shop w/coupons – specials  
Limit purchases to essentials/save \$

This week, the fed begins mailing out *stimulus* checks... After you tithe it... save it... If it's enough to get you out of debt, even if you combine it with a little more, get out of debt...

But then use your \$\$\$ freedom to put some money back for the days ahead! Do not fall prey to the advertising people who want you to spend that \$\$!

**It's right!** The third seal opened on the earth, at the beginning of the "troubled days on earth," is a food crisis!  
Not absence, scarcity!

"A measure of *wheat* for a days wages and three measures of *barley* for a days wages..." **Rev 6.6** "Things planted..." will become so scarce, all you earn will go for food... and we're still here!

**What will it take?** To stand tall, worshipping God, in lionized times/world crises? Wars, world food shortages, famines, global economic chaos, separation and persecution of the church, natural convulsions and disasters...  
Where will we have to get to, to be able to worship God and faithfully serve Him to the end? *No matter what!*

**What will it take?** No cheap answer to standing *upright* in the face of disaster, death, tragedies, with the ability to honestly worship God! Who will you have to "be"? What will you have to know? Where will your heart have to be focused?

**All things that pertain to life and godliness are given to us in His word... By His word we become partakers of His divine nature... to be faithful to the end!**

**Acts 16** Paul and Silas are on the road of high adventure! "churches established in faith and increased in number daily!" **v5** "Holy Spirit interdiction" **v6,7** "visionary direction" **v8-15** "demon deliverance" **v16-18** "economic disturbance/fallout" **v19** "demon driven arrest" **v20-24** *How did it/could it happen?*

**"and at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises, and the prisoners heard them..."**

**What will it take?** How do we arrive at the place... Facing imminent death/worse... Surrounded by thick darkness... Leaning against walls/don't give... In chains that painfully bind... w/real communication to God and

worship for Him rising from our soul? True, not timid, behind-closed-door, worship... but... proclamation... With "life-saving" effects!

**Paul and Silas?** Did they sing in fear/desperation? Singing because smart/escape plan? Singing because rich/connected? Singing under the inspiration of someone else's deliverance story? Could they hear the saints praying? Could they hear them storming the gates/rescue mission?

**Or were they worshipping for the best reason in the world? *Because they were absolutely, positively, hopeless!***

**Paul and Silas?** They knew the truth... Why be anxious about this predicament if they couldn't do what was simple, like add 18" to their height! **Lk12.25,26**

They knew the Truth... **J14.6, 8.32** And He was about to set them free!

**They had absolutely no hope of changing their circumstances... So they were free to worship God without any hindrances!**

*And there isn't one thing we can do to change what's coming in our days...*

**End Times Prophecy is the record of *what happened* because of all the free will choices we've made...**

It's time for believers to put their trust in nothing but God... And in living that kind of life... to bring multitudes to salvation in Him!

**Paul and Silas?** "We're going to be seeing you soon, so we'll just begin our worship now...!"

**Two kinds of believers in this troubled world...** The kind that say: "Running out of time so I'm going back in to get my kicks!" The kind that say: "Running out of time, it's time to kick it into high gear!"

**"the day and hour the Son of man comes, no man knows..." "But as the moment came for Noah, so will the coming of the Son of Man be..." "the people around him were carrying on as usual the day Noah entered the ark..." "and didn't know it was too late until the flood hit them and they were carried away..." "if you want to be a good servant in His house, be ready... be faithful and wisely working... so that it won't matter when He comes... you won't be caught off guard..."**

**"but an evil servant who says, 'there's time, I can do what I want before I have to get serious...' his Lord will come in a day when he's not looking for Him, and cut him off..."**

**Which one are you?**

**Tough stuff is coming to America...** The acid test for faith... or hope! Every believer will feel the darkness, the weight, the "impossibilities..." But Jesus is coming too! What will He find you doing? Eating, drinking, carrying on as usual? Singing and "work-shipping?"

**There's time to prepare, to *really be* "good" servants and children... let's!**