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THE AGE OF LOVEY-DOVEY AND THE STRANGE OLD MEN WITH SIGNS!

One thing is totally true, that God's mercy is for those who humble themselves and receive the 'Gospel'. His love and mercy however, also **don't** reach into the hearts of those who refuse the offer. They could be ready at a later date, if they are extended even more mercy, but that is not guaranteed according to God's word. The best time to receive Jesus (The Gospel) is the moment you hear it!

THE STRANGE OLD MEN WITH SIGNS!

In the distant past I remember seeing on TV old men walk about the streets of large western cities, like New York or London and Toronto, Sydney etc. These primarily elderly men used to carry signs with them: like: 'The End is nigh!' Or 'Flee from the Wrath to come!' Their message was plain and simple and didn't need any one to explain further what the old men's message was or is!

It is easy to imagine, that many people would have thought these people had lost a few of their marbles, and in their grumpy old age had gone off their rockers and so decided

to let out their frustrations by carrying strange signs strapped to their bodies in some cases! Another common sign or



banner said 'Flee from the Wrath to come!' Which expression is found in the Bible: Matthew 3:7 But when he (John the Baptist) saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: and almost identically again in Luke 3:7.

FLEE FROM THE WRATH TO COME! Was THE Message of both John the Baptist and

Jesus Christ. In addition they called for people to Repent of their sins immediately and get their hearts right with God. If not, the message was clear, 'Wrath WAS undoubtedly coming!' Were John and Jesus correct? Oh yes they were. The wrath to/on the Jewish people came almost exactly 39 years later with the destruction of Jerusalem and the great Diaspora and scattering of the rebellious non repenters in the global gentile world. This Wrath lay upon them for almost 2,000 years. The Roman armies under Titus, son of Emperor Vespasian, destroyed the city which in living memory, had rejected both Jesus and John. **

Yet this message of flee from the wrath to come and repent is still so applicable. All great men of God preached it. The great Revivals across the globe all were born with that message. The Welsh Revival, to cite one example, was conducted by preachers able and pure enough in heart to transmit the same message with the same power onto the populations around them.

The reactions of the populations in all these many countries were remarkably similar: those who wanted the truth repented, sometimes,

with great weeping, agony, screaming and desperation in so many cases. They immediately began new lives now that the Gospel had entered their hearts **THROUGH THEIR REPENTANCE!** Of course some may have fallen backwards into their old lives later, but statistics do show that the majority of those 'doing' the repenting, made it into a new life with Jesus and kept their faith until their deaths.

So I think these odd old men and sometimes odd young men were correct. They were faithful to share a simple sentence

(possibly tens or hundreds of thousands) were baptised by him, and his trained disciples, with the understanding they were repenting and getting their hearts clean before God. To them was given a new life and the opportunity to believe in their Messiah coming right after John.

When Jesus came (almost immediately after John's arrest), into Galilee he had the same message in Mark chapter 1:

14 Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of

fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.



