



For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night. Psalm 90:4

Dear Prayer Warriors,

May-June 2024

What does it mean to be in the last days/last times? I believe it easily means one thing to mankind in general and another to God. A few verses dealing with the subject are II Timothy 3:1; Hebrews 1:2; James 5:3; and II Peter 3:3. One indicator of the last days is the war in the Middle East. Another is the increasing antisemitic activity and universal opposition to Israel. The outbreak on college campuses of late has been alarming and difficult to understand. The Rapture of the Church is imminent, and then His return to earth will be preceded by a time of terrible tribulation (sometimes referred to as Jacob's trouble).

Update on Our Health Issues - Earlier this month, I had cataract surgery on my right eye. Praise the Lord, the surgery went very well and has dramatically improved the vision in that eye. Please pray for complete healing and for the surgery on my left eye which is scheduled for May 30th.

We saw Jean's heart doctor last week regarding her erratic heartbeat and blood pressure. Her doctor has requested the hospital to schedule her a three-day hospital stay for observation to change her medication. Please pray that this will result in correcting her erratic heartbeat and lower her blood pressure to normal. Today we heard from the hospital, and they have scheduled her for admission on June 3.

The Four-Day Focus, which IBJM conducts annually, is scheduled from June 17-20. At this point, Jean and I are planning to attend. For those who would like to be better prepared in witnessing to Jewish people, these sessions provide a sound basis to witness with greater confidence and knowledge.

The situation in Uruguay, involving the Gaguine sisters, has stabilized for now. Victoria is recovering well from her hip replacement. Miriam and Daniel can get around the apartment better. A caregiver is coming in daily to care for Daniel. A few times a week there has been someone coming to help with the cleaning. Pray that God will use this situation for the best. They are maintaining a ministry in the midst of this challenge. Daniel still needs to be saved. Please continue to pray that I can schedule a trip to South America to visit some of the missionaries there and teach at the Bible Institute.

We are blessed to live in the Advent Christian Village, a retirement community. Not everyone who lives here is Christian, although I believe a significant percentage are. We had a village-wide yard sale. That gave me the opportunity to pass out several tracts, some to neighbors. With one of them, I had the opportunity to ask if he died that day would he go to Heaven? His initial answer was, "Yes." When I asked him why, he said he had lived a good life. I briefly shared with him that our good works would never be enough to get us into Heaven. He did not know how to reply. Let me suggest that his position is similar to many others. I believe my neighbors across the street may easily fall into the same category. Please pray I might be a faithful witness while not being offensive to neighbors and family who do not know where they will spend eternity. Yes, eternity in Heaven is the gift of God. We can never earn it. May we be faithful to share this truth.

Jewish Facts: Recently, Israel celebrated 76 years as a nation. On June 13, our Jewish friends celebrate Shavuot. It falls 50 days after Passover. It marks the grain harvest in early summer. According to tradition on this date, God gave the Jewish people the Torah on Mount Sinai.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

In the Messiah's hand,

Peter and Jean Ard