Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In these last and dangerous days, it’s vital that you examine your spiritual life honestly. If you are still living outside the salvation of Christ, now is the time to reflect. And if you are still holding onto religious traditions or denominational customs without a true relationship with Jesus, you need to pause and think again.

A Key End-Time Sign: Increase of Knowledge

One of the most important prophetic signs the Bible gives concerning the last days is the increase of knowledge. This is found in the book of Daniel:

> “But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.” — *Daniel 12:4*

This prophecy has two layers:

1. Physical/technological knowledge: We are living in an era of rapid technological advancement—AI, fast communication, instant transportation, and global access to information.

2. Spiritual knowledge: More importantly, God is opening up hidden mysteries of His Word to those who seek Him sincerely. The Spirit is giving deeper understanding of Scripture than ever before.

We cannot ignore this explosion of knowledge in both natural and spiritual realms—it is one of the clearest signs that we are in the "time of the end."

Learning from Nature – A Biblical Principle

The Bible encourages us to observe nature to understand divine truths. Paul writes:

> "Does not even nature itself teach you...?" — *1 Corinthians 11:14*

Jesus Himself constantly used natural illustrations to teach spiritual lessons. In Luke 12:54–56, He rebuked the people for being able to interpret the weather, but not the spiritual season:

> "Whenever you see a cloud rising out of the west,

> immediately you say, ‘A shower is coming’; and so it is.
> And when you see the south wind blow, you say, ‘There will be hot weather’; and there is.
> Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how is it you do not discern this time?” — *Luke 12:54–56*

Jesus was pointing out the tragedy of spiritual blindness—even when all the signs are clear.

Technological Speed vs. Spiritual Readiness

Think about the world today. We live in a time when job offers can appear online requiring candidates to report within hours. Imagine an ad calling for interviews in Dar es Salaam within 5–7 hours, yet you’re in Kigoma, Bukoba, or even South Africa. What means of transport would get you there on time? Definitely not walking, cycling, or even driving. You’d need a plane—something fast.

This is a clear image of how the rapture will happen.

The Bible teaches that Jesus will return suddenly, and only those

who are ready will be taken up to meet Him:

> “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.
> Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.” — *1 Thessalonians 4:16–17*

Just before this event, there will be a final spiritual awakening. God’s faithful servants will proclaim powerful messages that will stir the hearts of those who are sensitive to the Spirit. The Bible refers to this as the “voice of the archangel” (see Revelation 10:3).

But this will be a short, urgent period—a last chance to prepare.

The Parable of the Ten Virgins: A Picture of Readiness

Jesus explained this final moment through the Parable of the Ten Virgins:

> “But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.
> And at midnight a cry was heard: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’
> Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps.
> And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’
> But the wise answered, saying, ‘No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’
> And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.” — *Matthew 25:5–10*

The five wise virgins had extra oil—symbolizing spiritual preparation and the presence of the Holy Spirit (see Ephesians 1:13–14). The foolish ones were unprepared. When they finally tried to catch up, the door was already shut.

Spiritual Lag Will Lead to Regret

In the same way, during the final call before Jesus comes, many will realize what’s happening. But not all will be prepared. Some

will already be operating with spiritual “aeroplanes”—a life led by the Spirit, filled with God’s Word and power. Others will still be walking, spiritually sluggish and delayed by traditions or distractions.

When the time of rapture comes, there will be no second chance. The door will be shut. That’s when there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth—as Jesus warned (Matthew 13:42, 25:30). People will regret their delay. “Why isn’t that sister here? I used to go to church with her!” But it will be too late.

Going to Heaven Requires Strategy, Not Assumptions

Salvation is not something you guess your way into. It requires intentional pursuit. The Holy Spirit is not optional—He is the seal of God (Ephesians 4:30), and the One who prepares us for Christ’s return.

Yet many say, *“My denomination is enough.”* When taught about the Kingdom of God, they respond, *“We live on earth, not in heaven.”* When warned to prepare, they ask, *“Where are the signs of the end?”* But Scripture warns:

> “For when they say, ‘Peace and safety!’ then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.” — *1 Thessalonians 5:3*

Don’t Be Left Behind – Act Now

If today this gospel is being preached across the world and you’re still lukewarm, then you’re in danger of being left behind—and facing the Great Tribulation (Matthew 24:21). But there’s hope.

Repent today.
Be filled with the Holy Spirit.
Be like the wise virgins—having extra oil, spiritual knowledge, and readiness.

> “Watch therefore, for you do not know the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.” — *Matthew 25:13*

Be spiritually alert. Seek God wholeheartedly. Prepare to meet the Lord in the clouds.

Be blessed.

Come, Lord Jesus!

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