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Remembering 9/11

Each one of us has experienced events that we will never forget—no matter how much time passes, we remember with stark clarity where we were and what we were doing when “it happened.” Some are private and personal, but others are world-shaking. For some of us it was when man first landed on the moon, or when the Challenger space shuttle exploded with seven on board. And who can forget September 11, 2001, when terrorists destroyed the Twin Towers in New York City, damaged the Pentagon in Washington, DC, and brought down Flight 93 near Shanksville, Pennsylvania?

There was a stunned silence for the next several days. I lived in flyover country at the time, but nothing was flying over—no contrails, just an eerie quiet. We remember the iconic image of President George W. Bush, megaphone in his hand, encouraging the nation as he stood atop the rubble with firefighter Bob Beckwith at his side and an American flag hanging from a construction crane in the background. Secretary of State Colin Powell later took to television to tell us about al-Qaeda—who they were and how they and their leader Osama bin Laden were responsible.

Angered Americans wanted to avenge this act of terrorism, and they were not alone. “While the attacks were aimed at the United States, 372 foreign nationals from 61 countries were also victims” (“Countries That Lost Citizens On 9/11,” *Brilliant-Maps.com*, March 3, 2023). Other sources give different numbers due to dual citizenships and other factors. In addition to the United States, hardest hit were the United Kingdom (67), Dominican Republic (47), India (41), South Korea (28), and Canada and Japan (24 each). The attacks touched many lives around the globe and stirred outrage from most of the world—but not from all, as images of celebration were seen in some Middle Eastern countries.

I remember saying at the time, “This will change our world forever,” but I did not understand how. I only knew that nothing would be the same—and it hasn’t been. Twenty-five years later, those under age 30 cannot remember a time when they could

go through the airport without enduring security lines and luggage searches. Some changes are less obvious—banking has changed due to concerns over money laundering, as Americans doing business or charitable work in other countries know only too well. Anti-terrorism measures have curtailed personal privacy, something concerning but often not readily noticed.

A World Changed

The 9/11 attacks left a tragic legacy. Officially, 2,977 people perished, not including the 19 terrorists. Some



relatives of the dead remain haunted by the memory of the moment they received that last phone call from a spouse waiting in vain to be rescued from flames below them in the tower. Others were scarred by a futile search for the body of a lost loved one. And losses of life continue, as 9/11 rescue and recovery

workers have continued to succumb to cancers and other afflictions after inhaling toxic chemicals—now by some measures numbering more than those who died in the actual attacks.

But while almost everyone has heard of 9/11, the shock of what occurred a quarter of a century ago is mostly unknown to a younger generation. Even we who lived through that momentous day find new concerns filling our lives (for more on 9/11 and memory, read “A Moment When Everything Changes” on page 22). We will always remember 9/11, but time and attention move on.

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It is reasonable to wonder 25 years later how 9/11 changed us—not only how we move through airports, but how we as individuals have changed. What lessons were learned, if any? Are Americans, and others touched by that day, any better as a result? Is our world safer? Has the unity seen so intensely in the immediate aftermath continued? There was a surge in church attendance for a few weeks, but that was short-lived. People rallied around the flag instead of turning away from ungodly behaviors and admitting that we are going in the wrong direction.

What unity there was is no more. Our world is more divided than ever. Old alliances are crumbling and new ones are forming—and the world is gearing up for war. Even among Americans, patriotism is a bad word to a sizeable minority. Behaviors condemned 25 years ago have become normalized. Acceptance of medical marijuana has also led to accepting recreational use in 24 of the 50 states. With same-sex marriage now mainstream, activists now seek transgender rights. Mothers bring toddlers to “drag queen story hours.”

Concerns over terrorism were cast aside for a four-year open-border policy allowing millions of unvetted immigrants to storm America’s southern border. Something similar has happened in Canada, the United Kingdom, and most of Western Europe. Why should we be surprised, when God foretold this? “The alien who is among you shall rise higher and higher above you, and you shall come down lower and lower. He shall lend to you, but you shall not lend to him; he shall be the head, and you shall be the tail” (Deuteronomy 28:43–44). If you have not read our eye-opening resource *The United States and Great Britain in Prophecy*, be sure to order your free copy, as it presents a key to understanding world events.

Blessings Broken

It is easy to connect the dots between all of this and what the Bible says will happen to the descendants of biblical Abraham. National blessings were promised to his descendants, but most Bible students miss that the birthright promises of great national wealth, agricultural abundance, and descendants numbering as the sands of the seas were given not to the Jews, but

to another of Abraham’s great-grandsons: “Now the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel—he was indeed the firstborn, but because he defiled his father’s bed, *his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph*, the son of Israel, so that the genealogy is not listed according to the birthright; yet Judah [the father of the Jews] prevailed over his brothers, and from him came a ruler [the Messiah], *although the birthright was Joseph’s*” (1 Chronicles 5:1–2).

The birthright blessings were divided between Joseph’s two sons. Ephraim was to be a company or commonwealth of nations and Manasseh was to become a single great nation. All of this was to happen *in the last days* (see Genesis 48:1–20; 49:1–2, 22–26).

God laid out to all twelve tribes of Israel the blessings for obedience and the consequences for disobedience. Following the blessings listed in Leviticus 26:3–13, we come to the curses: “But if you do not obey Me, and do not observe all these commandments, and if you despise My statutes, or if your soul abhors My judgments... *I will even appoint terror over you.... I will set My face against you, and you shall be defeated by your enemies. Those who hate you shall reign over you, and you shall flee when no one pursues you*” (Leviticus 26:14–17).

The reality of terror came to America on September 11, 2001, and life has not been the same since. Today, America revels in pride of its power even as it wallows in pride of its sins—but God warns that, unless we turn from our evil ways, “I will *break* the pride of your power; I will make your heavens like iron and your earth like bronze. And your strength shall be spent in vain; for your land shall not yield its produce, nor shall the trees of the land yield their fruit” (Leviticus 26:19–20).

The British-descended peoples in Britain and the U.S. are indeed the descendants of Ephraim and Manasseh. This is not difficult to prove to anyone willing to open the Bible and connect the dots. Just as Britain’s empire has faded, so the U.S. is following the path to national disaster. Do not think it cannot happen—as it certainly will.



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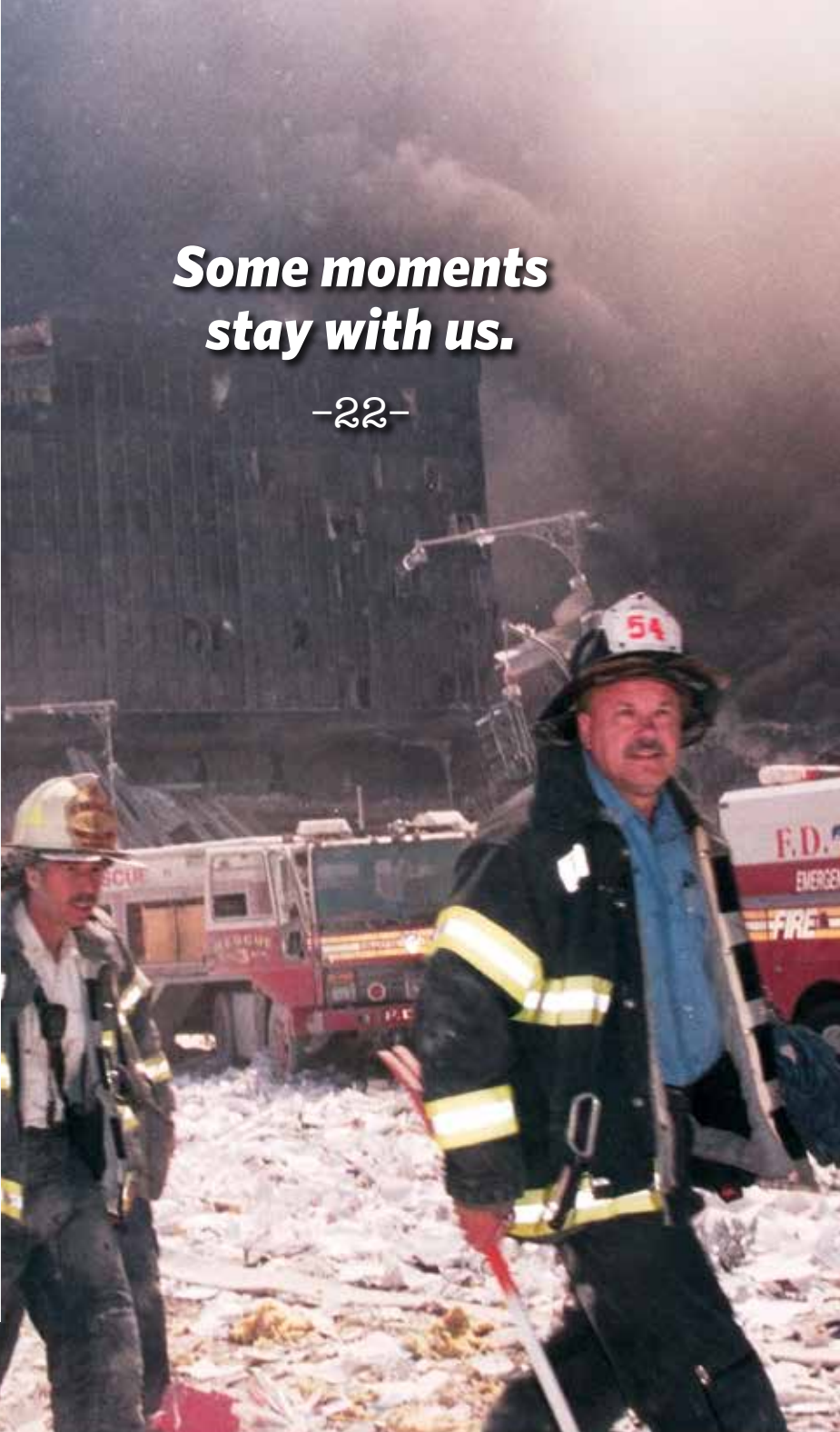
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Physician-Assisted Suicide: A Biblical View

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In ancient Greece, physicians took the Hippocratic Oath as they entered their medical career. This oath takes its name from a greatly respected physician of the day who practiced and taught medicine around 400 BC. For decades in North American medical schools, students took a form of this oath upon graduation. It includes the following promise:

I will apply dietetic measures for the benefit of the sick according to my ability and judgment; I will keep them from harm and injustice. I will neither give a deadly drug to anybody if asked for it, nor will I make a suggestion to this effect. Similarly I will not give to a woman an abortive remedy. In purity and holiness I will guard my life and my art (Ludwig Edelstein, *The Hippocratic Oath: Text, Translation and Interpretation*, 1943, p. 3).

