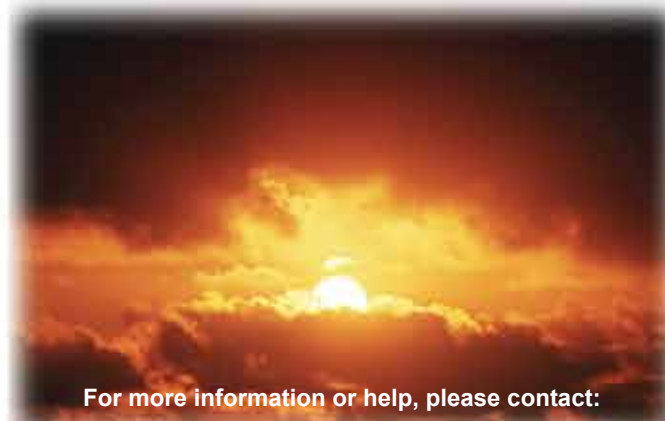




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**..wars and
rumours
of wars..**



..wars and rumours of wars..

*From Somalia to Baghdad...
Israel to Afghanistan... recent
history leaves us in no doubt
that our world is becoming
a more dangerous place by
the day.*

*With ethnic unrest in the
Indian sub-continent, civil
wars in Africa and the
constant threat of urban
terrorism, world leaders
struggle to know what to do!*

*Of course, however, there is an answer...
one which will
bring hope to the
despairing and
reassurance to the
perplexed... but
only so long as
we're willing to look
for it in the right
direction...*



SECURITY

**It's an all too familiar sight these days... a warship
ready to sail off for some far
off trouble spot... and yet
such conflict was predicted
long ago by the Lord Jesus
Christ...**



*You will hear of wars and
rumours of wars, but see to
it that you are not alarmed.
Such things must happen,
but the end is still to come.
Nation will rise against
nation, and kingdom against
kingdom. There will be
famines and earthquakes
in various places.*

Matthew 24:6-7

**But He also makes it clear that our greatest security,
even when facing the worst, is found through entering
a personal relationship with Almighty God...**

*Where, O death, is your victory? ...thanks
be to God! He gives us the victory through the
Lord Jesus Christ.*

1 Corinthians 15:55-57

...and He points us in the right direction when He says...

*I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one
comes to the Father except through me.*

John 14:6

But this is only part of the story...

HOPE



Perhaps it's not really so surprising to see conflict breaking out in different parts of the world from time to time.

Even in our own sophisticated society neighbour is often in dispute with neighbour... and

many of us can't even live in harmony with those we profess to love! God's verdict is that the heart of the human problem is the problem of the human heart...

For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft...

Matthew 15:19

Not one of us is innocent in His sight...

...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

Romans 3:23

...and we all face fearful consequences...

...people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment.

Hebrews 9:27

Yet He already has a rescue plan...



PROTECTION

Chemical and biological weapons are a very real threat today, but Christ Jesus warns of an even greater peril facing us...

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Matthew 10:28

...and against this we'll need far greater 'protection' than that of the man-made variety! Thankfully, this has already been provided for us through the death of the Lord Jesus Christ in our place on the Cross of Calvary...

For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous...

1 Peter 3:18

But the 'benefits' of this are not forced upon us. In seeking His forgiveness, turning away from all we know to be wrong, and asking Him into our lives by His Spirit to be our Saviour and Lord we receive everlasting protection... so we can say...

The LORD is the stronghold of my life...

Psalms 27:1

...and a brand new start...

...if anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation; the old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17

LOYALTY

In times of national emergency expressions of loyalty abound. Yet in becoming a true follower of Christ Jesus we're also called to 'nail our colours to the mast', and be ready to face up to the cost of true commitment...



Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.

Luke 9: 23-24

But He'll also be with us every step of the way...

Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.

Hebrews 13:5

...and promises ultimate victory over the worst the world can throw at us...

Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

1 John 5:5

ESCAPE



In any dangerous situation we need an escape route... and that's what we're offered today...

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Of course, many of us think we know better than God and prefer to ignore or reject Him. We'd rather trust our own judgement and simply hope for the best. However, He says...

There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.

Proverbs 14:12

...whoever does not believe is condemned already...

John 3:18

Though we may not know what the future holds we can know the One who holds the future...

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Romans 10:13

...how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation?

Hebrews 2:3

The next step is yours!

