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There is an old cliché which says, “A word to the wise is sufficient”. By today’s standards we can question this cliché on two different levels: First, there would not seem to be too many wise speaking; and second, there are not many wise who are able to hear.

God has sent out warning after warning: in His Word, in the weather, in finances, in fires, in earthquakes, and many other ways to wake up His people, but many make excuses, or explain all these away by saying, “These are only natural phenomena.” In a sense they are right. These are only natural when God is judging a wicked people, a wicked nation, or a wicked world. Jesus spoke of His wise and unwise virgins:

“Then shall the Kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.” Matthew 25:1-2

Our lamps are the light in our lives. All those who have light in their lives went forth to meet the bridegroom, but only one-half of those who went forth were wise. The other half were unwise. What was the difference between these two groups of virgins? *“They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:” Matthew 25:3.* The unwise took their lamps (light), but they took no oil with them. Oil represents the Holy Spirit anointing in our lives. Jesus revealed: *“Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps,” Matthew 25:7.* The

word **trimmed** means they lit their lamps. These unwise virgins had the anointing in their lives, but they took no oil with them. *“But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps,” Matthew 25:4.* The wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. These had the extra vessel of preparedness in their lives. They were ready for whatever God would bring upon the earth. But Jesus made one more revelation: *“While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept,” Matthew 25:5.* Even those who were prepared were asleep. When you are asleep you do not know what time it is. Many today are proclaiming what is coming upon the earth, yet they still live their lives as if nothing was wrong, and judgment was not at the door. They act as if God was asleep, so they continue to do as they please. Paul spoke of these in his letter to the Ephesians:

“Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.” Ephesians 5:14

Paul warned these to awake from their death-like state. Sleep is a death-like state. But Christ is giving light to those who are waking up to the times in which we live. The prophet Jeremiah spoke of the day in which we live. Jeremiah was called to be a prophet from His mother’s womb. Jeremiah spoke God’s Word and His direction all his life, and yet not one woke up to hear. There is no record of one person turning to God because of Jeremiah’s warnings. Jeremiah is called the Weeping Prophet. Jeremiah wept because the people were going to be judged. Yet they changed

not! Jeremiah prophesied concerning the day in which we live. He addressed the conditions the people would be in when God's judgment comes.

“Behold the voice of the cry of the daughter of My people because of them that dwell in a far country: Is not the Lord in Zion? Is not her king in her? Why have they provoked Me to anger with their graven images, and with strange vanities?”
Jeremiah 8:19

Jeremiah is writing to the daughters of his people. The daughters in the Old Testament represent the church in the New Testament. The daughters are female. The church is female, or the birthing part of the body of Christ.

Jeremiah is speaking of those who dwell in a far country. Those who are living in a far country are those who are living far away from God's will in their lives. These are those who go their own way, do their own thing. Knowingly or unknowingly they serve the gods of this world instead of giving their whole heart to the creating God.

Jeremiah also asked, “Is not her King in her?” Every person who is called by the name of Christ must ask, “Who have I made king in my life?” Have I made the King of the whole earth my King? Or, have I made my desires, my job, my family, my savings account, my retirement plan, my house, and my way of life my king? Are the things of this life more important to me than the things of God?

Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Jeremiah asked, “Why have they provoked Me to anger?” Today most churches teach we serve a goody, goody God who never gets angry. Many false prophets, preachers, and teachers teach, “God loves us, and whatever we do He forgives us. After all He knows we are

only human.” This false teaching has led many astray from the righteous ways of God.

God truly does love us. He loves us so much He is determined we do what is right; just as we do with our children if we are good parents. David, the Psalmist writes: “*God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry (with the wicked) every day,*” Psalm 7:11. The phrase **with the wicked** is in italics, and was added by the translators. What David wrote was: “*God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry every day.*” The apostle Paul wrote to the church at Rome:

“Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in His goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.” Romans 11:22

Paul informed the church at Rome of God's goodness, but he also warned them of God's severity. We can only depend on the goodness of God as long as we remain in His goodness. God gave us Israel as an example of His severity when He cut them off. God warns us if we do not continue to be pleasing in His sight we, too, will be cut off. The teachings of “Once Saved, Always Saved” or “Eternal Security” go out the window when we consider this Scripture.

