

“Take Heed” Ministries:

January 2020 – April 2020

A special update-letter because of the unusual times we are living through

Dear praying friends and supporters of ‘Take Heed’,

I can honestly say, without fear of contradiction, that these past months have been the most unusual that I have ever lived through. The **Corona-virus pandemic** certainly has disrupted ‘normal’ life for multitudes all around the world and has affected all classes and creeds including of course, Christians – it has been no respecter of persons. So, **what has God been doing** through this worldwide ‘plague’ - some articles that I have posted to the ministry web site over these months have in some ways addressed that question. This was one such article and I shall cite some important lines from it that tell **what I believe God has been doing** –

EGYPT’S ‘Gods’ and GOD’S PLAGUES:

TODAY’S ‘Gods’ and CORONA-VIRUS.

The Bible does tell of a time when a powerful, self-confident, self-sufficient nation was very quickly ‘brought to its knees’ and life as they knew it was totally disrupted and all that they relied upon and looked to was shown to be **“Vanity of vanities, all is vanity” (Ecclesiastes 1:2)** ... **In answer to the question that many are asking, ‘where is God in all of this’ I firmly believe that He is saying to the world that He has not changed His message of the gospel - that the world must repent and believe in His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ in order to be saved from eternal wrath. It is also clear from His Word that, on occasions, He moves to mete out retribution and punishment on the world in a demonstration that He is sovereign and can purge and cleanse the world when it is awash with sin - “I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt ... yet ye have not returned unto me ... prepare to meet thy God” (Amos 4:10 & 12).**

This pandemic has also very publicly shown just how diabolically deceptive people like **KENNETH COPELAND** are as I highlighted in this article and again, I’ll quote some extracts

KENNETH COPELAND and CORONAVIRUS

Facebook posts of 13th March 2020 and 1st April 2020

Shortly I will give the link to a video of him declaring himself to be **‘standing in the office of a PROPHET of God’** and **‘executing judgment on COVID-19 and Satan’** and also declaring that **‘America is healed and well again’**. Events since he made these outrageous claims have shown the validity of this portion that I wrote - **“This man is ‘DELUDED’ – there are no ‘PROPHETS of God’ in the age we live in ... This man is ‘DEMENTED’ - he is quite simply mad to think that he has such divine power ... This man is ‘DANGEROUS’ as those listening to him and trusting in him could easily think that they do not need to follow government or medical guidelines for health-safety in these COVID-19-challenging days”**.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OSlrQBGfUtw>

Another area I was asked about were ‘methods’ suggested to people, by other professing Christians, to ward off the evil of **corona-virus**. This was the article and some excerpts -

PROTECTION FROM CORONA-VIRUS?

Facebook post of 6th April 2020.

In recent days I was asked by someone what my thoughts were on a suggestion that had been made to them to this effect – that Christians should **‘tie a red ribbon somewhere on their house representing the blood of Jesus for protection’**. Before that, I had also read this post from someone **‘You can anoint your home - maybe doors and windows - with oil.’** ... In both instances these ‘protective measures’ (**‘scarlet thread’ and ‘lamb’s blood’**) were given to specific people for a specific

event in time ... Secondly, in both instances, these were 'types' that pointed forward to One who would give His people 'protection' from God's wrath and judgment against sin. The 'scarlet thread' and the 'lamb's blood' pointed to the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ that would "**propitiate**" (divert away) God's wrath against sin away from those trusting in and sheltering under it by faith – **see for instance Romans 3:24-25** ... The suggestions to utilise either a 'red ribbon' or 'anointing oil' to ward off and obtain protection from the **CORONA-VIRUS** appears to me to be as paganly superstitious as those who probably still wear a 'St Christopher medal' to protect them as they journey about ... None of us know the detailed plans God has for our lives and we are not to "tempt God" (Luke 4:12) by using superstitious means for 'protection'. Rather, we, with David, should say, "**The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him and I am helped**" (Psalm 28:7).

OTHER ARTICLES POSTED TO THE MINISTRY WEB SITE HAVE INCLUDED:

Toronto 'Abomination' resurfaces at BETHEL, CA
Randy Clark still peddling 'seducing spirits and doctrines of demons'

ISLAMIC 'SUFISM' INFLUENCES
BETHEL 'WORSHIP'

ANDY STANLEY or Bishop J C RYLE:
Which should you believe?

Other articles dealing with topics like, further heresy by **Carl Lentz** of **Hillsong, New York**; The unscriptural basis of **Jimmy Swaggart Ministries**; The emergence of a **British Version of New Apostolic Reformation**; The horror of the new **Northern Ireland Abortion Laws**; The plethora of various American-based '**Churches of God**' promoting **Armstrongism**; The charismatic/ecumenical strains within local **Crown Jesus Ministries**; The worrying influences behind a **Ballynahinch Week of Prayer** were all penned and posted to the ministry web site.

Following a meeting at which I spoke at in January, a brother-in-Christ offered to part-fund a reprint of my '**Dear Muslim neighbour**' tract so 5,000 were printed and enclosed with this letter are 3 copies – 1 for yourself and 2 to pass to Muslims if the Lord gives opportunity. Should you require additional copies just request them and they will be sent **FREE** to you.

In March, the ministry photocopier that had served well for 16 years finally 'gave up the ghost' and so a new photocopier had to be purchased at a time when, because of the pandemic, meetings at which I was due to speak were cancelled. Perhaps you would prayerfully keep the ongoing needs of the ministry in mind as you reflect on how the Lord is still using '**Take Heed**' as a very necessary '**watchman**' in these deeply dark spiritual days – online support –

<https://www.takeheed.info/donations/>

Warmly in Christ

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