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MOMENTS FROM THE MOUNT

“How Should Christians Respond to the Coronavirus Crisis?”

Mount Pisgah, the current coronavirus (Covid-19), is both very real and serious. In terms of response and preparedness, we believe that a holistic approach should be utilized encompassing 4 areas:

I. A Medical Science Approach

Mount Pisgah, we must remain informed and understand the serious medical epidemic that is gripping our state, nation, and the entire world. God-ordained medical professionals have made us aware that the current situation should be taken as very serious and real. We should adhere to the advice of these medical professionals.

II. A Governmental and Civic Approach

Christians should adhere to the various mandates that our elected and civic leadership has suggested. We have a biblical mandate to “obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves..... **(Hebrews 13:17 KJV)**.

The scripture further states, “Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme: or unto governors..... for so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of the foolish men” **(I Peter 2:13-15 KJV)**.

III. A Practical Common-Sense Approach

Listed are just a few tips that goes beyond good hygiene:

- 1). Social distancing
- 2). Limit unnecessary travel.
- 3). Do not share food or drink with someone who has the coronavirus.
- 4). Contact your employer to see if you might be able to work from home.

IV. A Biblical Approach

What does the word of God, and our Christian faith, say to us during such times? How should Christians respond to the “Corona Crisis?”

Our response must be based on two things:

- 1). Our faith in God’s faithfulness and his love for his children.
- 2). Our faith in the promises found in the written word of God.

How believers respond in difficult times, when others feel powerless, will offer opportunities for personal growth and a witness to others.

• FAITH VS. FEAR

Listening to the voice of God will produce _____. While listening to the voice of Satan will contrarily produce _____.

Our focus must be on God and His promises found in His word.

1). **Isaiah 26:3**- Thou wilt keep him in perfect **peace**, whose **mind** is **stayed** on **thee**: because he **trusteth** in thee.

It is possible for you to experience _____, when everyone else cannot get to _____.

The psalmist said, “Thou shalt **not** be **afraid** for the terror by **night**; nor for the **arrow** that flieth by **day**;

Satan is currently shooting his **fiery darts** of fear at us, but those darts can be blocked and extinguished by your “**shield of faith**”.
“Above all, taking the **shield of faith**, wherewith ye shall be able to quench **all** the fiery darts of the wicked.” (**Ephesians 6:16 KJV**).

Peace (your peace) is a fruit of the Spirit which God has already provided and made available to every believer.

1). **Galatians 5:22-23**- ²²But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, **peace**, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, ²³Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Let the devil know that you’re walking in peace, because you have the promise that the Spirit of peace resides **within** you.

2). **Philippians 4:7-** And the **peace** of God, which **passeth all understanding**, shall **keep** your **hearts** and **minds** through Christ Jesus.

Our God is in control of any natural disaster or viral epidemic:

3). **Psalm 29:10-11-** ¹⁰The LORD sitteth upon the **flood**; yea, the LORD sitteth King for ever. ¹¹The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with **peace**.

• **QUESTION AND ANSWER SECTION:**

Question # 1- Where does fear come from? **Hint: Read II Timothy 1:7.** _____
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Question # 2- List some things that a person may do that will cause his faith to grow.

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Question # 3- Does the current corona crisis have you afraid? Be honest with yourself.

___ yes ___ no ___ somewhat (I'm in the middle. My faith is growing).

• **ANSWER KEY TO THE FILL IN THE BLANK STATEMENTS:**

Listening to the voice of God will produce **faith**. While listening to the voice of Satan will contrarily produce **fear**.

It is possible for you to experience **peace** when everyone else cannot get to **sleep**.

