

These Perilous Times
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Onward!

God's remnant people are not to retreat or abandon their gospel mission to the world. Under no circumstance are they to admit defeat. They are to stay the course-onward, should be our battle cry. We must meet the enemy of souls head on, with God's Word.

Charge of the Light Brigade

“Half a league, half a league
Half a league onward,
All in the valley of death
Rode the six hundred
Forward, the Light Brigade!
Charge for the guns!” he said:
Into the Valley of death,
Rode the six hundred...
Cannon to the right of them
Cannon to the left of them
Cannon in front of them...”¹

If you are not familiar with the poem ‘Charge of the Light Brigade,’ it is based on a real battle, fought with real people.

¹ Poem by Alfred Tennyson. J. E. Tilton and Company, Boston, 1870.

The battle was fought in Balaclava, Crimea against Russian forces in 1854. In spite of overwhelming odds British cavalry, led by Lord Cardigan, carried out their orders to charge. They all perished in the battle.² To this day no one knows who gave that fatal command.

What does this mean for us?

Obvious Signs Do Tell The Season

The British cavalry, known as the 'Light Brigade' faced tremendous odds, yet they charged the Russian forces, knowing that they had no hope of victory.

The difference between them and us is, we are fighting a winning battle, lead by our Savior, King Jesus. We have hope in God's Word that he will guide us safely through enemy territory, through every peak and valley, even the valley of death.

"Yeah, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and they staff they comfort me"

Psalms 23:4

² Wikipedia, Encyclopedia.

The good shepherd-the Lamb of God, has never lost a member of His flock, while they were following His voice.

We know that the three Hebrews' lives were fortified with the Holy Scriptures. They refused to compromise their position on God's Word, {which they knew thoroughly} and were delivered out of the fiery furnace. ³ Daniel kept his charge and continued his communion with the Lord three times a day- knowing that the king's decree forbade it. The Lord delivered him from the mouth of hungry Lion's. ⁴

God's Word is a sword to be used against the enemy of souls, but we must unsheathe it for it to be an effective weapon. ⁵

The Value of Bible Study

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction, in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." ⁶

"The word of God is like a treasure house, containing everything that is essential to perfect the man of God. We do not appreciate the Bible as we should. We do not have a proper estimate

³ Dan. 3:10-26

⁴ Dan. 6:3-22

⁵ Eph. 6:17; Heb. 4:12

⁶ II Timothy 2:15

of the richness of its stores, nor do we realize the great necessity of searching the Scriptures for ourselves.

Men neglect the study of the word of God in order to pursue some worldly interest, or to engage in the pleasures of the time.

Some trivial affair is made an excuse for ignorance of the Scriptures given by inspiration of God. But everything of an earthly character might better be put off, than this all important study that is to make us wise unto eternal life...

The search for truth will reward the seeker at every turn, and every discovery will open up richer fields for his investigation.’⁷

“To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.”

Isaiah 8:20

“The people of God are directed to the Scriptures as their safeguard against the influence of false teachers and delusive power of the spirits of darkness. Satan employs every possible device to prevent men from obtaining knowledge of the Bible; for its plain utterances reveal his deceptions.’⁸

⁷ E. G. White. Advent Review And Sabbath Herald, Vol. 65, No. 29. Battle Creek MI, Tuesday, July 17, 1888

⁸ E. G. White. The Great Controversy, p. 593.

Remember friends, “...we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”⁹

It is impossible to move spiritually onward without fortifying our minds with the ammunition contained in God’s Holy Writ.

Lock and Load With Bible Truth -It’s Our Only Defense



⁹ Ephesians 6:12