The use of this long-standing oath has been discontinued in most modern medical schools, and we can see why—its promise is no longer very compatible

with the social demands and expectations of today's society, in which physicians are expected to provide abortions and assist in suicides. Many governments, like those in Canada and parts of Europe, have passed legislation that would require a doctor to violate the Hippocratic Oath. Indeed, some seek laws to force medical staff to expand their services beyond helping the sick recover and providing comfort to the critically ill—to assisting in the killing of a person.

Canada's program provides an opportunity for close examination. Many welcome the program—dubbed MAID, for Medical Assistance in Dying—as a merciful act that meets the needs of those who are suffering and have no hope of recovery. Others feel passionately that MAID and programs like it devalue human life and fear it may eventually be used to eliminate any obligation to care for the elderly, the severely disabled, and the vulnerable.

An Offer of Death

In December 2022, the *CBC* reported on the case of Paralympian athlete Christine Gauthier, a former member of the Canadian armed forces who had suffered permanent injury in a training exercise and required a wheelchair for mobility. She was eligible

for assistance from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for five years had repeatedly applied for installation of a wheelchair ramp to provide better access to her home.

Instead of a wheelchair ramp, she eventually received a letter from Veterans Affairs offering to support an application for Medical Assistance in Dying. The situation aroused significant attention and anger, and people became even more concerned when the *Toronto Star* reported that “several former service members who reached out to Veterans Affairs Canada for assistance over the past three years were counselled on assisted dying” (“Canadian Paralympian Says She Was Offered Assisted Death in Wheelchair Ramp Fight, Raising Concerns About Assisted Dying Law,” December 4, 2022).

Even the Prime Minister at the time felt compelled to publicly deplore the offer of a medically assisted death to resolve Gauthier’s wheelchair access issues. This was not supposed to happen—the government had promised rigorous safeguards to prevent abuse of the legislation that opened the door to MAID in Canada.

In 2016, after several years of heated debate, the Parliament of Canada had passed legislation to enable persons meeting some rather stringent conditions to legally access medical assistance in dying. Those initial conditions, intended to prevent abuse of the process and to protect the vulnerable, included the following:

- Written consent must be given, supported by assessments from two physicians.
- The requesting individual must be deemed mentally competent.
- The requester must take a minimum 10-day reflection period.
- Physicians cannot be required to perform this service if it is against their conscience or religious beliefs.
- The patient must be in a grievous state in which death is reasonably foreseeable.
- Two witnesses to the request are required, neither of whom can be a beneficiary.

This satisfied enough of the concerns that had been raised during the development of the law to

acquire the necessary consensus. Still, some feared “definition creep” that would let what was supposed to be very limited access become “death on demand.”

In 2021, as many had feared, activist pressure resulted in amendment of the legislation, now allowing people to be placed in one of two “tracks.” Track 1 is for those with a medical assessment projecting death as reasonably foreseeable—but restrictions were loosened so that patients in Track 1 need only one independent witness instead of two, the 10-day waiting period can be eliminated, and the need for final consent can be waived for patients who have been rendered incapable of giving final consent. Applicants for whom death is not reasonably foreseeable are placed in Track 2, in which there is a minimum assessment period of 90 days to determine eligibility, clinicians who are considered experts in applicants’ conditions must be consulted, applicants must be informed of available treatment or counseling for their conditions, and applicants must be informed of alternative methods of relieving their suffering.

Clearly, the safeguards promised in 2016 had been eroded—yet advocates were continuing to appeal for *more* relaxation of the rules. The Parliament of Canada approved what it had assured Canadians would never happen, allowing assisted death to be provided for people suffering from mental illness. Due to an outcry from mental health professionals, this provision has been delayed several times, but it is now set to take effect on March 17, 2027.

Children Next?

The current pressure on Canada’s government is to expand MAID for those suffering from severe mental illness, including minors. The *National Post* (October 11, 2022) revealed an even more disturbing side to the issue in an article titled “Quebec College of Physicians Slammed for Suggesting MAID for Severely Ill Newborns.” Krista Carr of Inclusion Canada stated that “Canada cannot begin killing babies when doctors predict there is no hope for them. Predictions are far too often based on discriminatory assumptions about life with a disability.... An infant cannot consent to their own death. This isn’t MAID, it’s murder. And providing MAID to a person who cannot consent is a standard that is wildly dan-

gerous for all persons with intellectual disabilities in Canada.”

Redefining infanticide as MAID in some conditions would give rise to possibilities that ought to be terrifying to all of us. If one can kill an infant, one is only a small step from euthanizing others who are not sufficiently aware to give informed consent. That could include Alzheimer’s patients and a host of others who might be considered an economic drain on society.

Indeed, financial concerns are already in the mix. The January 23, 2017 issue of the *Canadian Medical Association Journal* included an article analyzing the cost of euthanizing a patient versus the cost of continuing care.

Assuming a low-cost scenario and standard end-of-life care (i.e., base-case analysis), we expect that net health care costs would be reduced by \$33.2 million per year if 1% of deaths are due to medical assistance in dying. When end-of-life costs were reduced by 40% and 70% with the assumption that a palliative approach would have been chosen, net cost savings are reduced to \$19.3 million and \$8.9 million, respectively (“Cost Analysis of Medical Assistance in Dying in Canada,” *CMAJ.ca*).

As costs associated with health care continue to rise, it was, of course, inevitable that this aspect of the issue would be examined. However, it is contributing to a growing perception that some human lives are simply disposable.

On February 24, 2026, the *National Post* reported that by June 2026, Canada would record its 100,000th death through MAID. That prediction proved to be correct, and that total was reached just ten years after legalizing the practice. Trudo Lemmens, a professor of law and ethics at the University of Toronto, has made the case that MAID is being treated in Canada as a type of therapy, “even for only remotely disease-related suffering. Canadian patients are much more frequently confronted with offers of MAID and with a physician providing it as a form of care,” Lemmens wrote. “If Canada’s MAID deaths grow to one in 10 deaths, Canada will have

‘failed miserably to protect the vulnerable,’ said Daryl Pullman, a professor of bioethics at Memorial University. ‘Death is now “therapy” in Canada and the MAID regime is the most efficient part of the Canadian healthcare system,’ Pullman said” (*National Post*, April 10, 2024).

An article from *The Walrus*, titled “Have Assisted Dying Laws Gone Too Far?,” quotes Toronto-based psychiatrist Virginia Duff, who feels that “ninety days isn’t long enough for comprehensive reflection.... ‘The title of the act is “medical assistance in dying,”’ she says. ‘But these aren’t people who would otherwise be dying. We’re not just assisting them. We’re actually making it happen, which is very different” (May 30, 2023).

The same article describes two Canadian professors—Heidi Janz and Catherine Frazee—who “have spent years listening to the stories of disabled Canadians, many of whom live in poverty and struggle with social isolation. MAID, says Janz, ‘has become an acceptable solution to poverty for people with disabilities.”

Even University of Toronto psychiatrist Dr. Karandeep Gaiand, an active supporter of MAID, is worried that expanding the legislation to include “those seeking death for mental illness” is going too far: “We cannot differentiate those seeking psychiatric euthanasia from suicidal individuals who resume fulfilling lives after being provided suicide prevention, rather than facilitated death,” he writes (“Canada Delays Expanding Medical Assistance in Dying To Include Mental Illness, but It’s Still a Policy Built on Quicksand,” *The Conversation*, December 15, 2022).

A Loss of Understanding

So, how did we get here? Not many years ago, we as a society would have been repulsed by MAID policies. They were contrary to the culture of the land. What has happened to change all that?

Much of the demand and policy on the matter of MAID is a consequence of not understanding the purpose behind human existence. The question concerns whether we humans are of more value than a cat, dog, or ferret that we might take to the vet to be “put down” when they are grievously ill. Many today would answer that question differently than they would have 30 years ago. Society’s belief in the value of human life

has steadily eroded—and our peoples have also largely abandoned the idea that we, the earth, and indeed the universe, are the product of a Creator.

Mathematics, the laws of physics, and the incredible biological complexity required to establish and sustain life all preclude the development of life from non-living matter through any accidental chemical process. Every reasonable understanding of the probabilities involved in producing life on this planet points inexorably to the essential need for a Designer and Creator. As society increasingly rejects the scientific reality that a great intelligent force must have made this planet and its life-forms, it can no longer comprehend that human beings were created for a specific and unique purpose. Human beings—each and every one, whether healthy or infirm—have an inherent value that goes well beyond that of other life-forms.

When we lose understanding of the reality that we have been deliberately designed and created, we lose the sense of our value and no longer consider life sacred—it no longer has purpose or meaning to us. So, why were we created, and what does that purpose tell us about how we should view assisted death?

Made in God's Image

We read in the first chapter of Genesis that man was made not as a member of the plant kind, nor of the animal kind. Rather, we were made in God's image, after His likeness, a physical model of the God kind. Human beings were endowed with a spirit that, in tandem with the human brain, enables reasoning, speech, awareness, and learning capacity far exceeding the abilities of all other forms of life on earth.

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and

over every living thing that moves on the earth" (Genesis 1:26–28).

