

Articles and Sermons :: The Sudden Coming Tsunami of Christian Persecution by brother Greg**The Sudden Coming Tsunami of Christian Persecution by brother Greg - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2014/2/8 11:15**

I recently watched a short documentary on the sad events of the December 26, 2004, tsunami that hit Indonesia and caused almost a quarter of a million deaths. It is well known as the Boxing Day Tsunami.

The video showed the Tsunami spreading to different regions, hitting the shores of heavily populated areas. What struck me was the complacency of the people in the different areas, even the amusement of it all. At one beach they see a white crescent on the distant horizon spreading across the entire large bay. People watch mesmerized as this white crescent comes nearer and nearer. When the wave swallows up two ships in the bay some of the watchers realize the magnitude of the event that is about to strike but for most it is too late. In another shoreline people smile and laugh in amusement as the entire bay is emptied of water and ships are beached. It begins as a spectacle that is full of fun and amusement as people take pictures. As the water came back in they considered it something fun to watch. When the wave struck that shoreline, many were caught unawares; their running was in vain and multitudes were screaming as they were swallowed in the waves and dragged back out to sea, never to return.

As I watched the video a great sobriety came over me not just over the deaths of so many people of what is about to come upon the Christians of the world, with some of us not being aware of the times we are living in. Many of us do not believe this could be the end of time.

Just as the tsunami came without warning, so will the end times persecution come upon many Christians unawares. I am not arguing for any type of position of the rapture of the church, whether pre or post, in this short article. Yet I believe firmly that we will all feel like we are in the great tribulation when this end time persecution wave hits the Church. The birth pains will become worse and worse, and many of those that have believed in a pre-tribulation rapture that would have them escape from all suffering will be 100% unprepared for what is going to come upon them.

Persecution of Christians has not diminished, but has been increasing yearly world wide.

read more: <http://gospelfellowships.net/the-sudden-coming-tsunami-of-christian-persecution-by-brother-greg/>

Re: The Sudden Coming Tsunami of Christian Persecution by brother Greg - posted by HeartSong, on: 2014/2/8 15:59

The Tsunami is already upon us, but the waves are invisible, and as they travel across the land, God's people are engrossed in the very contraptions that have brought them forth. Laughing and dancing and delighting in that which the LORD has not commanded, clinging to that which has brought death to untold millions. Leaving the gates wide open as we serve ourselves and ignore those that are perishing. Totally unaware that the devices that we are using to "serve" others is actually killing them. Totally unaware that by using these devices we are actually killing ourselves. Suffering not the death of a martyr, but rather that of a fool, which denies the LORD Jesus Christ the glory that He is due.

Re: The Sudden Coming Tsunami of Christian Persecution by brother Greg - posted by Lysa (), on: 2014/2/9 6:27

Quote:
-----sermonindex wrote:
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We cannot be discouraged at the amount that are not listening, when Jonah went through Nineveh, I'm sure they made fun of him until... "When word reached the king of Nineveh, he got up from his throne, took off his royal robe, put on sack cloth, and sat in ashes...he issued a decree in Nineveh... no man or beast, herd or flock, is to taste anything at all nor eat or drink water." Jonah 3.6-7

I'm holding out hope for something of this magnitude to cause those to listen!! If God wants it done, brother, it will be done! He is a God of mercy as well as a Judge.

Indeed, the Lord GOD does nothing without revealing His counsel to His servants the prophets. Amos 3:7

And the prophets are already sounding the alarm and those with ears to hear are listening. I'm not talking about the "prophets" who are saying to lay up food and water, I'm talking about the Prophets who are calling for closer relationship (walk) with Christ, a holier relationship, a full on return to our First Love.

Whatever He chooses to do, His will be done.

