

Intentionally Ignoring The Signs Of The times

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Text Luke 12:54-57 , Mt 24:37-39

Objectives:

1. To inform believers about the kind of people who ignore the signs of the times
2. To distinguish the difference in the action of those who ignore and those who take heed.
3. To keep people from ignoring the signs of the times

Introduction:

A reporter and a cameraman of NTV Corporation was assigned to cover the fatal crash of a prefectural rescue helicopter in Chichibu ,Saitama Prefecture The prefectural police have ask the media to refrain from covering the site of the helicopter crash. But they still proceeded to the site with the help of a guide. Both are inadequate of equipment and climbing skills .Their guide ask them to head back at one point when they reached the river because it was dangerous for them to keep climbing in their clothes .But the cameraman insisted on taking pictures at the mountain ridge on the path, Then the next day they were found drowned and later were confirmed dead at the hospital.

Intentionally ignoring the warning of dangers they are going to encounter caused the death of this two media men.

I The Kind Of People Who Intentionally Ignore The Signs Of The Times

To Ignore-means refusing to pay attention/to avoid/to bypass/to neglect
Hypocrite-a person who acts in contradiction to his or her stated beliefs or feelings, people who talk the walk but not walk the talk, Old- interpret the scriptures (prophecy) but do not believe (Jesus) (Mat,22:2,3 ; Titus 1:16)

II The Action Of People Who Intentionally Ignore The Signs Of The Times

In Noahs time Genesis 6:5, 12 –eating,drinking and marrying – means the indulged in sensuality and worldliness

1. Doers of Evil – Rev.21:8 ; Jude 1:7

Illus. Sept 11,2001 destruction of world trade center and

President.Bush speech about evil-doers (barbaric,no justification in action and motivation is evil)

2. Corruption-guilty of dishonesty and practices bribery, lacking integrity, crooked
I Cor.6:9 15:33 _corrupt means dishonest Luk16:10, unrighteous 1Cor 6:1

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Illus. Worlds Ten Most Corrupt Leaders (1. Suharto \$15-35 billion
2. Marcos-\$5-10billion ..7.Fujimori \$600million 10. Joseph Estrada-\$ 78-
80million)- *Source: Transparency International Global Corruption Report
2004*

3. Violence – James 4:1-2

Illus. 20th century ,the most violent one in human history

III The Result Of Ignoring The Signs Of The Times

*But as the days of Noah were, so shall be the coming of the Son of Man.
For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying
and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered into the ark. Mat24:37-38*

These actions of eating drinking and marrying are the normal everyday activities that people do. These actions are not evil actions in it sense but in Noahs time its about sensuality and worldliness. Then what made the difference between those who were aware and those who were not since both of them were doing these things. They were eating and drinking(necessary for preserving life) when they should have been repenting and praying. They marrying and giving in marriage(necessary to the preservation of mankind)when they should have been weeping and mourning.

*And they did not know **until** the flood came and took them all away. So also will be the coming of the Son of Man - Mat24:39 .They intend to ignore Gods warning or deliberately nullify Gods word until the rapture of the saints.*

1. They could not be save-For by grace through faith and there is other name we can be save only through Jesus (Acts 4:12 ; Ephe.2:8-9)
2. They will be condemned
3. They will be be judge – I Sam,2:10 ; Jude 1:5

Conclusions:

Like Demas who deserted apostle Paul because of the love of this world and gone for Thessalonica. (II Tim.4:10) Those who have once been enlightened, tasted the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and tasted the good word of God, then have fallen away it is impossible for them to renew again for repentance.(Heb 6:4-6) During Noah's time Gods heart was grieved because of wickedness of man that he blot out mankind except Noah's family (Gen 2:5-12) Intentionally ignoring the signs of the times will ultimately cause unbelievers to face eternal separation and damnation and believers to suffer with them.