Jeremiah reveals God's people have provoked Him to anger with their graven images. Most will say, “I do not worship graven images.” Graven images are the works of men's hands. We need to ask ourselves, “Do we worship what we can accomplish in ourselves?” The apostle John recorded Jesus' words:

“I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in Me, and I in Him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me.

ye can do nothing.” John 15:5

Anything accomplished outside the anointing of Christ becomes our work, and our work without Christ will fail. Only what we accomplish by and through the Spirit will have any meaning at all. When we depend on what we have accomplished in ourselves, it has become graven images in our life. This is how we provoke God to anger. This is why David could write, “God judges the righteous, and God is angry every day”.

Jeremiah also disclosed we provoke God’s anger through our strange vanities. The word **strange** is the Hebrew word NEKAR and means “*to disguise, misconstrue, misrepresent one’s self in what they are saying or doing*”. The word **vain** means “*utterly vain in word and deed*”. When Jeremiah spoke of our provoking God to anger with our strange vanities, he was saying we have become deceptive in everything we do and say. Our words and actions disguise, misconstrue, and misrepresent what we are thinking about and saying. We have become the lowest form of liars because we are not what we seem to be, or say we are. We have become frauds, putting on a facade to fool man, but it does not fool God. It only provokes His anger. Jeremiah continues his warning to the church of our day:

“The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.” Jeremiah 8:20

Summer is the time when the harvest is brought to maturity. It is the time of fruiting in our lives. God is trying to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. This fruit is the fruit of love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, lowliness, righteousness, and patience. These fruit are all part of God’s salvation process. These become the evidence of the Holy Spirit anointing in our lives. Without these fruit being evident in our lives, we are not truly walking in the Spirit, nor are we living in the Spirit.

Summer is the time of heat. Heat is what brings forth the harvest. God is turning up the heat in our lives, so He can have a harvest of those who have been purified in the fire. The prophet Malachi proclaims:

*“And He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.”
Malachi 3:3*

God is purifying His gold and silver. He is turning up the heat so all the dross comes to the top to be skimmed off. This is so we can offer Him our offerings in righteousness. All the strange vanities and the works of our own hands will have been dealt with. God has His people in their summer season, preparing them for the harvest. In His parable of the sower, Jesus explains the time of harvest:

“. . .the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.” Matthew 13:39

The harvest is the end of the world. The word **world** is the Greek word AION and means “*age*”. We are coming to the end of the Age of Grace. The Kingdom Age is about to begin. When the Kingdom Age begins, the time of fruiting or summer will be past. Many will discover Jeremiah’s words being fulfilled in their lives, but it will be too late. Summer will be past, and they are not saved.

The word Jeremiah used for **saved** was the Hebrew word YASHA and means “*to be liberated, to be delivered, to be victorious*”. Alas, summer is past and these were not liberated, delivered, or victorious over the flesh. But God has a remnant, an overcoming people who will be prepared for His Kingdom Age. Jesus revealed the overcomers to John on the Isle of Patmos, making them eight promises:

“He that hath an ear; let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches: To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.” Revelation 2:7

“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.” Rev. 2:11

“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.” Revelation 2:17

“And he that overcometh, and keepeth My works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations.” Revelation 2:26

“He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels.” Revelation 3:5

“Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from My God: and I will write upon him My new name.” Rev. 3:12

“To him that overcometh will I

grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne.” Revelation 3:21

“He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be His God, and He shall be My son.” Revelation 21:7

Three times Jesus stated, “He that hath an ear”. God is speaking to those today who have developed their Spiritual ears.

The overcomers will receive all things God has promised His creation from the beginning. We have another promise in Revelation 3:5: “I will not blot His name out of the Book of Life”. The indication here is that those who do not overcome will have their names blotted out of the Book of Life.

We need to ask ourselves, “How important is it for us to overcome?” Those who overcome will inherit all things. How much inheritance will those receive who do not overcome? The answer should be obvious, “Nothing!” Only the overcomers, the victorious ones are going to inherit. How many sons will God have? Only those who overcome. *From the book “Summer Is Ended” by George Kirkpatrick*

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