Scripture also tells us that God made millions of immortal angels as well—beings who have greater power and intellect than humans. Yet human beings were created with a *potential* higher than theirs. Addressing God, King David wrote, "What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor" (Psalm 8:4–5). As physical beings, humans are presently lower than the angels, who were created to assist us in reaching our great destiny.

In Hebrews 1:14, the Apostle Paul makes a statement referring to the role of angels in our day: "Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?" But, as Paul explains in 1 Corinthians 6:3, human beings will be placed above angels in the future: "Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?"

Life on earth is an opportunity to learn to be like God—to learn to imitate His character, His way of doing things, His way of interacting and reacting. He provides us with different circumstances to gradually mold us to that end. His goal is to give us eternal life, which we do not yet possess. "And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us" (Romans 5:3–5).

Character is the attribute of knowing right from wrong and having the desire, will, and strength to choose what is right. Of course, right and wrong are determined only by God, as we learn in the pages of the Bible. For those who develop God's character in their lives, great potential and responsibility await: "To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne" (Revelation 3:21). Our Creator wants to share eternal life and rulership with us!

A Lesson from Job

There is an account in the Bible that shows how God will sometimes severely correct and train those He

loves—in order to develop their character so they might eventually share life with Him in His Kingdom. Job was a good and decent man who, though extremely wealthy and powerful, served God faithfully. But he lacked humility, understanding neither how small he was compared to God nor his dependence upon Him. To help him see reality—not to punish him—God allowed great and severe trials to afflict Job.

During the course of Job's terrible suffering, his wife was pained to see her husband covered in boils, having suffered the loss of their children and all their possessions. So, in her sorrow, "his wife said to him, 'Do you still hold fast to your integrity? Curse God and die!' But he said to her, 'You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?' In all this Job did not sin with his lips" (Job 2:9–10).

Essentially, Job's wife was telling her husband to curse God for the suffering he was enduring and thus bring about his death. Perhaps she would have had him apply for MAID if it had been available. But Job, even in his pain and sorrow, still trusted God. The account ends with Job gaining an understanding he would never have had without that suffering, and he went on to enjoy many more years of success and happiness, having become richer in the righteous character that will produce peace and prosperity in the world to come.

At the end of our lives, we may be at our weakest—humbled by circumstances and often in very difficult situations regardless of our wealth. This is the final trial we face, and facing it well—with dignity and courage, asking God for direction and help—earns us the greatest wealth of all: a beautiful, godly character.

The Value of a Life

It is not for us to decide when we will die. Disability, illness, and poverty can be terrible trials, but they do not diminish the inherent value of a human life. God values each life to its final moments—and when we see life as God does, we can begin to understand the bigger picture.

The book of Romans calls us the *children of God*, with God as our Father and Jesus Christ as our brother. This relationship is literal: "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God" (Romans 8:18–19). That is why King David made a stunning statement about his—and our—coming resurrection from the dead: "As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness" (Psalm 17:15).

David understood that when he rises in that resurrection, he will be like God in appearance and composition, and he will possess God's righteous character. We find the same truth in 1 John 3:2. This applies not just to David, but to all who remain faithful to God to the end of their lives.

And yet, there remains hope for those who today lack knowledge of God's eternal purpose for every human being He has created—yes, including the many for whom life or death now means little, who no longer even recognize that there *is* a Creator who has great hopes for all of us. You can learn more about this hope, unknown to even the vast majority of those who profess Christianity, by requesting a free copy of *Is This the Only Day of Salvation?* or by reading it online at TomorrowsWorld.org.

The Gospel that Jesus Christ brought reveals that we are called to be resurrected as members of the family of God, to spend eternity in happiness and fulfillment. That is why we do not have the right to terminate our lives—we are His creation, and He wants to work with us until we become what He created us to be, ready for that resurrection. Choosing suicide interferes with that plan—with achieving our potential. Our study guide *What Is the Meaning of Life?* makes this unmistakably clear. If you have not already read it, please take the time to request it from the Regional Office closest to you, listed on page 4 of this magazine, or to read it online at TomorrowsWorld.org. It will further explain why your Creator would not have you make such a choice as MAID. 

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Wanna Bet?



If you watch sporting events on television or online—or even if you do not—you have likely noticed a drastic increase in advertisements for online sports gambling. These ads frequently conclude with something along the lines of “remember to always bet responsibly.”

Why is this industry exploding in popularity? If it’s “just a way to make the game more exciting,” is there anything wrong with it?

Betting on sports is nothing new. The effect that it can have on the sports themselves was a concern even back in 1919 with the infamous Black Sox scandal, in which eight Major League Baseball players were accused of purposefully losing the World Series in collusion with sports gamblers. Since then, legal gambling on sports had generally been confined to a few locations, such as Las Vegas, though many circumvented the laws altogether and participated in black-market gambling.

But in June 2021, the Canadian Parliament approved Bill C-218, the Safe and Regulated Sports Betting Act. It was widely popular, with just 15 of the 338 Members of Parliament voting against it. This act brought to Canada a legalized gambling regimen much like what had come to the United States three years earlier when, in May 2018, the U.S. Supreme Court had struck down the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act (PASPA). Today, in many states and provinces, betting on anything from who’s going to win the big game to who’s going to win the coin flip determining who starts with the ball can be done from the comfort of your own basement—all you need is a smartphone.

How big has the legal gambling industry grown? In the first four years since the repeal of PASPA, *The*

Guardian reported that Americans had wagered \$125 billion in sports betting. It describes that figure this way: “To comprehend just how much \$125 billion is, consider this: It’s a bit more than the amount that was spent on pet food, supplies and veterinary care in the entire country last year, and more than the net income for America’s farmers last year” (“Americans Have Bet \$125BN on Sports in Four Years Since Legalization,” May 13, 2022).

And the industry has continued to grow. In its 2024–2025 annual report, iGaming Ontario—the province’s state-sponsored gaming agency—noted that \$82.7 billion in wagers generated \$2.9 billion in revenue for the province in that year, a 30 percent increase over the previous year and a startlingly large number for a province with a population just above 16 million.

And those numbers are likely to increase. The global sports betting market, valued at \$111.2 billion in 2025, is expected to reach \$236 billion by 2033, according to a June 2026 report issued by Grand View Research.

A Gain or a Loss for Gamblers?

Some point to these numbers as a great success. Those who were gambling illegally are now doing it legally *and being taxed on it*—it seems like good news for everyone! This argument is also used to support casinos and government-run lotteries.

Gambling counsellor Amanda Laprade explains some of the problems, saying that “the dopamine the brain receives while someone is waiting for the result of a bet, such as a player hitting a shot or a goalie making a save, is just as powerful as when the result actually

happens. That's what makes it so addictive." And while many do not realize this, "people who struggle with problem gambling are the highest risk of suicide, [more] than any other addiction" ("Sports Betting Is Easier Than Ever and Gambling Addiction Experts Are Worried," *CBC.ca*, May 19, 2023).

A January 2026 article in the journal *Addictive Behaviors* reported that sports betting is "associated with greater gambling problems compared to lottery tickets, instant games, and raffles" and is also associated with greater depression and anxiety, as well as depressive symptoms, compared to other forms of gambling ("Understanding the Links Between Anxiety, Depression, and Sports Betting," Volume 172). One factor in the problem is that because participants believe they have a better ability to predict the outcome of a sporting event than they would the result of a game of purely random chance—such as a slot machine or craps table—they are more likely to continue gambling despite their already-incurred losses, which compounds the scope and depth of their addiction.

Watching sports used to be about cheering the home team as they put their skill to the test against others, performing feats that we athletically average individuals could only dream of. Sadly, each and every game now results in far greater losses than just having the lowest score.

One would think that a struggling economy would cause many to closely examine their spending and cut back on non-essential purchases—like gambling. However, the reality is that those who can afford it the least are often the ones who fall into the trap. "Gambling-related bankruptcies in [Ontario] have skyrocketed more than 400% since private online gambling launched" ("Online Sports Betting Is Fueling a Financial Crisis for

Young Canadians—What You Need to Know," *Money.ca*, March 6, 2026). In the first quarter of 2026, more Canadians filed for insolvency than in any quarter since the fallout from the financial crisis of 2008. According to the Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, this is an 8.5 percent increase over the first quarter of 2025.

However, gambling is not the sole—or even the primary—source of Canada's personal debt crisis.

Gambling—An Outgrowth of Greed?

The Bible provides sound financial and moral principles through which gambling can be examined. In his first epistle to Timothy, the Apostle Paul describes a problem that is just as relevant now as it was on the day he wrote about it: "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows" (1 Timothy 6:10). Paul's words here have been incorrectly translated in the past, leading many to refer to money as *the* root of all evil. This has caused serious misunderstandings, as people have assumed that money is somehow behind all the evil in the world. Money itself is not evil—Jesus Christ used money and, at times, instructed others to do so—and while the *love* of money does lead to many problems, it is only *a* source of evil, far from the only one.

The love of money can cause otherwise level-headed individuals to make irrational and unwise decisions. How else can we explain those who spend their last dollars on lottery tickets or prioritize betting on a hockey game over paying their rent?

Sadly, the dream of getting rich from selecting the right numbers or guessing who is going to score the first goal—rather than from having worked hard and made wise financial decisions—is proving to be too strong of a pull for many Canadians. But this downward spiral does not need to be your reality. Our free resource *Greed: A Global Disease* contains a compilation of several articles relevant to this topic. These articles outline many of the problems associated with greed and the principles for overcoming this scourge, and you can request it from the Regional Office closest to you—listed on page 4 of this magazine—or order it online at TomorrowsWorld.org/order-publications.

—Mike Heykoop



Competitors at the Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto

THE COST OF WITHHELD FORGIVENESS

No one can afford to hold a grudge.

Years ago, as I was visiting an older gentleman in his home, he shared something that shocked me deeply. He described a falling out with his son, and he said he simply could not forgive how his son had treated him unless that son gave him an apology. Such forgiveness was, he believed, impossible—and to prove it, he mentioned a passage in Scripture that, sadly, he misunderstood.

