

A Personal Letter From John Carter

To his Friends Who Support Evangelism

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Dear Partner,

This is a letter from my heart to yours. I feel impressed today to send you this message that I pray will lift your spirits and strengthen your faith and give you courage. As you know, I am an old-time pastor with an old-time Gospel who believes people matter most. I also know that only God can drive away the clouds of fear and pessimism and give us strength to carry on during difficult times.

There is no doubt that we are in difficult times. The TV news is sometimes too much for Beverley and me. Images from Gaza, Israel, Ukraine, and Russia are like giant vacuum cleaners that suck the spirit out of the soul. Or the marrow out of the bones. I said to Beverley this morning after watching CNN and Fox News, "I think we need to stop watching this stuff for a while." All these pictures of dead bodies, starving children, and destroyed buildings, repeated over and over, are not good for us. I know what is happening, and it breaks my heart. But we need to pause, turn off our TVs, and look up. I don't need any more BREAKING NEWS. I need the balm of Gilead. Do you feel the same?

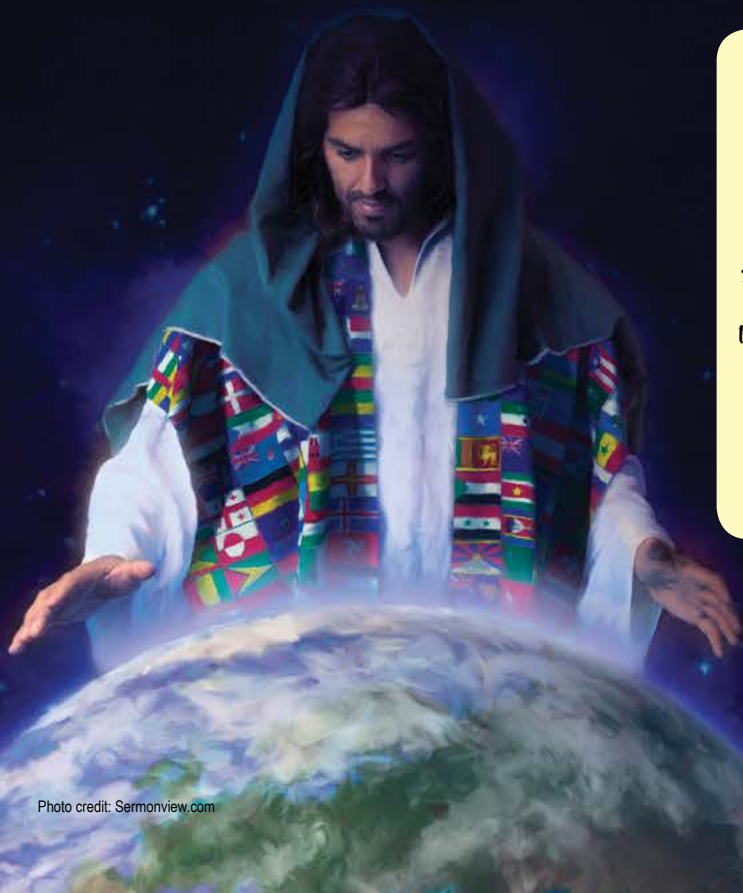


I invite you to pause and remember:

1. **God is not dead.** He said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." Hebrews 13:5. When life is too much and you think you can't take it anymore, remember that God is mighty to save, loves us, and will never let us go. His presence will go with us even when we walk through the valley of the Shadow of Death. Ps. 23
2. **In spite of appearances, God is in control.** Not Joseph Biden, Donald Trump, Vladimir Putin, or Bibi Netanyahu. Iran may be working on the bomb, North Korea may have it, millions of refugees may be flooding the border, and Smash and Grabs may now be a part of American culture. **BUT GOD WILL ONLY ALLOW PEOPLE TO GO SO FAR.**

*"He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth,
and its people are like grasshoppers...
He brings princes to naught
and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing." Isa. 40:22-23*

One Friday night recently, Beverley and I watched a great music video with Wintley Phipps, Steve Green, and Lynell Harris. It's called "The Kings of the Earth". The message is powerful. All the kings and rulers will soon be turned to dust. So why should we let these petty little mortals worry us?



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I was once threatened by a group of men who had joined together in an unholy alliance to close down God's work in Russia and Ukraine. The really sad thing is that these people were all members of a religious organization. But one by one, they either died or were removed. Some who died had a life expectancy of many more years. One man was arrested by the police and thrown into prison. He was also barred from ever practicing law again. Two men were arrested by the FBI before TV cameras. We were completely amazed but saddened to see the outcome. We had not resisted them but had just put them in God's hands.

In Kiev, Ukraine, a powerful leader had declared on TV that John Carter would preach "only over my dead body." Just before the great campaign for Christ commenced in the Palace of Sport in downtown Kiev, and just a few days before I stood up to preach, the fierce opponent who had opposed God's work was removed suddenly, without warning, by the hand of death. All Ukraine was shocked. The meetings went ahead, and thousands came to Jesus and were baptized. So why should we fear little mortals who make proud boasts and threats?

It's not the outlook; it's the uplook. We are witnessing the death throes of a planet in rebellion. We are feeling the birth pains of the new creation. The old is dying; the new is coming.

"Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains." Matthew 24:7-8



Mothers know about birth pains. They start slowly. Initially, they are mild and far apart. But soon they become closer and more intense. This is something we men can only imagine. The result of the pain is a new creation. I will never forget welcoming with Beverley our three children. What a blessing they have been. Right now, we are seeing and feeling the birth pains of God's new creation.

The end result of all these "pains" will be the RETURN OF CHRIST and a wonderful home of peace and safety. I write to you to cheer your heart and lift your spirits. Jesus is coming. Our future is certain, and it is better than wonderful. So look up, hold on, be calm, and wait for the sunrise. It will be better than you can imagine.

I write to you because God has laid this upon my heart. Things will be far better than you can hope or dream. Jesus has paid for our eternal salvation. He is thinking about you today. You are on His mind.

With love and blessings,

John Carter

Preaching, pastoring, and evangelizing for 62 years. Thank God.

P.S. An update: We are getting ready to send funds to bleeding Ukraine to SAVE SOULS. We are not involved in politics. We have already sent funds via a safe channel to Russia for EVANGELISM. If you feel moved by the Spirit of God to help, now is the time to give. THANK YOU for refreshing my heart. Jjc.

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