THE AGE OF LOVEY-DOVEY

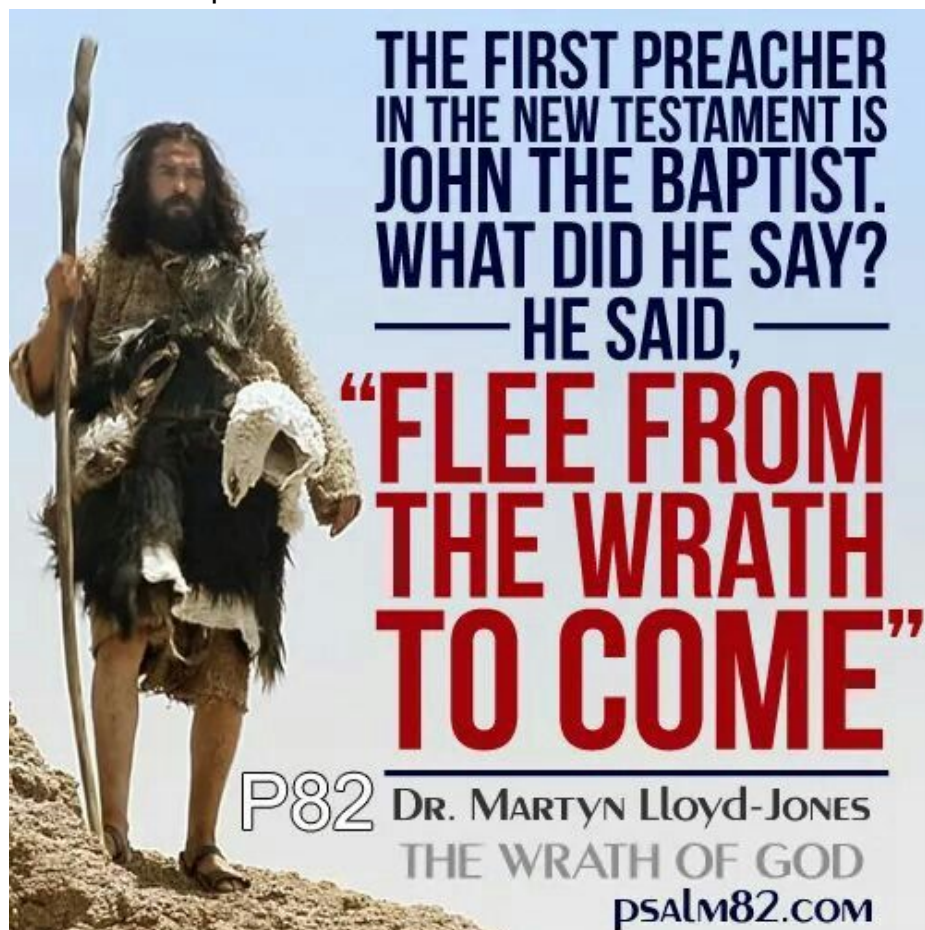
Today, my dear cleaning lady told me: **we are not hearing that repentance message much today, that's wrong!**

I believe and we can see all around us what resembles 'Wrath'. We are in the age of destruction, financial meltdowns, but because so many of us either have not yet had this wrath touch us personally, we are still living in dreamland.

I believe the wonderful Bible verses of John 3:16 and all the other scores verses about God's great Love for us. I believe in the unity of wonderful brothers and sisters.

All that is possible, but all that usually has to be brought about by powerful Holy Spirit filled pastors who are wise, truly know the Lord, and are able to guide their flocks with the full truth of God's Word, which is really two fold, one is keep your hearts right with God on a daily basis. **Seek the Lord while He may be found for just as surely in the floods of great waters (Wrath) you will have lost the time to be near to Him. For when they say peace and safety, then sudden destruction shall (surely) come upon them).** The true pastor also has to correct members of his flock or congregation to help them stay on the right side of the Spirit.

But today at least in the West, we have fallen in to the common mistake of the age

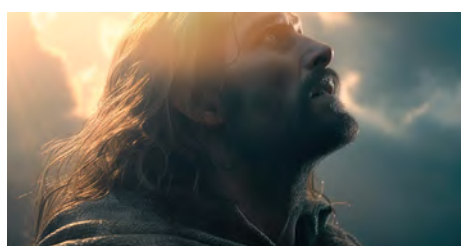


with the cities they lived in.

So when John the Baptist arrived on the scene in Judaea, he was the real deal and the message was this in the image below!

John's message brought a reaction. The multitudes

the kingdom of God,



15 And saying, The time is

of Lovey-dovey. Lovey-dovey in the sense of being oblivious to anything else and just focused on one aspect of God, and in which case we do not see the other second part of God's nature, which although is LOVE, knows how to instruct, chastise, reprimand and judge, not only us, but the world in general, when we/they need it.

We must love as Jesus said and love the unsaved and love our brothers and sisters.

I can only tell you that I believe God has so many more blessings available to us and the world when we are not rebellious to Him. When we treat each other well and sacrifice for the sake of the Gospel.

Psalm 68:6

God
setteth **the** solitary **in** families:
he bringeth out those which are
bound with chains:
but **the rebellious dwell**
in a dry land.

While we enjoy the lovey-dovey side of our Christian lives we should earnestly remember the main Message of the Gospels and the Apostles, as

well as those fantastic strange old men! Amen?

[**Titus vespasian destroyes jerusalem - Google Search](#)



Until Next week,
God willing.

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[Flee the Wrath to Come! - Darlene N. Bocek, author](#)



Rome, Arch of Titus: Roman soldiers sacking the temple and carrying the Menorah

Matthew 3:7

You brood of vipers, who has warned you to flee from the wrath to come?!

2 Corinthians 5: 10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.¹¹ Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men!

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