

Church of Perth Intercessory Team

"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." 2 CHRONICLES 7:14

VOLUME III/1

HEART TO HEART

IANUARY, 1998

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

As we approach a new year and, by God's amazing grace we can herald in 1998, let us pray that this year will be in which we might see a vast move of the Spirit of God through our land - a move of REPENIANCE and FORGIVENESS.

As the 21st century looms before us, let us put our total trust and confidence in God, through our Lord JESUS CHRIST, and recognise that His infinite love for us, His compassionate understanding of us, His interest in us and His purpose for us have not changed.

Undoubtedly, we now live at a whirl-wind pace - a time of unprecedented transition into a revolutionary new era. Planet earth now resembles a film spool, spinning faster and faster as it nears its end. In the last 35 years, mankind has accumulated more knowledge than throughout the rest of history and the pace of life is constantly accelerating. Words can scarcely describe the advances on compact and computer technology of recent years. For example, the tiny microprocessor which can fit on the tip of your finger and costs less than \$10 is equivalent to a computer that once filled a room and cost \$500,000 just a few decades ago. Today, all our information inter-structure is at risk through information technology. Information assurance is about people. Our technology is so vulnerable for we are interconnected without a global regulator and this gives all countries a false sense of security in the field of information warfare. I hrough Internet our goal is sharing multilevel, multicultural information, knowledge and technology. There are 700,000 Web sites dealing with aliens! It is just as Daniel prophesied some 500 years before Christ "that at the end of time... knowledge shall increase". He also told that "many shall run to and fro". Never before has there been so much "to-ing and fro-ing" as today. People now travel further in a weekend than their grandparents did in a lifetime!

In the dramatic upheavals of recent years, we have seen the remarkable disintegration of the Soviet Union and the subsequent changes in Eastern Europe; the formation of the European Community; the collapse of apartheid and the change to black rule in South Africa. We have witnessed the turmoil following the disintegration of Yugoslavia "where nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom and there shall be famines and earthquakes in diverse places" (Matthew 24:7). I he Lord also warned us that there will be "wars and rumours of wars" in the last days.

We have witnessed tremendous strides in space technology in the endeavour to understand the mysteries of asteroids and interplanetary space while Psalm 19:1 states "The heavens declare the glory of God, the skies proclaim the work of His hand".

Ours is a world where national debt is escalating at an alarming rate with many nations facing bankruptcy in the near future and control by international bankers. We are looking at a "cashless society" where plastic cards are fast replacing cheques and cash. The prophetic words of the Book of Revelation are coming frighteningly near to fruition. "And he causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave to receive a mark on the right hand or on the forehead, so that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast or the number of his name".

I he earth is taking a tremendous amount of environmental stress and weather variances. It is common knowledge that the earth's weather patterns have changed considerably in the last two decades. It is unwise to ignore these signs....as our Lord JESUS instructs us to ".....keep watch because you do not know on what day your Lord will come". (Matthew 24:42)

Is it any wonder that we urge you as leaders of Australia and all Australians to change our ways and take the Sodomic nature from our hearts and obey God's Word of Life? Let us pray and be ready for the climatic temper tantrum that is predicted to occur in the very near future. It is predicted that much of our planet will be disrupted with a world wide weather phenomenon, causing air pollution and land destruction in the form of droughts, floods, whirlwinds, bush-fires, tidal waves, hurricanes, hail stones and earthquakes. Ihis will cause famine, poverty and the spread of many incurable killer-diseases, including AIDS, across the globe.

Godly standards are being scorned; fornication and adultery, homosexuality, Satanism, dangerous drugs, pornography, abortion and Godless education programmes are steadily dragging nations into a mire of iniquity. The shadows of Sodom and Gomorrah and the battles of the nation of Israel are cast over us. "All these things happened unto them for examples; and they are written for our admonition upon whom the ends of the world are come" (1 Corinthians 10:11). God's previous dealings with the evil, wicked, perverted and hardened hearts should be a divine warning and a lesson to every society in Australia and in the world!

The outlook for humanity looks bleak. But is it really? God is looking for those who know and walk in faith with JESUS. The great thing about Christianity is that Christians are a people of no fear, but of Hope - drawing strength, joy and peace from a relationship with JESUS CHRISI and sharing the blessed assurance and the promises of God, as we look to Him in all circumstances and tribulation. The hour is coming, and may not be too long in arriving, when God must pour out His Judgment on a sinful society and world.

So, why not, as leaders of Australia, why not take God at His Word and turn to Him and take on the agenda of JESUS CHRIST and really reach out to our broken society where paganism is at present reflecting a miserable, death-ridden failure with no hope for the future?

OUR PRAYER:

Our Loving Father in Heaven, Hallowed be Your Name. We come in one accord in JESUS' righteousness and in the unity of Your Holy Spirit to commit our Federal and State leaders to You, LORD, to not be afraid, but only BELIEVE in the almightiness of our Lord JESUS CHRIST by faith. We pray that they will discover the need to be partakers of Your blessing as leaders of Your nation of Australia in order for them to encourage the preaching of Your Word to be taught in schools, homes, communities and departments. We pray that all Australians will heed Your call before Your Holy anger strikes our nation!

We thank You that Your Living Word is JESUS CHRIST. He is the Word of Truth everlasting, the Word of Power, the Word of Health, the Word of Substance and the Word of spiritual Life Eternal. He will give Eternal Life into the very nature of anyone who confesses He is LORD and BELIEVES.

There is a need for all Australians to open their hearts and inward eyes to <u>Know their Giver</u>, JESUS CHRIST, who provides for <u>all</u> their social, financial, physical and emotional needs - because no person except JESUS can deliver them out of their hurts and demonic bondages.

Lord, we pray that You will give our leaders Your power over <u>all</u> the wiles of the enemy so that the power of the Holy Spirit of God can be manifested in their lives for the godly leadership of Australia. In JESUS' Name, we ask and thank You.....Amen.

C.O.P.I.I. - led by our LORD JESUS CHRIST in the presence of the HOLY SPIRIT to glorify the FATHERHOOD OF GOD with the Brotherhood of Man, in love and faithfulness to bring glory to our Eternal Father, in Jesus' Name. Amen and Glory.