

Walter Cronkite's news

I watch as little news as I can take. I want to stay informed, but the fact is, I do not believe much of what I see. There are people who tell us one thing, but we know it isn't true. The "News" use to be a great source of information. Walter Cronkite and others told you the facts and let you make your own decision as to whether it was good or bad. When they wanted to give their opinion, there was a section of the news cast called the "editorial". It was great because you had the facts and then you could listen to the editorial and make up your own mind. Now, this is MY opinion on what is going on. The Bible has given us much information. We are living in difficult times. So much unrest and contentiousness. Nothing is a surprise to God, God knew it was coming and the enemy, the prince of this world, is thrilled about it. It is part of his plan, he knows his time is drawing near and is working harder than ever. So much of what is going on doesn't make sense to me...until I read prophecy. There has always been a battle going on that we do not see. Everything from a little voice in your head telling you to do something that you really shouldn't, to actual spiritual battles in places like sex trafficking holds, which is just incredibly evil. When it first "came to light", the news tried to tell us it was only happening in third world countries. Sadly, it is a huge industry right here.

Psalm 82:3 "Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed."

Mark 9:42 And whosoever shall cause one of these little ones that believe on me to stumble, it were better for him if a great millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea.

Psalm 127:3 Children are a heritage from the LORD,
offspring a reward from him.

You can tell that Jesus loved the little children and He would not be happy with anyone hurting an innocent.

On today's news there were reports of the devastating earthquakes in Venezuela. Also, the huge consuming fires at different areas of the US. In IL recently we have had some pretty big damage from tornadoes. Hundreds left homeless. In KY and the Carolinas there have been terrible floods. In mountainous areas, when it rains, the water runs down and takes everything with it.

Matt 27:7-8 ⁷ Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these are the beginning of birth pains.

1 Thess 5:3 While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

2 Thess. 2:3 ³ Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness^[a] is revealed, the man doomed to destruction.

2 Peter 3 Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. ⁴ They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." ⁵ But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.^[a]

¹¹ Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives ¹² as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.^[b] That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. ¹³ But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

Friends, after reading this, you may never read another of my devotions, but this is what God put on my heart today. It is an evil, awful world. Scary and dangerous. But, it is also an amazing place to live. God gave us so much beauty. We can see that prophecy is being fulfilled. The Bible is playing out right in front of us, so do not forget God's promises. He loves and cares for those who have given their lives to Him. He has gone to prepare a place for us so no matter what happens here on earth, he has it covered. The rapture looks pretty good some days!!

Lord, thank you for your word that we may feel safe in these unsafe times. No sword can prosper against us. AMEN. Shirlene Peterson