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Sunday Morning service

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## GRACE MISSION CHURCH - CENTURION SERMON NOTES BY PASTOR EDGAR NELUVHALANI

### UNDERSTANDING GOD'S UNCHANGING PLANS AND PURPOSES

Malachi 3:6 (NLT)

A Call to Repentance<sup>6</sup> "I am the LORD, and I do not change. That is why you descendants of Jacob are not already destroyed."

As we go through this lockdown and tight health measures that have brought almost everything to a halt; there are many questions that I believe we're all asking ourselves about what this situation is all about and what God is saying about it. These are some of the key questions you may have:

#### JESUS IS THE ANSWER TO EVERY QUESTION

1. Is this outbreak a natural or man-made plague?
2. Did God allow it?
3. Did God do it?
4. Is it some big international conspiracy?
5. Is it a Test from God?
6. Is it a Birth pain of something big about to be born e.g. a revival or times of refreshing?
7. Is it a sign of the end times?
8. Is it a warning or an awakening?
9. Is it God's Judgement on the world?
10. Will this bring God's justice for the church or believers?
1. Will the world ever be the same?
12. Will the church ever be the same?
13. If this could happen to the world, what's next and how far can it get?



## 2. BEWARE OF CONTRACTING NEW FEARS YOU NEVER HAD BEFORE!

The Lord has been speaking to me about warning people to “be aware of the enemy’s strategy to increase the levels of specific types of fears that are aimed at taking your attention away from God and your faith from believing in His love and protection:

- Fear of contracting a virus from others
- Fear of death
- Fear of the future
- Fear of lack
- Fear of crowds and gatherings”

## 3. CHOOSE TO BE CHEERFUL & GRATEFUL

Proverbs 15:15-16 (Passion Translation NT)

15 “Everything seems to go wrong when you feel weak and depressed. But when you choose to be cheerful, every day will bring you more and more joy and fullness.

16 It’s much better to live simply, surrounded in holy awe and worship of God, than to have great wealth with a home full of trouble.”

Proverbs 15:15-16 (NLT)

15 “For the despondent, every day brings trouble; for the happy heart, life is a continual feast.

16 Better to have little, with fear for the LORD, than to have great treasure and inner turmoil.”



#### 4. THE PLANS AND PURPOSES OF GOD ARE STILL WELL ON COURSE AND IN PLACE

“WE HAVE A DUTY TO ESTABLISH GOD’S WILL/WORD HERE ON EARTH”

Psalms 119:89-90 (NKJV)

89 “Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven.

90 Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You established the earth, and it abides.”

THE bible says His word is forever settled in Heaven but doesn’t mention earth, why? Because you and I are responsible for establishing the word here on earth. That’s why Jesus also instructed us that when we pray we must declare, “Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven” (Matthew 6:9-13). We are also reminded that “whatever we bind on earth is also bound in heaven” (Matthew 18:18-19). It is our God given mandate for us to enforce or enable the will of God over our nations even at this time. I strongly believe we will see the end of this Coronavirus sooner than expected.

We should not forget Job 22:28:(NKJV)

28 “You will also declare a thing, And it will be established for you; So light will shine on your ways.

”1 John 5:4 (NKJV)4 “For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.” - (Greek - the victory that overrides the system)

Luke 10:19 (NKJV)

19 “Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”



## 5. HAVE THE EYES TO SEE WHAT GOD SEES

Joshua 6:1-2 (NKJV)

The Destruction of Jericho

1 “Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in. 2 And the LORD said to Joshua: “See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valour.”

### SOME OF THE GREAT THINGS I BELIEVE WILL EMERGE OUT OF THESE CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES

1. The walls of limitations for the Gospel will fall down - outbreaks of revival everywhere - the light shines brighter in darkness!
2. The spreading of the gospel through the internet and social media will be greater than ever before
3. Gentiles will come to our light like never before - the harvest is being prepared
4. The wealth of the gentiles will be turned us. New ways of success in business - the world's systems are failing and becoming irrelevant
5. More World leaders will move towards seeking supernatural guidance now more than ever



1 John 5:14-15 (NKJV)

Confidence and Compassion in Prayer

14 “Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.”

Exodus 8:23-24 (NKJV)

23 “I will make a difference between My people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall be.

24 And the LORD did so. Thick swarms of flies came into the house of Pharaoh, into his servants' houses, and into all the land of Egypt. The land was corrupted because of the swarms of flies.”

Psalms 61:2-3 (NKJV)

2 “From the end of the earth I will cry to You, When my heart is overwhelmed; Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

3 For You have been a shelter for me, A strong tower from the enemy.”

Zephaniah 3:17 (NKJV)

17 “The LORD your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.”