The passage he had held on to was Luke 17:3: “If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.” The older gentleman had interpreted this passage as an absolute condition: that *if* his son apologized and repented, *then and only then* could he forgive—as though Jesus’ words were an injunction and not an exhortation.

Other key scriptures, however, demonstrate this not to be the case. A vital key to understanding the Bible is to consider all the scriptures on a topic—in this case, on the topic of forgiveness. We read in Matthew 18:21 that “Peter came to Him [Jesus] and said, ‘Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?’” Even Peter placed a humanly derived limit on forgiveness. But Jesus answered, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven” (v. 22).

Was Jesus revealing the upper limit to our forgiveness to be precisely 490 times, as though one would actually keep a running record of 490 individual offenses—tracking every apology received or withheld? Or was he, instead, using a figure of speech, explaining how our forgiveness should be abundant—so much so that we lose count? Scripture provides this guiding principle: “Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you” (Luke 6:38). We should offer mercy lavishly and forgive even before an apology.

Be Reconciled

I couldn’t help but consider with a heavy heart this man’s missed opportunities for laughter, times of joy,

shared experiences, and natural bonds that should be part of every father-son relationship. It struck me that God’s word is clear about who our sins are truly against. King David of Israel lamented after his grievous sins of taking the life of Uriah and committing adultery with Uriah’s wife, Bathsheba. Scripture records his cry of repentance: “Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight—that You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge” (Psalm 51:4).

Our sins are against God. Yes, we may offend others, treat them wrongly, or harm them in some way—but our sins are always an affront to our Creator. So, we should never allow relational conflicts to develop a root of bitterness in us. The taproot of a tree goes deep into the ground, feeding the upper portion of the tree with nutrients and life-giving water. Similarly, a root of bitterness goes deep—but the result is not life. Rather, if it is left to grow, the results are heartache, sorrow, and loss.

We are told, “Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord; looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled” (Hebrews 12:14–15). The danger of withholding forgiveness is corruption of character and poisoning of the human heart.

Moreover, God states plainly that those who will not forgive others will have God’s forgiveness withheld from them: “For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses” (Matthew 6:14–15).

Many years have passed since I met that older gentleman—an unforgiving father to his unapologetic son. I don’t know if he ever achieved reconciliation, but time lost is a cost too high for any real or perceived offense. Don’t let this happen to you or someone you love. Do all you can to be reconciled to others—and, most of all, “be reconciled to God” (2 Corinthians 5:20).

—Adam J. West

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Long to Reign Over Us



This past April marked the centenary of Queen Elizabeth II's birth. She was the longest-reigning British monarch, beginning her 70-year, 214-day reign in 1952 at the age of 25. With God's help, the Queen certainly fulfilled a refrain contained in the national anthem of the United Kingdom, "*long to reign over us*," as she died in 2022 at the age of 96.

Scripture states, "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice" (Proverbs 29:2). Is that not something we all long for in this turbulent world? No matter what country we live in or what government is in power, we want to be able to rejoice under the rule of a just and fair government. Thankfully, Almighty God has a plan for a monarch to reign far more than 70 years—not just over the UK, but over the entire world. That is what we celebrate and look forward to at this time of year through God's Holy Days (Leviticus 23:23–43).

A Remarkable Legacy

Before we look at the prophecies of a sovereign destined to reign over us for eternity, let us briefly examine the Queen's legacy and an anthem title written at a time when the UK trusted in God far more than it does today.

In the August 2022 issue of this magazine, our article "Britain's Platinum Queen" described Elizabeth II's 70-year reign, highlighting the qualities of character that made her a symbol of stability for many in an ever-changing global climate. It shared a key quote

from William Shawcross' book *Queen and Country* to illustrate the impact of the Queen's unfailing integrity: "Britain has been enormously fortunate in having... a head of state who has performed her job with the devotion, honour, discretion and constancy of the Queen. The debt she is owed is incalculable but huge.... It is an extraordinary achievement, which should be celebrated, honoured and cherished" (2002, pp. 227, 237).

On April 21, 2026, the centenary of her birth, King Charles III said of his mother, "Her near-century was one of remarkable change, and yet through each passing decade, through every transformation, she remained constant, steadfast, and wholly devoted to the people she served." He concluded his tribute by urging the public to follow her example and "strive together towards a better, happier tomorrow—one rooted in peace, justice, prosperity, and security." As we look at the troubled world around us today, it may be hard to imagine how that can happen, or how we can play a part in bringing about that "happier tomorrow." But regular readers of *Tomorrow's World* know that God in His word has revealed how that time will come about.

We do not know the author of the British national anthem "God Save the King"—so named because variations of that phrase are repeated several times in its lyrics. Those lyrics have changed subtly through the centuries since the time of King George II (1727–1760), when the nation had a far deeper recognition of God in its national affairs. Today, God is seldom even considered in matters of rule and government—and, if He is, it is as an afterthought or part of ceremony.

"God save the king" is a phrase that captures the need for God to be involved in a monarch's life—the responsibility of a monarch to seek God and strive to gain an understanding of His laws in order to rule righteously. God instructed each king of Israel to make a personal copy of the laws of God contained in the Pentateuch:

Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book.... And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes, that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren, that he may not turn aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left, and that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children in the midst of Israel (Deuteronomy 17:18–20).

It was not just the physical exercise of writing out a copy that was commanded, but studying it daily—so it could be internalised and practised to the point of becoming part of the king's character as he grew in humility and reverence for God.

The Future King

Your Bible prophesies that the years ahead of us will bring the most extraordinary event in human history. After the Great Tribulation and the Day of the Lord, the seventh trumpet will sound, bringing this message: "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever" (Revelation 11:15). Jesus Christ will be the supreme ruler over all nations and governments of this earth (vv. 16–18).

Mankind under Jesus Christ's leadership will recover from the destruction that will have preceded His return. The laws of God's government will spread around the globe from Jerusalem as He occupies a defined throne upon the earth, and we read that "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end" (Luke 1:32–33).

Notice that Christ will reign from the throne of David forever—His kingdom will not end, as did the 70-year reign of Queen Elizabeth II. The opportunity revealed

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through the plan of God, detailed in His Holy Days, is for those God calls to reign with Jesus Christ: "Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years" (Revelation 20:6).

That remarkable potential is described in more detail in *What Is the Meaning of Life?*, and the conditions of the Kingdom of God under Jesus Christ's rule are explained in *The World Ahead: What Will It Be Like?* Both of these study guides are available to read online at TomorrowsWorld.org, and you can also order printed

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God's plan tells us that all who have lived will be resurrected at some point in the future. "I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books [*biblia* in the Greek] were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books" (Revelation 20:12).

We will be judged or examined according to the books of the Bible. A time will come when Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, like the vast majority of humanity, will be resurrected to physical life and given her first real opportunity to understand God's way fully. We may have the opportunity to meet her at that time—and, if you are a British subject today, you might be inclined to bow, out of respect for the position she held in this life (Romans 13:1). And from all we have read and seen of the Queen's exemplary conduct, we can be confident that she will humbly bow before the representatives of the Kingdom of God.

—Simon R. D. Roberts



Keys to Surviving Financial Crisis

*As economic uncertainty grows around the world,
the Bible reveals principles that can help you prepare
for whatever the future may hold.*

By **Rod McNair**

Where is the world's economy headed? Will the cost of living continue to climb? Will we see another recession—or, worse yet, a full-blown economic meltdown?

These are not theoretical questions. Whether you own your own business, work for an employer, or are on a pension, your money is important, and these questions affect your life. But what can we do about them? Can we even do anything?

Much of the financial news in our headlines is not good. We hear of tariffs and trade wars, fears of a recession, rising inflation—and we see the escalating prices firsthand in our grocery bills. Several countries in the Western world are carrying extremely high debt, expressed as their *debt ratio*, the amount of debt in relation to gross domestic product (GDP).

We see alarming news of a national debt in the U.S. that now sits at more than \$39 trillion. Such a colossal mountain of debt is hard to comprehend. The World Population Review website lists the American national debt at 124 percent of GDP, which means the debt accumulated by the government of the United States is significantly above the value of what the entire nation produces in a year. That should be deeply concerning to all of us.

But debt is not just an American problem—other nations aren't doing much better. France's debt ratio sits at 113 percent, and Canada's debt ratio is similar,

at 111 percent. The United Kingdom's is not far behind, at 93.6 percent.

A great many countries are carrying a sizable amount of debt. And all it takes are a few unexpected disasters—"polycrises," as they are now beginning to be called—for prices to soar and jobs to disappear.

So, what does the future hold? The sobering news is that there are tough times ahead. But you and I can be ready. If you are concerned about the financial welfare of your children and grandchildren, you don't have to face the future unprepared. You can be forewarned and forearmed. You *can* survive the coming financial crisis.

But how?

Don't Fear an Economic Meltdown

Multibillionaire Warren Buffett, former CEO of the American investment firm Berkshire Hathaway, has obviously been extremely successful as an investor. When stock markets tumbled in response to tariffs announced by U.S. President Donald Trump on April 2, 2025, several market observers noted Buffett's classic advice: When things go bad, keep your head, don't panic, be patient, and keep your eyes on the long-term goal ("Keep your head' if you're spooked by tariffs: Warren Buffett once suggested reading a 19th century poem when stocks fall," *CNBC.com*, April 3, 2025).

That is good advice. It's easy to panic when the economy begins to sputter. And it's tempting to worry about the future, especially when it comes to money.

But God doesn't want us to be fearful about the future. Jesus was consistent in that message to His disciples, saying, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavily laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). We can be heavily burdened with worries, fears, and doubts, especially when we recognize the dangerous times we're living in. Jesus told His disciples, "See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet" (Matthew 24:6).

Later on, just before His arrest, trial, and execution, He repeated His comforting words, "Let not your heart be troubled" (John 14:1).

