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We continue our "Need to Be Sober and Vigilant" series with our Scripture text: "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8).

At the time of this publication, it is apparent Donald J. Trump is the President-Elect of the United States of America. He did so with a rare "trifecta" – meaning he secured both Upper and Lower Chambers of the Congress along with the White House! I am certain many of you feel relieved, and rightly so.

Lately, the warfare has been intense and tempestuous. Since leaving office, Donald Trump has defied two assassination attempts, two presidential impeachments, a criminal conviction, and many other charges.

The deep state has sought to bury the man, but God, in His sovereignty, has not suffered that.

Without doubt the prayers of the redeemed prevail and the God of Abraham wills to grant America a spiritual awakening. However, in the coming days, we will witness the enemies – agents of Hell – seeking to impede the work we so desperately need and have mandated.

We must continue to fast, pray, and remain *sober and vigilant*. This is a very dangerous time concerning the transfer of power within our nation. Do not think for one moment Satan will not orchestrate some catastrophic or cataclysmic event before January 20, 2025.

The hounds of Hell seek to thwart what we have prayed and earnestly longed for; that is, truth, justice, and righteousness throughout America.

THE NEED TO BE SOBER AND VIGILANT! – PART 3

Anything less than that is an abomination to the Lord: "A false balance (one of deceit) is abomination to the LORD: but a just weight is his delight" (Proverbs 11:1).

Just as the deep state had an insurance policy for victory in 2016 (which did not work) and one in 2020 (which did work), I am certain they have another insurance policy that will become evident in the days ahead, if not already by the time you receive this newsletter.

Satan will not easily relinquish what he has conquered throughout the years. These evildoers will continue their propaganda for transgenderism, abortion, and wokeness.

They say "wokeness" encompasses the need to search for more knowledge, understanding, and truth in order to challenge injustice. The only injustice I see in *wokeness* is lies, distortion, and perversion. My knowledge, understanding, and conscience tell me there are but two genders and they cannot be changed by surgical mutilation.

It is imperative we embrace the altar of prayer with repentance.

Satan desires to give birth to a New World Order. He will not stop until he succeeds. The Bible clearly speaks of an end-time government ruled by this man of sin, the son of perdition, the Antichrist.

Sadly, the modern church has overdosed on apathy, complacency, lukewarmness, and placebo sermons. Far too long the church has neglected and abandoned the power the Word of God brings to the church, Christ's body. If there has ever been a time for the restoration

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of God's Word in the church it is today! The Word of our Lord is the only foundation and pillars for the true Church of the living God.

The church must hasten its work in His vineyard. We must continue to pray against the powers of darkness seeking to bring our nation into a third world war. I have said repeatedly we need to pray for a wartime president. We must pray God blocks the plots and schemes of the enemy along with the many conspirators seeking President Trump's demise.

As you well know, the deep state wants to create circumstances that will burden the President-Elect and encumber him with obstacles beyond his capacity. It would be like Absalom and Ahithophel who conspired against David to destroy him: "And one told David, saying, Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom. And David said, O LORD, I pray thee, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness (poor judgment)" (2 Samuel 15:31).

The word "conspirators" here in Hebrew simply means those who work treason. These treasonous ones seek to betray our nation and attempt to kill the sovereign, namely Donald Trump. Furthermore, the deep state wants to shackle President Trump with a long, drawn-out war in Ukraine and ignite a world war. We must pray Jehovah will turn the counsel of these conspirators into utter foolishness.

America spent over two decades in Afghanistan while spending trillions of dollars with virtually no results whatsoever. The military industrial complex wants America to be in a state of perpetual war – remember,

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it's always about the money. There is so much money circulating and hidden within the military industrial complex that it defies description.

In the near future, I feel certain President Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu will deal with Iran. It is Iran who fosters the proxy wars in the Middle East. Iran wants to drive Israel into the sea and America out of the Middle East. Reports say Trump and Netanyahu agree regarding handling Iran.

During the first Trump administration, Iran was brought to its knees through sanctions, and they were not able to build a nuclear weapon. However, the Biden administration opened the floodgates, allowing Iran to prosper without any sanctions. The danger in dealing with Iran is that Russia, North Korea, and China may decide to get involved.

Very likely the same as you, I want to be exceedingly optimistic – but we must also be pragmatic. North Korea has involved itself in the Russia-Ukraine war by sending 12,000 troops and 7,000 weapons containers to Russia. China buys most of its oil from Iran, therefore, they have a vested interest as well.

This scenario is just one of the many why we need to remain "sober and vigilant" in this hour. I humbly beseech you to remain committed to prayer in the coming days. Do not be surprised if there is a false flag event before Donald Trump's inauguration. In the event President Trump seeks to bring down the deep state, they will create immeasurable chaos and havoc to crush him.

Nevertheless, Christ is our refuge and strength and He will be our present help in the time of trouble: "And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me" (Psalm 50:15). I know some are fearful of what may transpire in the coming days. Our hearts should say, "What time I am afraid (frightened), I will trust in thee" (Psalm 56:3). Say as did King

David, "My times are in thy hand" (Psalm 31:15).

Whether it is a time of joy, pain, sorrow, laughter, planting, reaping, living, or dying, all of our times are in the hands of Jehovah! We need to completely trust God: "Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain (guide) thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved" (Psalm 55:22); and again, "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you" (1 Peter 5:7).

The reason we find America in this condition is because we have taken God out of our government, therefore, our government has become one of despair and filled with darkness. If there is no light or salt on Capitol Hill, how can we preserve our God-given rights? Unchecked powers become corrupt and foment overreach and tyranny.

The God of Abraham has given us an opportunity for revival and restoration. How will we respond? Will we remain steadfast, unmovable in the Lord's work, or take time off now that the election is over?

I am grieved to this day by how few are calling for repentance in our nation. We must not become deceived into believing everything has been fixed because of this election. The Word of God declares: "God is angry with the wicked every day" (Psalm 7:11).

Since the election, the United Methodist Church (UMC) has postured itself in opposition to the incoming administration. The UMC is standing in favor of sodomy. They have publicly stated they will defend this sin and perversion, no matter what. If professing Christians do not remove themselves from such debauchery, they will suffer the seven plagues found within the end-times vial/bowl judgments: "And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto

heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities" (Revelation 18:4-5).

Even to the very end, Christ appeals to those who are away from Him; to repent and come out of the harlot church. Complacency and deception will hold them hostage to a vile, wicked organization bound by whoredom and filth, thus the plea, "come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins!"

Now is the hour for divine holiness and purity. Christ the Lamb will accept nothing less: "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8). If people long to remain in Christ, they must seek purity in this evil, perverted hour.

Do not think for one moment this election saved America; it only gave us a reprieve. Let us use this hour of grace and mercy prayerfully and judiciously in the coming days!

We want to say "Thank You!" to those who gave to help so many in Western North Carolina. We received \$23,944 in gifts to help those who were hurt or misplaced by Hurricane Helene. We used those funds to purchase framing lumber, OSB sheathing, liquid nails, screws, along with air conditioning systems to give aid to those who have been terribly harmed and displaced. I also helped deliver the material.

And, let me also say "Thank You!" for your faithful support to this ministry. Know that we pray for you and your needs as you send your petitions to us.

Please remain focused in the coming days and do not allow yourselves to become distracted by Satan's chicanery and trickery. Through his subtlety, he seeks to corrupt everyone he possibly can. Do remain strong and enduring!

Serving with you,

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