

Letter TO God

Dear God,

I received and read your letter that you sent to us last week (see "Letter from God", Lucerne Valley Leader, 11/18/2020, Pg. 2B). Thank You!

I think I get Your point, even as I resist it somewhat. You want us who claim Your name to rethink our responses to the major issues swirling around us today.

You want us to focus on preparing for Your kingdom in Your presence, not on MAGA, or Making America Great Again.

You want us to worship and serve YOU, not Donald Trump or any other human being.

You want our efforts and energy spent on bringing others into Your kingdom, before it's too late, because You're close to pulling the plug on this old world. Like You did to Sodom, where the gross evil and immorality were



so horrible that You couldn't hold back and destroyed them with fire and brimstone.

Or when You chose Noah and his family to be the only survivors of a flood that destroyed the known world because they were out of control like the residents of Sodom.

And no, You tell us, these aren't just myths or fairy tales. They happened, and it will happen again. But this time there will be a happy ending for those of us who choose to commit our lives to You, putting us under Your protection when Your judgement falls on this world. Thank You!

But I gotta tell You, Father, it's tough for me, because I burn to see justice done! I don't want those Leftist monsters to get away with stealing this election, even as they have gotten away with so much destruction without



much consequence up until now!

I see clearly, thanks to Your Holy Spirit giving me eyes that see, how Your enemy is directing all of this mess, with willing cooperation from so many here on earth.

He and they have worked together for years to undermine this nation's wonderful founding based on Your Spirit. They have destroyed the education of our kids, so that at least three generations have been dumbed down and blinded to our history and to the way Your Holy Spirit is woven into the fabric of our culture. The enemy has wiped out their ability to think critically and to grow into responsible and productive citizens. He has trapped minorities into dead-end lives and fanned the flames of their hatred based on his deceptions and false narratives. And he has done so much more!

So my natural response, shared by many, is fierce anger at what is happening, along with the strong desire to lash out at these people. I want to defend those being attacked and who live their lives more in harmony with Your Spirit. I detest the injustice, the bold-faced lies, the smirks, the accusations of nastiness against our side that truly only apply to themselves. They accuse us of doing what they do!

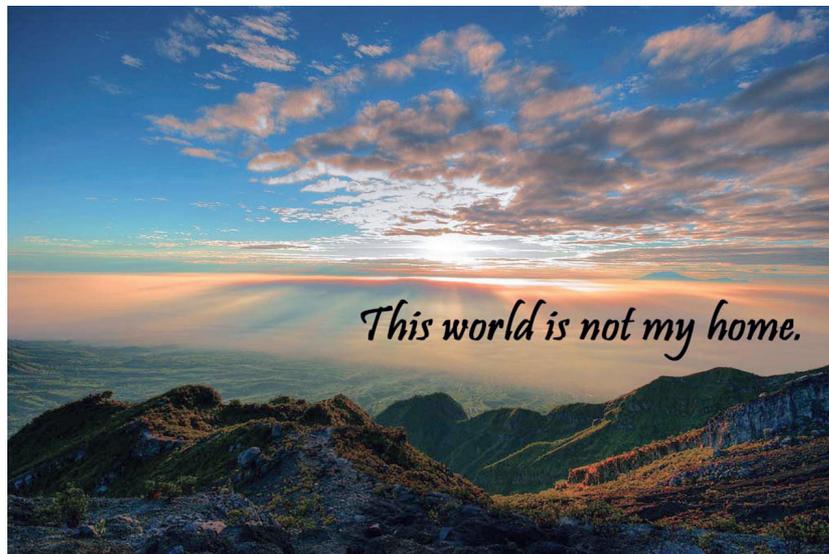
Pastor JD Farag of Calvary Chapel, Hawaii, gave a Prophecy Update in which he challenged us and asked where our hope is. You ask the same thing in Your letter, too. Is our hope and trust in making this country a better place or in saving the world? Or is it in helping to save souls so that they gain the hope of eternal life with You, leaving this dark, evil, broken world behind?