God bless,
Lisa

Re: The Sudden Coming Tsunami of Christian Persecution by brother Greg - posted by staff, on: 2014/2/9 16:50

Hi Greg,
Many people on SI are saying persecution is coming and this may be so but when asked none of them will admit to it being a prophesy about the future which smack of having your cake and eating it.
Also although I know what your saying is honorable I have to make a comment on the quote below
The majority of Christians I know have a pre-tribulation view and all the ones I know believe in a close relationship with Christ. They all strive to be holy (set apart) for Christ and none of them I know believe that they will have no suffering or persecution in this life. All are aware that the world is increasingly isolating Christianity.
The problem with saying such is that you are letting the false teaching off the hook. The false teaching is not "pre tribulation" the false teaching is that we won't suffer or be persecuted. Yours Staff

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Re: The Reality of Persecution, on: 2014/2/9 21:23

Staff if you speak with a Christian in N. Korea or Samalia they will tell you that persecution is very real. These saints live with the very real possibility that this day could very well be their last day on earth.

I might add that the Pretrib rapture does not play into the theology of the persecuted church in those nations that are hostile to Christ.

Blaine

Re: The Increase of Global Persecution, on: 2014/2/9 21:34

In recent months various reports put out by governmental and private agencies have documented the increase in global persecution of Christians. Some observers are calling this a global war on Christians.

When questions are being asked if there will be a church left in Iraq or Syria then there is a cause to wake up. Indeed the tsunamis alarms are going off. I pray that saints are waking up in the west.

The thing about persecution is the church grows in the midst of it. Thus persecution in America may be that which brings revival.

Of course these are simply my thoughts.

Blaine

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2014/2/9 23:13

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Brethren,

Who is speaking out in the West to warn of coming persecution? I believe the Lord has spoken to my heart that this is something that is coming. We do see increased persecution world-wide. In Scripture in Matthew 24 it speaks of end-time martyrdom and persecution in "all" nations.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2014/2/9 23:39

A good message to listen to:

The Approaching Wave of Persecution by Denny Kenaston
<http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid=17008&commentView=itemComments>

Topic: Persecution

Scripture(s): Habakkuk 2:1-4, Daniel 7:21-25, Daniel 8:23-27

Description: Brother Denny Kenaston shares his burden on the coming persecution that will come in the end times but very possibly soon to Christianity world-wide. He clearly shows biblically that if we are of the kingdom of Christ the kingdom of this world will be in opposition against us. We need to prepare for this and prepare to love our enemies and share the Gospel.

Re: The Sudden Coming Tsunami of Christian Persecution by brother Greg - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2014/2/10 9:5

Thank you Greg for this warning.
The sad thing is that there are few that are listening, so when the giant waves of destruction come, many will not be prepared.

If we would only give heed to the words of Jesus to "watch and pray" we would be prepared for what is coming.

Mike

Re: - posted by staff, on: 2014/2/10 18:15

Hi Blaine,
I dont need to speak to Christians in N Korea or Somalia to tell me that persecution is real.The bible is the authority and it says persecution is real and does happen.If shouldnt base our doctrine on experience whether it be an experience of persecution or not .
The bible says that to the pre trib believer or the post trib believer.You cant take the high moral ground Persecution and martyrdom.Almost all the Christians I know are pre trib and love the lord and are as willing to die for Christ as much as anyone.All see the world as getting worse rather than better.
The problem I see here is preaching persecution but no hope.
I guess when you couple that with "loosing your salvation" easily doctrine and it becomes hopeless,elitist with a lack of hope and joy.
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Yours Staff

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I have to agree with this observation. This website used to have as part of it's banner "promoting genuine biblical revival. " Where has that hope gone? There seems to be a lot of focus now on the curse "the back-slidden church" deserves in the West. There is little talk of revival here anymore.

The truth is that YOU deserve wrath and I deserve wrath, we are all sinful, rebellious, and stiff-necked. But God's glory and grace are shown in just such a people who don't deserve anything from His hand. His strength is shown in our weakness and He gets great glory for His name. We are probably the least deserving generation of any Christians since the New Covenant began, and that is exactly the reason why God will bring great glory to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ when we humble ourselves before Him, and cry out to Him and plead His covenant promises.

Read the prayers of Jehoshaphat(2 Chron 20), and Nehemiah(Neh 1) as they plead God's covenant promises over an undeserving people. God answered mightily. How much more should we be pleading the promises of the New Covenant before the throne?

We are blood-bought children of God.

God will be merciful to our unrighteousness.

Nothing can separate us from His love.

Christ will build His church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.

For God is good, and His mercy endureth forever!

In Christ,

Ron