God doesn't want us to fret about tomorrow. Yet He *does* want us to understand prophetic warnings for our time. Many of the prophecies of the book of Ezekiel are intended for the end-time Israelite nations of our day. For a more detailed description of Ezekiel's prophecies and their impact on the end times, check out the telecast by Gerald Weston entitled, "Ezekiel's Message Unlocked." You can find it on our YouTube channel or at *TomorrowsWorld.org*.

Economic Collapse: God's Punishment?

But let's focus on one prophecy of Ezekiel for a moment:

Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "And you, son of man, thus says the Lord GOD to the land of Israel: 'An end! The end has come upon the four corners of the land. Now the end has come upon you, and I will send My anger against you; I will judge you according to your ways, and I will repay you for all your abominations. My eye will not spare you, nor will I have pity; but I will repay your ways, and your abominations will be in your midst; then you shall know that I am the LORD'" (Ezekiel 7:1-4).

It's a sobering glimpse of the judgment that will soon come upon many nations. But why is that judgment coming? Because we have God's testimony of how He wants us to conduct our lives—it's called the Bible—and yet painfully few really live accordingly.

Going on, notice what Ezekiel says conditions will be like as the end-time descendants of Israel fall: "They will throw their silver into the streets, and their

gold will be like refuse; their silver and their gold will not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the LORD; they will not satisfy their souls, nor fill their stomachs, because it became their stumbling block of iniquity" (Ezekiel 7:19).

That's describing a total economic collapse. When there's no food, all the gold and silver in the world won't do any good. And these conditions will spread around the globe. During the Day of the Lord, when the trumpets of Revelation sound, people will no longer be concerned about whether they've bought gold or stocks or invested in real estate. They'll just want to be safe and have enough to eat.

When Christ returns with power and glory, we want to be ready. And being ready for that day is not done by having a big salary or picking the right pension plan. Speaking of those days, Jesus gave a sobering warning, but ended with a message of encouragement:

And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near (Luke 21:25-28).

So, how can we face the coming days of judgment with faith and not fear? By identifying sound biblical strategies for surviving the economic storms to come.

Don't Just Be a Consumer

One such strategy is simply to buy the right things. We're living in a consuming society. Especially in the affluent Western nations, people are used to spending money. Our economies are built around it. Sometimes we spend money for things we really don't need—that's the marvel of modern advertising. Marketers try very hard to create a supposed need for a product they're selling, whether it's pizza, tennis shoes, or a new car. They are masters at convincing us we need

things that we really don't. And if we're not careful, we can fall into a never-ending cycle where the chief activity of our lives is just consuming things.

God spoke through the prophet Isaiah centuries ago of the need to buy what's really important in life. Notice: "Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and let your soul delight itself in abundance" (Isaiah 55:1-2).

God is saying, *You're spending your money, your time, and your energy on things that don't really last.* And this applies to us today more than ever, as we have distractions and time-wasters like no generation before us. Our phones are addictive. Social media is addictive. Even typically harmless pursuits, like watching reruns of old television shows, or watching sports, or doing puzzles or games, or reading about celebrities, can be addictive. But at the end of the day,

living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me" (John 6:56-57).

Of course, Christ did not mean this literally—rather, we are to drink in and feed on the *words* of Christ. We must study His word every day, so that we begin to think like Him, act like Him, follow His footsteps, understand His ways, and obey Him. He summarizes and clarifies, "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life" (John 6:63).

As we think about investing in the future, let's make sure we are spending our money, our time, our energy, and our focus on something that's really going to last.

Store up Treasures in Heaven

That brings us to our next strategy for investing in these end times: Lay up treasure in heaven. Jesus taught His disciples to not just focus on the physical but, more importantly, to invest in their spiritual

lives: "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:19-21).

God wants us to remember that cars rust out, homes

can burn down or be broken into, and money invested can disappear in moments. Some lost tens of thousands of dollars in the financial meltdown of 2008, for example, when company-sponsored 401(k)s seemed to lose much of their value overnight.

What can we depend on? And how should we face the future? Notice something else Christ said:

Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body

WHEN THERE'S NO FOOD, ALL THE GOLD AND SILVER IN THE WORLD WON'T DO ANY GOOD. DURING THE DAY OF THE LORD, WHEN THE TRUMPETS OF REVELATION SOUND, PEOPLE WILL NO LONGER BE CONCERNED ABOUT WHETHER THEY'VE BOUGHT GOLD OR STOCKS.

what do our activities accomplish in our lives?

In other words, what are we spending our money and our time on? After all, our time is our life.

We need to not just focus on physical pursuits, but also, more importantly, on spiritual values. Jesus spoke of the importance of thinking about what we consume, saying, "Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him" (John 6:27).

Going on, He said, "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. As the

more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature (Matthew 6:25–27)?

If we recognize that God created us, formed us, and gave us life, we must remember that He can take care of us. He feeds the birds, He forms the blossoms on the trees, and He produces the fruit of the fields. That's the focus we need to have, especially as we enter uncertain times. "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (Matthew 6:31–33).

Christ is bringing that Kingdom when He returns. We are to seek to be in that Kingdom as the number one priority in our life now. And with it, we are to seek for His righteousness. We learn His righteousness by diving into His word every day. It's not just a sentimental feeling, but a necessity of life as much as the air we breathe.

We don't need to worry about the coming difficult times if we're investing in the right things—God's Kingdom and His character—in our lives.

Focus on Your Spiritual Inheritance

Another strategy for facing economic crises in the end-times is to look forward to the right inheritance. Some may have an inheritance being left to them. If you do, consider that a blessing. But if you don't have a "rich uncle" in your family, don't despair—you actually have a Father in Heaven who is not just rich, but who owns everything.

And when I say everything, I mean *literally* everything. Notice what one of the prophets of old said: "'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the LORD of hosts" (Haggai 2:8).

Now, stop and think for a moment: Even if we are a little short on cash—or maybe a lot short on cash—what is that in the face of resources our Father in Heaven has? They are unlimited. He owns everything in the entire galaxy, in the entire *universe*. He *made* the universe.

Can He provide for us? Does He know our needs? As Paul wrote, God can "supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

And He *is* rich—that's not a metaphor. He literally owns everything, and we must not forget that. What's more, He wants to give it to us as an inheritance. David wrote, "O LORD, You are the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You maintain my lot. The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; yes, I have a good inheritance" (Psalm 16:5).

David said, *God, You are my portion. You are my inheritance. I'm going to know You and live with You for all eternity—that's my inheritance!*

And Hebrews 2:8 gives more details when it says we will inherit "all things." "All things" ultimately includes the entire physical universe. Think about that! The destiny of man—and that means you and me—is to inherit portions of the galaxies to work in, to tend, to beautify in ways we can't fully fathom now. What a tremendous inheritance waiting for us from our Father.

If we don't have great wealth in this life, that's okay—if we give our lives to God, He has great plans for us in the life to come, and He is more than capable of providing our needs in the meantime.

Acknowledge God in All Your Ways

And the last strategy? Continually acknowledge your Creator, the One who gave you everything.

Our God has given us life and breath. He's given us the chance to know the joys of life. And certainly, we learn through the sadness of pain and suffering in this flesh as well. It's all for a purpose. He wants us to learn to trust Him and love Him and submit to His way for our good, forever. He wants to grant us salvation through His Son. He wants us to live in His Family. But we must believe Him, repent of our sins, obey Him, and come under the blood of Jesus Christ.

When we grasp that our Father has given us every good and perfect gift, as the Apostle James notes in James 1:17, then we ought to be willing to give back to our Father as well. And that is what He teaches us. A good explanation of that is found in Malachi 3:8: "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?'"

Who would ever have the audacity to rob God? Yet that's exactly what He says happens. He explains, "But

you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings” (v. 8). The word *tithe* is just an old word meaning “tenth.” The Bible commands God’s people to give a tenth of their income back to Him in acknowledgement of His blessings and guidance in their lives. Not tithing to God, He says, is, in effect, robbing Him.

Going on, notice what He says as a result of His people not tithing:

“You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,” says the LORD of hosts, “if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,” says the LORD of hosts; “and all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land,” says the LORD of hosts (Malachi 3:9–12).

Let this sink in. There are individual consequences—and national consequences—for not tithing. And what better way to prepare for hard times ahead than to show God our loyalty and faithfulness in tithing to Him now? He promises to provide for those who put Him first. In our Western world, how many of us faithfully tithe to the God of heaven, who gives us rain in due season and sunshine to give warmth and to make the crops grow? Are we acknowledging the God of heaven, who gives us every beat our heart makes?

Giving a little bit back to the God who has given us all things—and plans to give us even more as an inheritance—is really just a small sacrifice. Going on:

Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD listened and heard them; so a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the LORD and who meditate on His name. “They shall be Mine,” says the LORD of hosts, “on

the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him” (Malachi 3:16–17).

You can learn more about tithing by reading the free *Tomorrow’s World* study guide *God’s People Tithe!* This insightful resource is available in full at *TomorrowsWorld.org*, and you can also order a free copy from the Regional Office closest to you, listed on page 4 of this issue.

Protection Comes from God

Gold, silver, money, real estate, or bank accounts will not be a protection in the coming hard times. When financial crises strike, we want God to be with us, which means we need to be with Him.

Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, lest—when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them; and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied... then you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.’ And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth (Deuteronomy 8:11–13, 17–18).

Where will the economies of the Western world go in the months and years ahead? Will there be a bumpy road economically? Things may go up. They may go down for a while. But at some point, if these nations don’t repent, God will allow them to hit rock bottom.

Wherever the road takes us, we need to be wise and careful in regard to how we handle money. But, above all, we need to keep the big picture—and the big picture is that there is a God in Heaven who made us and provides us with everything we need if we wholeheartedly look to Him. He is planning to give us a great destiny in His Kingdom forever if we are willing to give our lives to Him now. 

