

TOMORROW YESTERDAY



**What
Happened
to
Yesterday?**

In the midst of the ever-changing times, **consider where we are headed** in the light of aggressive, unhealthy, out of control spending by our government, even an unhealthy health plan, profiting from abortion, providing for Iran's terrorism, watching aggression by ISIS, while we turn from our faithful ally Israel, the pursuit of nuclear armaments by our enemies, terrorism, fears, global uncertainties, political pursuit to make our constitution of no value, economic turmoil and religion without rightness. Add to this materialism controlling its followers, morality, marriage, and the family being besieged by immorality under the banner of lifestyles, etc. The **absence** of a right understanding of where society is being taken, fostered in large measure by the media, is not good. The well entrenched power structure has great control in the name of "caring." Such is used to gain position and power by **determined opponents** of our unique historic American way. Consider also the extraordinary rate of change which is so great in just about every area so that keeping pace is practically impossible. **Failure to understand** the implications of change makes for an unprepared people. The absence of old fashioned good common sense is to be noted. Who would have thought yesterday would bring us to where we are today? **What about tomorrow?**

CONSIDER GOD'S CHANGELESS HOLY CHARACTER

and conduct which **must not be confused** with human political and religious management. "And understand that I am He: before Me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after Me. **I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no Saviour**" (Isaiah 43:10-11). "The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen (nations) to nought: He maketh the devices of the people of none effect" (Psalm 33:10).

CONSIDER THAT GOD IS NOT AN ABSENTEE LANDLORD

"Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure" (Isaiah 46:9-10). "Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD" (Jeremiah 23:24). All God's creation **and all of its history** must find itself answering to God's timeless Person. So, to all nations God says, "Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? And **there is no God else beside Me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside Me. Look unto Me, and be ye saved**, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else" (Isaiah 45:20-23).

CONSIDER THAT THE FUTURE IS NOT WHAT IT USED TO BE

What we think may be the future may not be how the future will actually be. "We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of health, and behold trouble!...For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end" (Jeremiah 8:15; 29:11). Hope and help are to be found: "Looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life" (Jude 21). Keeping in mind that **there can be no PEACE without VICTORY**, without **the God of Peace who makes possible peace with God** (Romans 5:1). Darkness cannot be dismissed **without the Light**. Wrongness cannot prevail over **the righteousness of God**. God's Word, **the Bible**, provides the needed understanding of our times and their outworkings. God's saving grace is to be found in the changeless Person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ, Who is to be **fully relied upon** for safety, surety and soundness of mind. God knows the future. **God is the future**. "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour, Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13). **Receive the Lord Jesus Christ Who is "the same, yesterday, and today, and forever"** (John 1:12-13; Hebrews 13:8). "Jesus said unto her, **I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die**. Believest thou this?" (John 11:25-26).

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