

A challenge to present:

If just if—we all focused and did the job of “preaching the Gospel in all the world”, and did it “Jesus style” by training 12 others—if even only one person in this room today took up the challenge to start it off, and everyone he trained did so as well—by the end of 7 years was up, well before the eighth year started, there would be the whole world’s population reached. Not only reached with the message of salvation, but trained as disciples to carry on in their walk with the Lord, and endure persecution and the coming tribulation—and we’d be ready for the King of Kings to rule over all.

All that would be needed is one willing whole hearted follower and student of Jesus, teaching 12 others each year to know and love and receive the Lord into every part of their lives—and teach them to reach and teach others; also 12 a year, per person. They could keep teaching those they reach for 3 or so years, if needed.

Then truly “The Gospel would be preached in all the world” and then “the end could come”.

You want it to at last end—all the troubles and evils? You pray, “Even so Lord, come quickly?” You are waiting for His return? Would it surprise you to think that perhaps He is waiting for you, for us, to get the job done that He asked us to do so that He could return.

He’s waiting. He’s delaying. —Not so we can have time to be slothful and enjoy a bit of heaven on earth, struggling to make life as nice as we can, for ourselves or others, but He’s waiting so that more people have a chance to be invited to the Marriage supper of the Lamb, to be part of God’s family, to become sons of God that will inherit the Kingdom and help him rule.

There are angels ready to help this come about, as it says in Revelation:

**REV.14:6** And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

**REV.14:7** Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

Jesus said we’d think things were being delayed, but not to misuse the time and muck around with evil and foolishness, as it says in Matthew 24.

We might be praying, along with John,

**REV.22:20** He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

We may feel as if we are saying, “Lord come and put out the fires! Return and douse these flames of trouble in the world! Rescue us!”

But the Lord might be responding:

“I will come—but first you must sound the fire alarm, show people the exit sign and where to make their emergency exit. I’ll come and drive them away to safety. The fire will purge the old, filthy place. Then I’ll douse it with the water of refreshing. Then you can go back and rebuild with Me a better place.

“Whoever you don’t want to be left in that burning place, you better let them know the way out. Personally, I don’t want a single person left there. I want all to be saved; but that’s up to you and them, in many ways. I’m on my way. If you don’t sound the fire alarm and show them the way out, I’ll hold you accountable for them not being saved. If they choose to disbelieve you, and think the room they are in is safe and fine, or they think they can plan some better way out, and miss the rescue ride out due to their pride, even though warned and invited, then it’s their problem. But don’t let it be you that didn’t show the way, or were too timid or sleepy and comfortable in bed to get up and sound the noisy and disturbing alarm, to warn of the danger.

“You’ll all be happier then, when I take you redeemed ones from the flames to my station—especially if all or most of all are safe and sound. I’ll suit you up and give you a feast, the like you have never seen or tasted before. Then with the strength you’ll feel, you and I are going to fix up the building. We have a great future together. But our team won’t be complete without the rest who are there in the burning building, that are lost and wandering and don’t know the way out. Find them. Sound the alarm. Lead them to the emergency exit place where I have agreed to come.

“Are you ready? Are they ready? That’s when I will come. I do want as many as possible to come. I keep spraying a bit of water here and there, to give more of a chance so more can get out before the fire burns it all up. But I won’t linger forever, for it’s time, soon time, for it all to be renewed and the plan to be completed. It will ‘end’ the way it began—with a beautiful garden, and a loving God what walks in the garden with those He created—and this time without the deceiving serpent. But I’ve let the fire breathing serpent go on for awhile, as it’s making people want to fly into my arms, even though it’s looking like he’s just messing up the structure that I made. But when you see the great finale, the happy ending, it will be worth all the trouble you’ve been through. And the serpent will get his own medicine—the fire he deserves. Seeing and enjoying the renewal of My creation will make it all worth it, and those who chose Me and forsook the decaying world and all its luring lies, will have great joy.”

(quote from John Bunyan’s book saying “sound the allarum” if there is a fire.(From Life and Death of Mr. Badman)

O! that I could mourn for England, and for the sins that are committed therein, even while I see that without repentance, the men of Gods wrath are about to deal with us, each having his slaughtering weapon in his hand: (Ezek. 9. 1, 2.) Well, I have written, and by Gods assistance shall pray, that this flood may abate in England: and could I but see the tops of the Mountains above it, I should think that these waters were abating.

2. It is the duty of those that can, to cry out against this deadly plague, yea, to lift up their voice as with a Trumpet against it; that men may be awakened about it, flye from it, as from that which is the greatest of evils. Sin pull’d Angels out of Heaven, pulls men down to Hell, and overthroweth Kingdoms. Who, that sees an house on fire, will not give the Allarum to them that dwell therein? who that sees the Land invaded, will not set the Beacons on a fame?

Who, that sees the Devils, as roaring Lyons, continually devouring souls, will not make an Out-cry? But above all, when we see sin, sinful sin, a swallowing up a Nation, sinking of a Nation, and bringing its Inhabitants to temporal, spiritual, and eternal ruine, shall we not cry out, and cry, They are drunk, but not with Wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink; they are intoxicated with the deadly poyson of sin, which will, if its malignity be not by wholsom means allayed, bring Soul and Body, and Estate and Countrey, and all, to ruin and destruction?

3. In and by this my Out-cry, I shall deliver my self from the ruins of them that perish: for a man can do no more in this matter, I mean a man in my capacity, than to detect and condemn the wickedness, warn the evil doer of the Judgment, and fly therefrom my self. But Oh! that I might not only deliver my self! Oh that many would hear, and turn at this my cry, from sin! that they may be secured from the death and Judgment that attend it.