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A Moment When Everything Changes

By **William Bowmer**

In the blink of an eye, a momentous event can change your life forever. Writing in the journal *Cognition* (Volume 5, Issue 1, 1977, pp. 73–99), psychologists Roger Brown and James Kulik coined the term “flashbulb memory” to describe the emotionally charged moments—positive or negative—that because of their intensity become imprinted on our consciousness. Using the assassination of United States President John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963 as their key example, they showed that when we form such memories, we don’t just remember intensely the moments that spurred them. We also remember with unusually vivid clarity what we were doing—and even where we were—at the instant when we formed the memory.

Some powerful moments touch us as individuals, while others leave their indelible mark on an entire community or nation—or the whole world. But as modern society becomes ever more fragmented, we should not be surprised that such collective memories seem far less common. So, let’s take a moment to look back at what may be America’s most powerful and widely shared flashbulb memory since the Kennedy assassination. September 11, 2026, will mark the 25th anniversary of the shocking day when 19 members of the Islamic terrorist group al-Qaeda hijacked four commercial airliners, killing 265 passengers on those planes and more than 2,700 in the buildings struck by the crashing aircraft.

A Shock and a Mystery

Workers were rushing to their offices on what began as a typical Tuesday morning in lower Manhattan, the commercial hub of New York City. Delivery workers on bicycles shuttled their cargo along car-clogged streets. Shoppers and tourists filled the sidewalks.

Suddenly, at 8:46 a.m., the deafening sound of a crash came from above. An aircraft had slammed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center (WTC). The building caught fire, and everyone above the 91st floor in the 110-floor building was trapped inside.

But what had happened? It was a mystery at first. News organizations sent camera crews, and soon every major television network was airing the shocking live image of the burning tower. Analysts trying to offer comment on the event were at first puzzled—a commercial airliner would have been flying thousands of feet above the WTC towers, and any small plane flying at low altitude in the nearby Hudson River air corridor surely couldn’t have damaged the tower so extensively—or could it?

At 9:03 a.m., the answer came suddenly during live coverage of the burning North Tower. While television commentators were speculating on-air, a jetliner sped into view and crashed into the WTC’s South Tower, causing a massive fireball to emerge as the plane cut through the building. Instantly, one thing was clear—whatever was happening, this was no accident.

After the Second Plane Hit

Writing in *The Guardian* on September 18, 2001—a week after the attack—essayist Martin Amis described the power of that moment when the plane crashed into the South Tower. “It was the advent of the second plane, sharking in low over the Statue of Liberty; that was the defining moment. Until then, America thought she was witnessing nothing more serious than the worst aviation disaster in history; now she had a sense of the fantastic vehemence ranged against her.”

One crash might have been a tragic accident, but two crashes had to be a pattern, a plan. And as Amis described, this was a moment that profoundly changed how Americans saw the world and their place in it. Yet it would take some time for all the details to emerge.

The al-Qaeda terrorists that morning had commandeered two commercial jets scheduled to fly from Boston to Los Angeles—American Airlines Flight 11, which crashed into the WTC North Tower, and United Airlines Flight 175, which crashed into the WTC South Tower. Two other planes joined in the attack—Los Angeles-bound American Airlines Flight 77, which was hijacked and crashed into the Pentagon building in Washington, DC, and United Airlines Flight 93, which was also steered toward the District of Columbia before its passengers attempted to wrest control from the hijackers, who then crashed the plane into an empty field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.



A view from a Manhattan street as smoke billows from the World Trade Center

In a little more than two hours—from 7:59 a.m., when Flight 11 took off, to 10:03 a.m., when Flight 93 plowed into the ground—a small band of terrorists deeply wounded the U.S.A.’s pride and power.

Disaster Televised Live

Estimates suggest that more than 20 million Americans were watching live television on the morning of September 11, 2001, when they saw Flight 175 crash into the WTC South Tower. By that evening, according to Pew Research and Nielsen data, more than three-quarters of American households had seen video footage not just of the planes’ impact but of the WTC towers falling to the ground.

Some who watched the plane hit the tower compared their shock to what they felt after the Kennedy assassination. But there was one big difference. There were only a few live witnesses to Kennedy’s assassination on November 22, 1963—just the crowd along the roadside when his motorcade passed by. Most heard the news via radio, from the first report that Kennedy was shot to the news an hour later that he was dead. But thanks to the immediacy and reach of live television, millions across America—and around the world—together felt in one brutal moment on September 11, 2001, that their world would never be the same.

Today, when many recall the Kennedy assassination, they remember Abraham Zapruder’s famous film showing the gruesome aftermath of a bullet striking the President’s head. But it would be many years after the assassination before the public would see the Zapruder film. For many who mourned Kennedy’s death on November 22, their strongest personal memory was formed two days later when Jack Ruby shot alleged assassin Lee Harvey Oswald during live television coverage viewed across the nation—and it became clear that the answers to many important questions had died with Oswald.

Yes, Americans felt a sense of shared catastrophe after the assassination, but Presidents had been killed before. When Ruby murdered Oswald on live television, millions at once felt shocked by an utterly unprecedented event. Indeed, we can draw a close parallel with the September 11 events. It was a catastrophe when the first plane struck the WTC, but viewers’ worlds changed forever when the second plane hit the tower.

A Nation Challenged and Fragmented

By the time President George W. Bush signed into law the USA PATRIOT Act on October 26, 2001, giving the federal government increased power to conduct covert surveillance on American citizens, the U.S. military had already begun to deploy troops to fight terrorist cells based in Afghanistan.

More than 7,000 soldiers would go on to die in Afghanistan and Iraq, and as many as 50,000 would come home seriously injured. But unlike those in the Vietnam War, the thousands of soldiers who died after September 11 were volunteers, and their deaths did not spark such protests as did the deaths of Vietnam draftees. To the average American, the greatest effect of the terrorist attacks was felt at home in the form of increased security measures, especially around travel—a series of small inconveniences, not further flashbulb moments.

What else changed between 1963 and 2001? When Brown and Kulik in 1977 published their findings about flashbulb memories, the Kennedy assassination was still fresh in most Americans' memories, and most people relied on daily newspapers and three national television networks for their news. Today, fewer than a quarter of Americans can remember the Kennedy assassination, nearly half are too young to remember the September 11 attacks, and our media environment has both expanded and fragmented. News is available around the clock from a multitude of television networks, and from myriad websites, podcasts, radio broadcasts, and newspapers.

With such media fragmentation as exists today, a flashbulb moment shared powerfully by one small segment of society may go unnoticed by the wider society. So, will we ever again share such a widespread flashbulb memory, whether negative or positive? The answer is *yes*!

In the Twinkling of an Eye

You may have encountered the popular idea of a sudden “secret rapture” of faithful Christians. But just as some intense flashbulb memories may not be quite accurate—human minds often embellish those memories with details beyond what they truly expe-

rienced—this widely held idea about the prophesied end-times is incorrect.

Faithful Christians blinking away in an instant would certainly gain the world's attention—pilots leaving abandoned planes to crash, surgeons leaving patients to die on the operating table, parents leaving their children orphaned. But this popular “rapture” idea does not align with what the Apostle Paul wrote to the followers of Christ in Corinth: “Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, *at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality*” (1 Corinthians 15:51–53).

This event that Paul described will become a momentous flashbulb moment for followers of Jesus Christ, but it won't be a moment of chaos. The prophesied last trumpet will mark a moment of joyous triumph after three-and-a-half years of fulfilled end-time prophecy. Daniel 11 and Revelation 12 tell us of this time, ending with the year-long “Day of the Lord,” during which Christians who have fled to a place of safety will be protected—on the earth—from the persecutions and terrors around them, before they meet their Savior upon His return. And at the instant when Christ returns, “He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him” (Revelation 1:7).

That is wonderful news ahead! A time is soon coming when centuries of faithful disciples of Christ will in one glorious moment rise from the dead and realize their dream of meeting the returning Christ, joined by His faithful disciples who are alive at His return. They will be transformed at that moment—born into the Kingdom of God and readied to serve the returned Christ when He establishes that Kingdom on planet Earth. It will be a moment like no other moment before. Of that moment, we read that “when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: ‘Death is swallowed up in victory’” (1 Corinthians 15:54). God speed that momentous day! 

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What Is a Biblical Fast?

Question: The Bible seems to mention people “fasting” a lot. How did they do that? Should we still do it?

Answer: Let’s see how the Bible defines fasting. God instructs His people that, every year on the Day of Atonement—one of God’s seven annual Holy Days—they are to “afflict your souls” (Leviticus 23:26–32). In the New Testament, this day is described as “the Fast” (Acts 27:9). On this Holy Day, God expects His people to fast—to go completely without food and drink, including water (Esther 4:16).

Apart from that Holy Day, our other fasts may last for varying lengths of time depending on the situ-

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ation. The Day of Atonement prescribes a one-day fast from sunset to sunset, and for other fasts a similar length is typically a good target. However, some people may not be able to fast for very long—much depends on personal health and circumstances. If you are pregnant or elderly, have a medical condition, or are new to fasting, you may need to adjust how long you fast based on what your body can handle. Those with health concerns

may want to talk with a doctor before undertaking any fasts longer than their bodies are used to.

But the duration of a fast is not what is most important about it. What is most important is that we use this tool with the right attitude to achieve the right results. Jesus taught His disciples about proper fasting, saying, “Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites” (Matthew 6:16), indicating that He expects His followers to fast. He went on to explain that we shouldn’t try to impress others by making our fasting obvious to them—rather, we should appear to be having a normal day (Matthew 6:16–18). Of course, for practical purposes, those in your household may need to know.

At one time, God condemned the people of ancient Israel for their superficial show of religion. Instead of

fasting to humble themselves, seek God’s will, and put off their sinful behavior, they fasted merely to appear righteous (Isaiah 58:3–5). Fasting should remind us that we are mortal beings who become weak very quickly—and that, without God, we are nothing. It helps us see that we need Him and that we must look to and rely on Him for our strength and salvation. This practice brings humility and, when we do it correctly, helps us gain the proper perspective in our approach to God.

