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We are living in perilous times! We are living in a day where men bring on aircraft the ingredients for making a liquid bomb to destroy the plane in mid flight. We are living in a day where the president of a country is calling for the utter demise of Israel. Also we are living in a time where the weather around the world is reaching extreme temperatures. Paris and Berlin reached 39°C on July 20 according to Inter Press Service News Agency,

<http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=34051> article "Global Warming, Not Just Heat Wave." For those who don't know the formula for converting centigrade to fahrenheit 39°C is 102°F. $(\frac{9}{5}) * TempC + 32 = F$

When you look around you can definitely see that we are living in the days just before the rise of the Antichrist. The political climate, weather, crime, along with everything else indicates that we are living in the last days. We are living in the days where men are lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.

2 Timothy 3:1-17

1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of

those that are good,

4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.

10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,

11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.

12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

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16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

We are living in the days that the Apostle Paul described in his epistles. Even with God's judgment of AIDS we see a huge escalation of lasciviousness, fornication, adultery, homosexuality, and illicit sex. A sane person who sees the risk of acquiring AIDS would not participate in the various sexual activities that are common in today's society. What we are seeing is a total disregard of the hazards of illicit sex just to have some pleasure for a season. We are living in a time where men are lovers of pleasure. We are living in an age where pleasure outweighs any hazard!

Look at the rebuilding of New Orleans. The pride and arrogance of society dictates that we will build a bigger city devoted to sin and debauchery. God has shown his displeasure of the increase of sin and debauchery in the United States. America has chosen to ignore God's judgment and build a bigger city devoted to sin and debauchery.

Genesis 11:1-9

1 And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.

2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.

3 And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be

scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

5 And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.

6 And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

9 Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

After seeing the flood you would think that man would humble himself before God. The Bible tells us that the last days would be just like the days of Noah.

Matthew 24:27-39

37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Today is the day described in the Bible. We are seeing a time where debauchery and sin reign supreme. No matter what the consequences of sin, the world today would rather seek a little pleasure risking everything

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while seeking to fulfill their lust which can never be satisfied.

If you are reading this sermon, you might feel that you cannot overcome your desire to sin. You might feel that living a righteous life is just too hard. You might think that you were born a homosexual, adulterer, fornicator, or whatever. God did not create you as a sinner! You sin to fulfill your own wicked lusts! If you want to be free from sin, call upon the Lord today! Seek the Lord's help today to help you overcome the temptations of Satan.

James 4:1-17

1 From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?

2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?

6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.

10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord,

and he shall lift you up.

11 Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge.

12 There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?

13 Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:

14 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

15 For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.

16 But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil.

17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

Isn't this the world that we are living in today? Greed and haughtiness has blinded your vision. As the Apostle James tells us, we are to draw close to God and humble ourselves. When we get close to God and seek his assistance, he will lift us up. Jesus Christ is your only hope to combat this sin-filled world. With the temptations of Satan getting stronger every day, we need to follow the admonition of James and humble ourselves. We are not strong enough to resist the temptations of Satan on our own. Only by seeking the Lord's help will we have the strength to resist Satan's evil temptations.

Do you find that you are a slave to sin? Do you find it impossible to stop sinning? If you are in this state, now is the time to pray and ask for Jesus' help. He will give you the willpower to resist the wicked temptations. He

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will give you the strength to say, "NO" to Satan. He will give you the spiritual strength to be able to command Satan to depart from your presence.

Jesus is calling you to come home. Jesus is seeking for you today. Won't you answer his divine call? Won't you seek his help and guidance today? Jesus wants you to be strong! Now is the day of salvation. Now is the time to seek the Lord with your whole heart! Jesus is seeking for your salvation today. Let's all seek the Lord in prayer today and ask him to become Lord and Master of our life.

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