

Blessed be the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by grace that the Lord has allowed us to see the sun again today. Let us reflect together on the Scriptures.

As we know, we are living in the last days. Every passing minute brings us closer to the end. Today, another day has been subtracted from the few remaining before the consummation of all things.

The Bible warns us that one of the signs of Christ's Second Coming is the increase of sin and lawlessness, as well as knowledge. Today we will focus on the increase of sin.

Jesus said:

*“And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.”*

— Matthew 24:12 (KJV)

When you observe life today, you may say that yesterday was better than today because rebellion and wickedness are

increasing. Love is growing cold. Murders are increasing. Hatred, revenge, selfishness, theft, sexual immorality, and every kind of impurity are multiplying.

All these are signs of the Second Coming of Christ.

But here is an important question:

Why is the increase of evil a sign of Christ's return? Why didn't Jesus say that before His coming goodness would greatly increase instead?

Theological Insight: Two Harvests Maturing Together

The answer is profound.

Before Christ appears in the clouds, the level of holiness among the saints will also be very high. One sign that holiness has reached maturity is that evil has also reached maturity.

Jesus taught this principle in the Parable of the Wheat and the Tares:

*“Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares... but gather the wheat into my barn.”*

— Matthew 13:30 (KJV)

Both wheat (the righteous) and tares (the wicked) mature together. When sin reaches fullness, righteousness has also reached fullness somewhere.

This reflects a biblical principle: God allows both righteousness and wickedness to ripen before final judgment.

When Evil Increases, Holiness Also Increases

When you see sin exceeding its boundaries, know that somewhere goodness is also increasing—perhaps not among many people, but even if it is only one person, that person may be walking in extraordinary righteousness.

Many people mistakenly think that because sin is widespread, no one is pleasing God. Do not forget this truth:

When evil is high, holiness is also high somewhere.

Consider Sodom and Gomorrah. When their wickedness reached heaven:

*“Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous.”*

— Genesis 18:20 (KJV)

At that same time, God was deeply pleased with one man—Abraham, the father of faith (Genesis 15:6; Romans 4:3).

The increase of wickedness in Sodom was also occurring during the rise of a man of great righteousness.

Likewise today, if the world appears morally corrupt, it is also a sign that somewhere God has saints who are purifying themselves intensely.

The Bible confirms this:

*“He that is unjust, let him be unjust still... and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.”*

— Revelation 22:11 (KJV)

As the end approaches, both wickedness and holiness intensify.

#### False Prophets and True Servants

When you see a wave of false prophets, do not laugh or take it lightly. It is something to fear spiritually, because it also signals the presence of genuine servants of God.

Jesus warned:

*“For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders...”*

— Matthew 24:24 (KJV)

But God always preserves a remnant.

In the days of King Ahab and Jezebel, Israel was full of idolatry. Yet Elijah stood firm. And not only Elijah:

*“Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal.”*

— 1 Kings 19:18 (KJV)

Even in extreme apostasy, God had 7,000 faithful people.

This is the doctrine of the remnant—God always preserves a faithful people (Romans 11:5).

Do Not Be Deceived by the Spirit of the Age

This is not the time to say, “The world is completely corrupt, so I must also be corrupt,” or “There are no saints anymore, so there is no need for me to pursue holiness.”

That is a lie of the devil. Scripture says:

*“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.”*

— Romans 12:2 (KJV)

And again:

*“Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.”*

— Hebrews 12:14 (KJV)

Holiness is not optional in the last days—it is essential.

A Warning About Comparing Past and Present

Scripture also warns us:

*“Say not thou, What is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not enquire wisely*

*concerning this.”*

— Ecclesiastes 7:10 (KJV)

Every generation has its challenges. The key is not nostalgia—but faithfulness.

### Final Encouragement

Yes, sin is increasing. Yes, love is growing cold in many places. But this is not a message of despair—it is a prophetic signal.

It tells us:

- The harvest is near.
- Christ’s return is approaching.
- The righteous must shine brighter.

As Scripture says:

*“And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.”*

— Daniel 12:3 (KJV)

May the Lord help us open our eyes, remain faithful, and continue to purify ourselves as the Day approaches.

*“And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.”*

— 1 John 3:3 (KJV)

Amen.

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