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**Introduction**

We continue the series today on “*Where To Look In Troubled Times.*”

The Bible predicted some perilous times in the last days—*2 Timothy 3:4—“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. . .”*

Those perilous times are here! We are living in the midst of them!

If we don’t look in the right places, then the troubled times will keep us troubled.

However, God doesn’t want us to have troubled hearts, but hearts full of trust in Him.

Jesus said to his disciples in *John 14:1—“Let not your hearts be troubled. Ye believe in God, believe also in me.”*

Thus far we have said that in troubled times we need to:

“**Look Up**”—God is our Shelter, our Strength, and Our Stability for troubled times.

“**Look Back**”—Look Back At Our History, Look Back At How God Deals With Nations That Sin, Look Back At How God Deals With Nations That Repent., Look Back To God..

“**Look Out**”—Look Out For Deception, Look Out For Doubt, Look Out For Duty.

“**Look In**”—Look In The Heart Of The Sinner, Look In Our Own Heart, Look In To Getting Right With God.

Today we want to examine the matter of “**Looking Forward.**”

**Looking forward** to the “Blessed Hope” of the coming of our LORD!

**I. WE NEED TO LOOK FORWARD TO WHEN THERE WILL BE PERFECT JUDGMENT AND JUSTICE!**

*Psalm 89:14—“Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.”*

*Jeremiah 23:5—“Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.”*

Whenever there are atrocious acts of crime or terror, there is always a cry and a call for justice! Sometimes we may see that justice take place at the hands of police, or our military or through a court system. But sometimes there appears to be no justice!

**A. For Justice And Judgment To Take Place, The Guilty Must Be Found!**

But that’s not always possible even in our day and time. Even so, we are being asked to give up more and more of our freedoms in the name of combating evil and increasing the probability that perpetrators will be stopped before they do evil or caught and prosecuted soon after they have committed evil!

There are more cameras rolling in our society than ever before that can aid in detection and prosecution of perpetrators. But it comes at the cost of our privacy being invaded!

Our phone conversations are being scrutinized by massive computers that are sometimes capable of detecting the evil of men, but again, the cost is our privacy!

**B. For Justice And Judgment To Take Place, The Facts Must Be Known!**

Again, this is not always possible even in our day and time of increased science and technology! Sometimes folks get off on a technicality or because the facts could not be determined in such a way as to get a conviction.

**C. For Justice And Judgment To Take Place, The Sentence Must Be Sufficient!**

Sometimes the sentences handed down by man’s courts seem inadequate, that’s not true justice.

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But listen, none of this is a problem for our LORD!  
When He comes, there will be nowhere for the guilty to run to or hide!  
When He comes, ALL the facts will be known and revealed!  
When He comes, the sentence will be sufficient!

Understand that nobody is getting by with their wickedness even though it appears that they may be from our perspective!  
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**II. WE NEED TO LOOK FORWARD TO WHEN THERE WILL BE UNTEMPERED JUBILATION AND JOY!**

*Psalm 16:11—“Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.”*

**A. Christians Should Be Joyful!**

*Psalm 5:11—“But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.”*

*Psalm 32:5—“Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.”*

**B. Right Now Our Joy May Be Hindered Because Of Sin!**

**1. It Can Be Hindered By The Sin Of Others!**

*Proverbs 17:21—“He that begetteth a fool doeth it to his sorrow: and the father of a fool hath no joy.”*

**2. It Can Be Hindered By Our Sin!**

*Psalm 51:12—“Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.”*

**C. Right Now Our Joy May Be Tempered By Circumstances!**

*Psalm 30:5—“. . .weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.”*

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*2 Timothy 4:14—“And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever.”*

**Revelation 21:4**

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**III. WE NEED TO LOOK FORWARD TO WHEN THERE WILL BE AN END OF SATAN’S JIHAD! (Isaiah 14:15; Revelation 19:19-20; 20:10)**

Some of the radical Muslims speak of having declared a “Holy War” against the U.S. They call it “Jihad”.

But listen, there has been a spiritual holy war since the time that Satan tried to exalt himself against God!

*Isaiah 14:15—“Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.”*

*Ephesians 6:12—“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”*

The Holy war will come to an end one day—then JESUS CHRIST who IS Truth and Righteousness will reign!

**IV. WE NEED TO LOOK FORWARD TO WHEN JESUS WILL COME AGAIN!**

**A. Jesus Told His Disciples He Would Come Again!**

*John 14:3—“I will come again”*

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**B. The Men In White Apparel At The Ascension Of Jesus Said He Would Come Again.**

*Acts 1:11—“...Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.”*

**C. Paul Said Jesus Would Come Again.**

*1 Thessalonians 4:16—“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:”*

**D. Peter Said Jesus Would Come Again. (2 Peter 3:3ff)**

**E. John Said Jesus Would Come Again. (1 John 3:1-3)**

### Conclusion

Are you ready for Jesus to come today? Are you ready to stand before God?

If you are not saved, you are not ready!

If you are not right with God, you are not ready!

Instead of looking at all the trouble in this world, we need to be looking to the future!

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To When There Will Be Untempered Jubilation And Joy...

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To When Jesus Will Come Again!