If hearing about God’s judgment or the return of Christ makes you uncomfortable or angry, but messages about prosperity, blessings, and breakthroughs excite you—this is a serious warning sign. It may mean you’re more attracted to comfort than to truth, and the Bible warns us that this mindset is spiritually dangerous.

Satan’s Oldest Trick: Twisting the Truth

From the beginning, Satan’s strategy has been to distort God’s truth into something more appealing. In the Garden of Eden, God gave Adam and Eve a clear warning:

> *“But you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”*
> —Genesis 2:17

But Satan contradicted God, offering a “soft” version of the truth:

> *“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman.*

> —Genesis 3:4

Eve believed this lie because it sounded better. It seemed hopeful. It sounded spiritual. But it was deadly. This is the root of what theologians call *“theology of glory”*—an approach that focuses on blessings and triumph while ignoring sin, repentance, and the cross. True Christian theology includes both the *goodness* and the *severity* of God (Romans 11:22).

The Soft Gospel in Today’s Church

Today, many churches and preachers promote a gospel that avoids hard truths. Messages about sin, judgment, and hell are minimized or removed entirely. Instead, people hear only about divine favor, increase, and personal success—even when they are living in disobedience. But Scripture clearly warns us:

> *“For these are rebellious people, deceitful children, children unwilling to listen to the Lord’s instruction. They say to the seers, ‘See no more visions!’ and to the prophets, ‘Give us no more visions of what is right! Tell us pleasant things, prophesy illusions.’”*

> —Isaiah 30:9–10

This is what theologians describe as “ear-tickling” preaching—a distortion of the gospel that caters to human desires,

(2 Timothy 4:3–4).

> *“For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.”*
> —2 Timothy 4:3

Just as Satan deceived Eve, these preachers tell people they can continue in sin and still receive God’s blessing. This is false and dangerous. The gospel includes both *grace* and *truth* (John 1:14). Jesus forgave sinners, but He also said, *“Go and sin no more”* (John 8:11).

What Happened to Israel Still Happens Today

In the Old Testament, Israel repeatedly ignored God's true prophets and listened to false ones who only spoke of peace—even when the people were living in rebellion.

> *"They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious. 'Peace, peace,' they say, when there is no peace."*
> —Jeremiah 6:14

> *"The prophets of Israel who prophesy to Jerusalem and see visions of peace for her when there is no peace, declares the Sovereign Lord."*
> —Ezekiel 13:16

Today, we see the same thing—messages of "peace" when there is no repentance.

A Personal Warning: Time Is Short

As each year passes, we move closer to two unchangeable realities:

1. The return of Jesus Christ (The Rapture)
2. Your personal death

> *“People are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment.”*
> —Hebrews 9:27

No one knows the day or hour. Jesus said He would return at a time when life feels normal—when people are eating, drinking, marrying, and celebrating.

> *“It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all. It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed.”*
> —Luke 17:28–30

So I ask you: If Jesus returned tonight, would you be ready? If you died today, where would your soul go?

Don’t let the day catch you off guard.

> *“Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”*
> —Luke 21:36

What Should You Do?

Repent. Don’t carry the sins of this year into the next. Turn to Jesus Christ, who died for your sins and rose again to give you eternal life. Salvation is a free gift—but it demands that we surrender our lives fully to Him.

> *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”*
> —1 John 1:9

If you’re ready to receive God’s forgiveness, say this prayer with sincerity:

A PRAYER OF REPENTANCE AND SALVATION

“Heavenly Father, I come before You today, fully aware that I am a sinner. I have done many things that dishonor You, and I deserve judgment. But You are a merciful God. You promised in Your Word that You forgive all who truly turn to You. Today, I repent of my sins. I believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God, that He died for my sins and rose again. I ask You to cleanse me with His blood. Make me a new creation from today and forever. I surrender my life to You. Thank You, Lord Jesus, for saving me and receiving me. Amen.”

Next Steps:

- Start reading the Bible daily (begin with the Gospel of John).
- Pray regularly—talk to God as your Father.
- Find a Bible-believing church that teaches the whole counsel of God—not just the easy parts.
- Get baptized in obedience to Jesus (Matthew 28:19).

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