How to Fast Correctly

God will not bless our fasting if we aren’t humbly seeking His guidance, His power, and His will for our lives. If we aren’t genuinely trying to put off our selfishness, greed, and vanity, and to put on the mind and character of Jesus Christ, our fasting will be in vain. “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Therefore, submit to God.... Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.... Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up” (James 4:6–10).

The purpose of fasting is to grow in humility, draw closer to God, and submit to His will in our lives. Therefore, when we fast, we need to spend significant extra time in prayer, Bible study, and meditation. When Daniel was seeking understanding, he “set [his] face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplication, with fasting” (Daniel 9:3). He accompanied his fasting with heartfelt prayer praising God, acknowledging God’s authority and control. He also confessed his sins and asked for God’s forgiveness. Daniel’s prayer displays the humble and submissive attitude God is looking for. Because of that attitude, the angel Gabriel was sent to him, telling him that he was “greatly beloved” and his prayers were heard (Daniel 9:4–23).

When we fast, we strive to shift our focus away from this material world and onto God’s will, His way of life, His promises, His plan, and our spiritual life. To do this successfully, we need to study the Bible and meditate on its truth. As Jesus said after His fast, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God” (Luke 4:4). Biblical fasting is a powerful tool God has given us to humble ourselves, draw near to Him, and seek His will in our lives. TW



Iron Sharpening Iron

When I was in college, a close friend had to confront me because I had been exhibiting generally obnoxious behavior. I was oblivious as to how irritating I had become, and my friend needed to point this out to me. It was painful to hear, and I was defensive at first, but as he explained my various infractions it became obvious that I needed to hear his words and act on them.

As I look back on my formative years, I realize that much of my life was influenced by the quality of my friends. There were times when their direct guidance and counsel helped me make necessary changes in my approach to life. What traits do you look for in a friend? What about your children—who do they want to spend time with? Is how a person looks most important to them? Do they consider people “cool” based on how they behave or dress? Or do they give more importance to people’s character and qualities—and their influence on their own lives? What example do you set for them in choosing and maintaining friendships?

The Bible Weighs In

The Bible offers good advice on what to look for—and what to avoid—when choosing friends. One well-known principle of positive friendship is given in the Old Testament book of Proverbs: “As iron sharpens iron, so a person sharpens his friend” (Proverbs 27:17, *New English Translation*). So, what does this scripture mean, and how can this idea direct your friendships?

Today, I appreciate that my friend cared enough to challenge me, because what he pointed out has helped me through the rest of my life. In that way, he “sharpened” me. Yet this is just one of the many ways in

which a friend has helped improve me. There have been countless times when having engaging conversations with friends has stretched my thinking in ways I would never have experienced by myself. This is perhaps the most important aspect of “sharpening” I have found. Even my most closely held beliefs about God and His word have been shaped and clarified as I have had the benefit of refining my thoughts with close friends who were also seeking a better understanding of God’s way.

According to *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*, “When iron is rubbed against another piece of iron it shapes and sharpens it. Similarly people can help each other improve by their discussions, criticisms, suggestions, and ideas” (1985, p. 964). The image of a chef using a rod of steel to sharpen a knife provides a good example of using strong metal to improve an instrument.

Relating directly to friendship, the *Life Application Study Bible* states, “There is a mental sharpness that comes from being around good people.... Two friends who bring their ideas together can help each other become sharper” (1995, p. 1337).

This scripture emphasizes the importance of making friends with people who help improve us. Such friends can greatly broaden our understanding and worldview, and they can offer feedback to improve our behavior. Without such personal help, we can develop an inaccurate—perhaps inflated—view of our own ideas and conduct.

Why Is This Important?

Forming friendships involves some of the most important decisions a young person will make. The influence

exerted by our closest relationships tends to determine the course of our lives—opening new options and possibilities and encouraging us to grow, or directing us down pathways that restrict our growth and lead us into trouble.

For those who aspire to follow God's way, this choice is vital. The Bible warns, "The righteous should

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choose his friends carefully, for the way of the wicked leads them astray" (Proverbs 12:26). As this scripture indicates, the "wicked" often bring down the "righteous." The Apostle Paul reiterates this point: "Do not be deceived: 'Evil company corrupts good habits'" (1 Corinthians 15:33). We should not take it for granted that we can draw close to a bad influence without letting it change us for the worse.

This is why finding iron-sharpens-iron relationships is important. We increase our opportunities for success by surrounding ourselves with those who raise us

up. It is good when our friends expect excellence from us—we then tend to expect it of ourselves.

Your Turn!

There are obvious benefits to being around friends who help prod us into becoming better people. However, as the phrase "iron sharpens iron" suggests, there should be mutual contributions to improving one another. In other words, our friends should benefit from being around *us* as much as we benefit from being around *them*. So, it can be helpful to analyze whether this is true in our relationships. Does our influence improve others? If not, there are steps we can take to begin sharpening those around us:

Improve yourself. Strive to become a person of quality by developing your intellectual and spiritual capacity. We can do this by obtaining *wisdom* and *understanding*.

A good place to start is in studying the book of Proverbs, which has personal improvement as its stated purpose: "to know wisdom and instruction, to understand words of insight, to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity; to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth—let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance" (Proverbs 1:2–5, *English Standard Version*).

Set the right example. Knowledge is of little value if it does not improve your life. If you live by the wisdom you acquire, the positive example you set should follow naturally. People will come to respect you as they see that you are a person of upstanding character—not a hypocrite.

Your example should stand as testimony to how a positive, giving, and serving person should act. Jesus Christ set the ultimate example by serving His disciples, whom He called friends, and He said, "I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you" (John 13:15, see also John 15:15).

Love your neighbor. Humbly seek ways to help others, maintaining a genuine desire to see them succeed. Remember the "give and take" dimension of iron sharpening iron, which encourages back-and-forth interaction through which each person benefits. If others see that your motivation is to love and serve others, your opportunities for mutually satisfying relationships will increase due to the care for others you demonstrate. "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself" (Philippians 2:3).

As many successful people have discovered, the quality of our closest personal relationships makes a tremendous difference in shaping who we are. We should be grateful when we are challenged by caring friends who polish away our rough edges, improve our minds, and help us aspire to be our best. At the same time, we should strive to do the same for them. So, as an important part of your family's development, endeavor to fill your life and the lives of your children with such iron-sharpens-iron relationships.

—Phil Sena

Scientists Presumptuously “Rewriting” Life?

Before God confused mankind’s languages, He noted that nothing would be impossible for a unified humanity (Genesis 11:1–9)—and our modern era is beginning to reveal such capabilities. Geneticists have recently been using CRISPR technology to remove and replace what they deem to be defective gene sequences in plants and animals (*Deutsche Welle*, June 16, 2026). Gene sequences can be introduced that make plants resistant to drought or mold and increase crop yields. Proponents foresee significant benefits to this approach, while opponents question the long-term impacts of consuming foods with edited genes.

While the European Union has eased restrictions on the use of gene-editing technology on commercially available foods, King’s College London professor Michael Antoniou observes that the CRISPR process can cause unintended changes in the DNA of the plant: “The scientific evidence shows that when considered as a whole, the CRISPR gene editing process causes large-scale random, unintended sites of damage to the DNA of the plant, and [those sites of damage] can number in the hundreds or thousands.” Concerned scientists believe more research is needed to better understand the changes and how they will impact consumers.

Scientists who perform gene editing typically view the process through an evolutionary model and fail to see the Creator behind the life they are “reprogramming.” In fact, the complexity and intelligence behind DNA and genetic systems are solid evidence for God’s existence. Tampering with profound systems we do not fully understand, systems God so carefully designed, risks causing serious consequences across the biosphere.

How Europeans View America

After World War II, most Europeans viewed the United States with respect and deep appreciation. However, according to a recent European Council on Foreign Relations survey of 15 European nations, Europeans’ opinions of the U.S. are plummeting (*Deutsche Welle*, June 10, 2026). Today, just 11 percent of Europeans see America as their ally. This is down from 16 percent six months ago, which in turn was down from 22 percent in November 2024.

America has gone from being seen as Europe’s major ally to its “necessary partner.” Sadly, a growing number of Europeans now view the U.S. as “either a rival or an adversary” (*ECFR.eu*, June 10, 2026). While many Europeans feel relations with the U.S. will improve after President Trump leaves office, much could happen in the next couple of years.

Bible prophecy reveals the future for America and Europe. God warned ancient Israel and its modern-day descendants that, because of their sins, their allies would depart: “All your lovers have forgotten you” (Jeremiah 30:14). God will “stir up” these nations who have been “alienated” by the Israelite-descended peoples, including the modern nation of Israel (Ezekiel 23:22). The nations and allies that once clung to Israelite-descended nations like the United States will no longer honor the friendships and alliances of the past. In fact, a coming European power will take many of the Israelite-descended nations into captivity (Ezekiel 39:23).

The End of Pax Americana

“If you’ve been thinking it seems like there are more wars raging in the world... you’re right and the data proves it” (*NPR*, June 9, 2026). A recent study from the Uppsala Conflict Data Program (UCDP) revealed “the highest number of conflicts between states in 2025 since World War II.” Fatalities, especially among civilians, were the highest since the Rwandan genocide of 1994. Other observers agree: “The number of armed conflicts continues to climb, reaching around 130 in 2024... more than double the number just 15 years ago” (*ICRC.org*, December 11, 2025). Researchers note that conflicts today are less isolated and more

disruptive of economies than at any time since before World War II.

What is happening, and what are the implications? While acknowledging that the overall trends facing the world “cannot be explained by any single policy decision or political leader,” UCDP researchers observed that a general “shift in the international order as led by the U.S.” was a major contributing factor over the past decade. Their report states, “Now the United States is turning against the world order it built.... The extremely high number of conflicts and wars recorded in 2025, particularly the record number of interstate conflicts lends credence to the growing number of voices arguing that we are witnessing the end of *Pax Americana* and the liberal world order.”

Is America’s ability to lead the international order ending? Bible prophecy describes a future in which old orders and alliances will be replaced as global instability increases. Eventually, clashing superpowers will bring utter devastation before Christ’s return.

