

Great Increase in Times of Distress

Opportunities of the HOUR

The Passions that enable us to overcome and prosper
2 Sam 23:8-21
400 did mighty things, 3 greatest – what key?

1. A passion for His Presence
1 Corinthians 6:18
18 **FLEE** from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body.
Flee – run for your life – sexual sins – porn ...
Greatest hindrance to our blessings and callings – slave – death - **brain**
Your body – seek pay back with your own life – all kinds of chron disease
Realise – you temple – presence

2. Passion for his Word
Luke 5:17
Ezra 6:14
14 So the elders of the Jews continued to build and prosper under the preaching of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah.

Prophesy NKJV
Ano Testimony - Court cases
Passion for his coming
(Jesus come in sky – all believers – disappeared and caught up – the greatest disappearance of the century) and Second Coming (in his actual phy return on earth)

1 Corinthians 15:51-53
51 Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed- 52 in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

53 For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.

It would be nice to be **preaching** – suddenly found myself in heaven

Don't be **surprised** – there are people - raptured : Enoch – Eligah

Many – not exp **death – heights**
Why are there so many movies on aliens?

D is rather alarmed – inc of movies on **aliens**
Matthew 16:2-3
Greatest sign – restoration of peo of God

Good to keep all the CD – esp - rapture
How are we to live? Great oppo

Acts 3:21
21 He must remain in heaven until the **TIME** (χρονος chronos: actual time, the hour and minutes) comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

Ephesians 5:16
16 making the most of every opportunity (καιρος kairos, opportunities of the season), because the days are evil.

Kairos – opportune time
The end times - Great opportunities of the hour – Eligah
Song – longing for the time of Eligah – truth – Eligah is longing to live in our days

1. Opportunities to invest to make a difference

Parable – man left to be crowned king – pass some money – 3 invest:

Luke 19:13
13 So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, '**Do business** till I come.' NKJV
... put this money to work (NIV)
... be occupied (KJV) ... see what you can earn with this (TEV)

... invest (LB) ... buy and sell with this (AMP)

What are the things Christ want us to do while waiting for His Coming?

Harsh?
Luke 19:22-23

22 "His master replied, 'I will judge you by your own words ... , you wicked servant! You knew, that I am a hard man, 23 Why then didn't you put my money on deposit, so that when I came back, I could have collected it with interest?'

Some teaching – don't enc – **work invest and be blessed - the present, focus only at the future**

Some teaching – focus on the work of the **antichrist**

One **big trail and testing time** till Christ comes

Build **BOMB** shelters – convert money into **gold** silver good hide – prepare for the Armageddon – defensive – instead of offensive

Wonder why – not blessed – judged by own words belief

Call to – invest – business - profession

But don't confuse ch ministry with business

Dr Cho – thru his experience give this advice for our **BENEFIT** and not to **restrict** us:

– lots of distractions and strives

The greatest investment – kingdom business

2 Peter 3:8-9

Sometimes, people – say – **NOWADAYS**

– churches or ministries– so many projects – always asking for money

If **you – alive** - shouting – where are the opportunities to invest

3 men saw – **desire** – not a command

Have the **attitude** of David: everything – from you

1 Chronicles 29:14

14 "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

Mal 3:17

What will our investing in God's kingdom do in the last days?

They shall be mine, says the Lord Almighty, in that day, I prepare my own treasured possession and I will have grace on them as a man have mercy on his son that serves (cultivates, sows) him. Then you will see the difference, between the righteous and the wicked, between those that serve him and those who don't.

Your investment in God's kingdom will make you

different: people can see the difference

2. Opportunities to shine in the midst of darkness

Revelation 1:1-3

1 The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, ...

3 Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

Every time – **bored** with the figures – **terrified**

Dragons – beast – wo of Babylon – ½ died, etc

Until – saw the overview theme of the book:

The darker the world is, the brighter His glory shines in us.

Isaiah 60:1-3

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. 2 See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. 3 Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Yes, World getting worst and

worst

Seven Seals ← Seven Trumpet ← Seven Bowls of Wrath

The 7 Trumpets are within the 7th Seal; the 7 Bowls are within the 7th Trumpet.

Macro (large view) and micro view

There is an *increasing intensity* of calamities

The world now is *moving* in that direction

Period from 1900 to 2005

Bk of Revelation tell us – Christ is in *CONTROL* – His control will also be in *increasing intensity* – every area:

Revelation 11:15

15 The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever."

This is one verse that inspired the great master piece –

Handel's Messiah - the most majestic part – Hallelujah chorus

The kingdom of world has become **TRADITION** – stand – started – play in London – Q Vict stood – greatest monarch – honour the King of kings

What are the areas that God is increasingly restoring in the last days? What are God's own emphases?

Finance, Relationship, Bodily health ...

3. Opportunities to *purify* our walk and purpose

Titus 2:13

13 while we wait for the blessed hope-the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

1 John 3:3

3 Everyone who has this *hope* in him *purifies* himself, just as he is pure.

This is not holiness – righteousness –

faith in Christ – it is the holiness of our walk and purpose – **uncommon**

Florence Nightingale – (touched - never see this bef until JT read it) chose singlehood

Ma and Fam class – question – seem to be a contradiction – not good – good not to be married – different time – some by calling – better remain single – needs there – but God presence overcome

Peo may say – **MISSED** great opport – no

When one follows the passion of his heart(God's call) instead of the passion of his nature, would he be happy?

Florence has no *hunger* for rel? (Or is she an Ah Kua?) No – sure she has a normal passion for rel

Becos – God's calling – **greater** passion

Playing TABOO – amazing – most busy time – yet energy – late hours.

Not **against ma** – know your **calling** – purpose **compatibility**

Acts 2:17

And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.

Of 4 categories of peo: sons, dau, young men, old men
6 out of 10 people are under the aged of 24.

In Malaysia and Indonesia, 1 in 3 90% of all Christian receive Jesus Christ into their heart before they ever turn 30 years of age.

What about me – *senior* citizens?

What about me – in **BETWEEN** – role - call?

Why is D all out to *destroy* Joseph Stalin

Why is Satan so *nervous* about the youth? - potential

Tremendous potential – what God can do

Joseph – dream – 17

David 16/17 19 – Jeremiah boy – Timothy 19 – John 16

David – teen – composing psalms

16/17 when he killed the lion and the bear. He was at most 19 years old when he destroyed Goliath Israel is final stage of rebellion – called – not senior prophet - boy **JEREMIAH** 1:7 "Do not say, 'I am a youth,' For you shall go to all to whom I send you, And whatever I command you, you shall speak.

Timothy was just a young kid, somewhere around 19-24 years old.

John the apostle, 16 years old, when he followed Jesus Christ. Hebrews 6:10

The VYS provides GREAT OPPORTUNITIES for youths:

Expose to the things of God

Grow with proper values

Develop relationship skills and character

Fun with other youths

Develop their vision and prosper

Reach out to their peers

Reach out to your peers – reject – wont die

Serve and find God's purpose

Psalms 102:18

18 Let this be written for a future generation, that a people not yet created may praise the LORD: Heb – last generation

Acts 20:24

"The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me – to tell people the Good News about God's grace." (NCV)

1266 A.D. *Marco* Polo met K.K.

in his capital city.

K.K. was so touched by the news that Jesus Christ died for the sins of the whole world.