**These Perilous Times**

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**Take another look-Now, what do you see?**

 The inevitable has happened once again. Another year has entered into the chronicles of history, and we’re still here on this earth. Is this a blessing, or could it be a curse in disguise? Were we, God’s people, supposed to join hands with the rest of the world while they watched a giant ball fall in New York City’s Time Square, counting down the final seconds of 2019- proclaiming another New Year?

 Call me cynical, call me negative, call me pessimistic, but I personally think we may be unconsciously drifting out into unchartered waters because of our faulty navigational systems. Is it possible that we have taken our eyes off of the “Light House,” (Jesus, the giver of light) and have unwittingly forgotten our real purpose, and existence for being here?

**What does this mean for us?**

**Obvious Signs Do Tell the Season**

“And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come.” Matthew 24:14 KJV

**Counsel from God’s inspired messenger**

 “The work which the church has failed to do in a time of peace and prosperity she will have to do in a terrible crisis under most discouraging, forbidding circumstances.

 The warnings that worldly conformity has silenced or withheld must be given under the fiercest opposition from the enemies of faith. And at that time the superficial, *conservative class*, whose influence has steadily retarded the progress of the work, will, renounce the faith. [[1]](#footnote-1)

**Important Note**

“Ellen White is not here distinguishing theological conservatives from their liberal counterparts; she is describing those who put “worldly conformity” first, and God’s cause second.” [[2]](#footnote-2)

 We are counseled by God’s servant Paul, in II Timothy 4:1-5, to preach the word, regardless of whether or not it is accepted by the majority. If they turn away from truth unto fables, and don’t endure sound doctrine it is partially our fault-for not realizing our “Gospel Commission.”

**Now what do you see?**

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1. E. G. White. Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 5, 1885, p. 463. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. E. G. White. Last Day Events (Foot Note) p. 174. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)