JD used an analogy with Elijah, one of Your favorite prophets, who lived at the time of one of the most evil pairs of rulers over the northern kingdom of Israel, Ahab and Jezebel. Elijah had just demonstrated God's power over the prophets of the god Baal, where You killed 450 of them by fire, as told in the wonderful story in 1Kings 18:16-46. Jezebel was

furious with him and had a contract out on his life.

Elijah fled for his life, in a kind of funk at his predicament, feeling all alone. Maybe he had planned to "MIGA" – Make Israel Great Again, with enthusiastic followers chanting about Jezebel, "Lock her up!", and to Ahab and his administration, "Drain the swamp!" He ran away to a cave on Mt. Sinai in Arabia, where You spoke to him, not in spectacular ways using the wind, earthquake or fire, but in a still small voice. You told him he was not alone; that there were other believers like him; to go on about his mission; and to leave the vengeance and consequences to You.

I get the picture, Father, that as my dad Ernie Gommel used to say, "It's the Spirit, it's the spirit, it's the Spirit!" We cannot help but be



This world is not my home.

outraged at the injustice, the pure evil, that we are witnessing. But in our response to it, we must not let that turn our hearts back to hoping in saving this country or the world. Our reactions must come from Your Spirit and Your perspective.

When we fight, we must fight for Your Spirit and Truth, and against Your enemy, and then show others the way to You, giving them the opportunity to become Yours. Yes we do support the warriors on the front lines who are fighting against this evil swamping us. But we must not place our hope and trust in THAT. It's another subtle way your enemy diverts our attention and our spirits away from YOU and what You want us to be doing to advance Your kingdom.

I confess, Father, I want the satisfaction of seeing those people

in jail. It's hard to give up that idea. But I get the message of the urgency of the times. People need to know that they have to pick which side they are on: Your side or the world's side.

Not choosing is actually choosing the world, which we know is headed for a great and painful crackup. We need to let people know that, and tell them the good news how they can avoid the consequences of that crackup and become part of Your family. That was the deal You offered at the end of the letter.

What a deal! We can't lose. Thank You!

Do not say, "I will repay evil"; wait for the LORD, and he will deliver you. (Proverbs 20:22)

Vengeance is mine, and recompense, for the time when their foot

shall slip; for the day of their calamity is at hand, and their doom comes swiftly.' (Deuteronomy 32:35)

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. (Romans 13:11-14)

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

LVEDA Meeting

(Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association)

NO December Meeting scheduled at this time.

Watch this column for any change or notice of the next LVEDA meeting.

L.V. School Board Meeting

Thursday, December 12, starts at 5:30PM. At the Lucerne Valley Middle/High School, 33233 Rabbit Springs Road.

Christmas Tree Lighting

Saturday, November 28, around sunset. At the Burger Depot. Watch our Christmas Tree light up, sing carols and enjoy hot chocolate.

Due to covid-19 Santa Photos at the store are cancelled.

ON THE PORCHES AT THE STORE

SAT, Dec. 5, 8A til sold out, BAKE SALE, by LV Roadrunners.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Contributed. From the Web.

POLITICS

Ronald Reagan on Jimmy Carter:

"Recession is when your neighbor loses his job. Depression is when you lose yours. And recovery is when Jimmy Carter loses his."

Will Rogers on Politicians vs. Comedians:

"Everything is changing. People are taking their comedians seriously and the politicians as a joke."

Mark Twain on the World:

"Sometimes I wonder whether the world is being run by smart people who are putting us on, or by imbeciles who really mean it."

Ronald Reagan on National Emergencies:

"I have left orders to be awakened at any time in case of national emergency -- even if I'm in a Cabinet meeting."

Abraham Lincoln on Being Two-Faced:

"If I were two-faced, would I be wearing this one?"

