**These Perilous Times**

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**“Time Well Spent”**

It seems like just yesterday we began the year 2020. Please correct me if I’m in error, did this year seem to fly by? In a few more days we will be celebrating 2021! Did we somehow get lost in some sort of “time warp,” fast-forwarding us into the future of another time dimension? Of course not! Only in fictional, sci-fi books and movies do these terms have some sort of imaginary relevance.

 However, from Sabbath, March 14, 2020, the last Sabbath we could assemble and worship “normally,” due to the Covid-19 pandemic, (pestilence) our “worship, and “worship service times” have taken on a new significance.

**What does this mean for us?**

**Obvious Signs Do Tell the Season**

“And let us consider one another *to stir up love and good works*, *not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together*, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another: and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:24, 24 NKJV

(Italics supplied)

 As is our custom we always look forward to assembling together for worship every Sabbath in the Living Word SDA Church building. Please remember that the building is not the “church,” (though we enjoy worshiping there) but houses the church, God’s people (“*ekklesia*-the called-out ones”). The building doesn’t save anyone, Jesus does!

 On the other hand, I realize no one likes to be inconvenienced for whatever reason. But as Christians we should expect it! If we re-think the word inconvenience, (*untimeliness, troublesomeness, tiresomeness, awkwardness*) and look at it as a heaven-sent opportunity it takes on a new meaning. Ministry!

 So how do we worship together and minister to others during these challenging times? VIA electronics: texting, email, Face Book, You Tube, phone calls, conference calls, and of course Zoom meetings! Remember old the cliché, “necessity is the mother of invention?” Praise God for His blessings during these “perilous times,” His people have become more spiritually creative than ever before!

 Friends, don’t let these “testing times” discourage you. God is, and has always been in control. Our Lord will introduce us to new innovative methodologies. As we prayerfully employ them for HIS Glory, His Service, His Worship, and soul-winning, this is indeed, “Time Well Spent!”

 “For where *two or three are gathered together in My Name*, there I am in the midst of them.”

Matthew 18:20 KJV (Italics supplied)

**Remember the MAIN reason for the season, CHRIST our SAVIOR was born!**

**Have a blessed Christmas Holiday**