**These Perilous Times**

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**“Make A Move”**

The year 2023 has forever entered the annals of history, and we are still here on earth! The good news is our Heavenly Father, in His infinite mercy is longsuffering that none should perish (II Pet. 3:9). However, this is only part of the equation. He calls ALL to repentance! Since 1844 (almost 180 years ago) we have been living in the “investigative phase of God’s judgment,” (See Seventh-day Adventists Believe, 2018 ed. Chapter 24, “Christ’s Ministry in The Heavenly Sanctuary,” pp. 351--372) when this phase of judgement is finished probation closes for everyone who has ever lived-then Jesus will return for His people!

“For the time is come for judgment to begin at the house of God; *and it begins with us first*, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? I Peter 4:17 NKJV

“… ***Fear God and give glory to Him*** for ***the hour of His judgment has come and worship Him*** who made heaven and earth, and the sea and springs of waters.”

 Rev. 14:7 NKJV (Emphasis supplied)

**What does this mean for us?**

**Obvious Signs Do Tell The Season**

 The Scriptures are very explicit regarding prevailing conditions occurring on earth in the end-time just before Jesus’ glorious return! As it was in the days of Noah and Lot so shall also the coming of the Son of man be (see Matt. 24:37-39; Luke 17:26-30; and II Tim. 3:1-5). As God’s remnant people we have an awesome responsibility before us. The gospel must be spread to all the world, then only will the end come (Matt. 24:14). As you set new goals for 2024, let one of them be, leading at least one person to our Savior, Jesus Christ. The end-time message is not always readily received because Satan has his agents everywhere (see I Pet. 5:8; II Peter 3:1-7) so be vigilant with your mission. Do not get discouraged and remember to prepare yourself with the whole armor of God (Eph. 6:10-13).

**Counsel from God’s inspired messenger**

 “There will be constantly a struggle to gain access to the hearts of the ignorant and wicked. But do we individually try as earnestly and faithfully by personal effort as we should? Do we hold ourselves too much aloof from the poor souls dead in trespasses and sins? Can we not, every one of us, arm ourselves with the intense earnestness of Christ, and do more? [[1]](#footnote-1)

Remember, you can do ***all things through Christ*** who gives you strength… Philippians 4:13

**It’s Your Move!**

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1. E. G. White. Evangelism, p. 489 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)