Fertility Rates Falling Worldwide

Fertility rates are dropping around the globe. What was once a problem of the developed world is now impacting developing nations as well. Mexico and Iran have been hit, and Asian nations are feeling population

decline powerfully. As columnist Shadi Hamid noted in the *Washington Post*, “More than two-thirds of the world’s countries have fallen below the replacement rate—the rate at which a population sustains itself without immigration, which is 2.1 children per woman” (June 3, 2026). Interestingly, “mothers aren’t necessarily having fewer children compared with a decade or two ago.” Rather, “fewer women are becoming mothers in the first place.”

Parenting is a lifelong job that requires parents to commit to serve and guide their children. However, as demographer Lyman Stone has pointed out, “the spread of ‘selfish norms’ has been made possible by digital technology.... Where you would once run out of things to do by yourself, now unlimited stimulation is offered to everyone with a phone in the comfort of their own room.”

Stone further observed, “Never before in the history of

humankind has so radical an experiment in social isolation ever been conducted on such a scale, and the effects on fertility are and will continue to be profound.” By contrast, being “other-centered” leads to spending more time with more people, valuing strong and lasting relationships, marriage, and children. These values run throughout the Bible and are fostered by healthy families.

Happy Marriages Benefit Health

Society today downplays the benefits of marriage as God designed it. Yet followers of Jesus Christ realize that God created marriage to bring a man and woman into a lifelong relationship where the two function together in harmony (Genesis 2:18, 24). Building a happy and successful marriage takes work, time, and intentionality. It is not easy—especially in a world whose “god,” the Devil, is bent on destroying this

God-ordained institution (2 Corinthians 4:4)—but when God gives a command, He does so to bless and not to punish us.

With this in mind, it should come as no surprise that studies show that happy marriages result in improved mental and physical health for both husbands and wives. Recent research shows that couples in happy marriages “have a lower incidence of cardiovascular disease, including heart attacks, stroke and death from heart disease, compared with those who are unmarried” (*Washington Post*, June 2, 2026). The happily married also have better overall mental health and even a reduced risk of cancer. Those who work to keep their marriage happy create an environment that positively impacts their moods, attitudes, habits, and even immune systems. Living according to God’s way of life results in living more abundantly and joyfully (John 10:10).

concerns (*The Week*, June 1, 2026). “Several European national-security officials have warned that Russia could try to test the cohesion of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization by targeting one of the Baltic nations, Swedish and Danish islands in the Baltic Sea or alliance territory in the Arctic” (*Wall Street Journal*, May 26, 2026).

A new defense agreement between the United Kingdom and Poland adds “to a growing list of bilateral European security pacts prompted by Russia’s war in Ukraine” (*Politico*, May 27, 2026). France is now looking to connect with Germany and the UK to produce long-range missiles (*Financial Times*, May 22, 2026). And the fighter jet partnership among Britain, Italy, and Japan may soon expand to involve other nations (*Reuters*, November 19, 2024).

These nascent alliances may be laying the foundation for what Scripture reveals to be the final revival of the ancient Roman Empire. That empire has historic links to Central Europe, and the Bible foretells that “ten kings”—leaders of nations or regions—will surrender their sovereignty to a leader called “the beast” (Revelation 17:8–13), also referred to in prophecy as “the king of the North” (Daniel 11:5–16). Watch for a “king” or charismatic individual who will lead a European military and economic superpower. 

A Step Closer to a “King of the North”?

Worried by the apparent stalemate between Russia and Ukraine, European leaders now fear that Russia may expand its conflict with Ukraine to more of Europe; France’s minister for European affairs recently warned that Mr. Putin intends to “threaten the whole European security architecture.” Russia’s recent drone activity against Romania has intensified Europe’s



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TELEVISION LOG



AUSTRALIA

Nationwide 9GEM SA 8:30 a.m.

BARBADOS

St. Michael CBC 8 SU 2:00 p.m.

FRANCE

Nationwide ZOUK TV SU 6:00 a.m.
Nationwide ZOUK TV WE 5:00 a.m.

FRENCH ISLANDS (St. Maarten | Guadeloupe |

Martinique | French Guiana)
Nationwide ZOUK TV SU 6:00 a.m.
Nationwide ZOUK TV WE 5:00 a.m.

GUYANA

Nationwide NCN 11 SU 6:30 a.m.

JAMAICA

Kingston TVJ SU 7:00 a.m.

SCANDINAVIA (Sweden | Norway | Denmark)

Nationwide SverigeKanalen TV SU 12:00 p.m.

SOUTH AFRICA

Nationwide e.tv (DSTV ch 194) SU 6:30 a.m.

ST. LUCIA

Nationwide DBS (English) SU 7:30 a.m.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

Nationwide CNC3-TV SU 6:30 a.m.

UK & NW EUROPE

WORD (TWN) Freeview 279 SU 6:30 a.m.
Freeview 279 SU 7:30 p.m.
Freeview 279 MO 12:30 a.m.
Freely 582 SU 6:30 a.m.
Freely 582 SU 7:30 p.m.
Freely 582 MO 12:30 a.m.
Faith TV UK SU 8:00 a.m.

CANADA

Nationwide Networks (All times Eastern)

VisionTV SA 3:30 a.m.

FAITH TV

SU 5:30 p.m.
WE 4:30 p.m.
MO-FR 10:30 p.m.

CHNU

MO-FR 10:00 p.m.

CIVIT (Vancouver)

SU 12:00 p.m.

CTV (Maritimes)

SU 7:30 a.m.

CTV (Alberta)

SU 1:30 p.m.

UNITED STATES

Nationwide Networks (All times Eastern)

Binge SU 9:00 a.m.

Charge Network SU 7:30 a.m.

COMET SU 7:30 a.m.

The CW Plus SU 8:00 a.m.

MO 2:00 a.m.

Faith TV USA SU 8:00 a.m.

Family Entertainment

Television SU 8:00 a.m.

getTV SU 7:00 a.m.

Impact TV SU 8:30 a.m.

SU 11:00 p.m.

SA 11:00 p.m.

Positiv TV SU 8:30 a.m.

Rewind SU 9:00 a.m.

The Word Network SU 2:30 p.m.

SU 7:30 p.m.

World Harvest Television SU 7:30 a.m.

DISH Network* (All times Eastern)

Impact Ch. 268 SU 11:00 p.m.

DIRECTV* (All times Eastern)

Impact Ch. 380 SU 11:00 p.m.

Word Ch. 373 SU 2:30 p.m.

SU 7:30 p.m.

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AK Anchorage KYUR (CW+) SU 6:00 a.m.

Fairbanks KATN (CW+) SU 6:00 a.m.

Juneau KJUD (CW+) SU 6:00 a.m.

AL Dothan WTVY (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

Huntsville WZDX/DZDX-TV 54 SU 9:30 a.m.

Montgomery WBMM (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

Opelika WLTZ (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

AR El Dorado KARD (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

Fayetteville KHBS (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

Fort Smith KHBS (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

Jonesboro KAIT (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

Little Rock KASN (CW) SU 10:30 a.m.

AZ Tucson KMSB (FOX) SU 8:30 a.m.

Yuma KECY (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

CA Bakersfield KBAC-TV 29 (CBS) SU 6:30 a.m.

Bakersfield KGET (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

Chico KHSL (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

El Centro KECY (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

Eureka KECA (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

Monterey KCBA (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

Oakland KICU-TV 36 SU 11:30 a.m.

Palm Springs KCWO (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

Redding KHSL (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

Salinas KCBA (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

San Francisco BAVC (Public Access) WE 8:00 a.m.

San Francisco KICU-TV 36 SU 11:30 a.m.

San Jose KICU-TV 36 SU 11:30 a.m.

San Luis Obispo KCOY (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

Santa Barbara KCOY (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

Santa Maria KCOY (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

CO Colorado Springs KXTU (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.

Grand Junction KJCT (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

CT Hartford WWLP (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

DC Washington DC WDCW-TV 50 (CW) SU 8:30 a.m.

DE Salisbury WMDT (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

FL Daytona Beach WRBW-TV 65 SU 10:00 a.m.

Ft. Lauderdale WBFS-TV 33 SU 6:30 a.m.

Gainesville WCJB (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

Jacksonville WCWJ (CW) SU 6:30 a.m.

Miami WBFS-TV 33 SU 6:30 a.m.

Panama City WMBB (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

Tallahassee WMBB (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

Tampa Bay WTOG (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.

GA Albany WALB (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

Albany WALB (ABC) SU 11:00 a.m.

Atlanta WATL-TV 36 SU 10:00 a.m.

Augusta WJBF (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

Columbus WLTX (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

Macon WMAZ (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

Savannah WSAV (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

Thomasville WMBB (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.

IA Ottumwa KYOU (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

Sioux City KTVI (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

ID Boise KBOI/KYUU (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

Idaho Falls KIFI (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

Twin Falls KMYT (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

IL Chicago WJYS-TV 62 SU 8:00 a.m.

Chicago SWAG SU 8:30 a.m.

Chicago SWAG SU 9:00 a.m.

Peoria WEEK (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

Quincy WQEM (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

Rockford WSLN (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

IN Evansville WTVW (CW) SU 7:30 a.m.

Fort Wayne WISE (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

Fort Wayne WPTA-TV 21 SU 7:30 a.m.

Lafayette WLFI (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

Lafayette HTWO (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

KS Kansas City KCWE-TV 29 (CW) SU 7:30 a.m.

Topeka KTKA (CW+/Rewind) SU 7:00 a.m.

Topeka KCWE-TV 29 (CW) SU 7:30 a.m.

Pittsburg KFJX (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

Troy KNPC (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

Wichita KSAS-TV 24 (FOX) SU 10:00 a.m.

KY Bowling Green WPKO (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

Lexington WTVQ (ABC) SU 7:00 a.m.

Louisville WBNA-TV 21 SU 9:30 a.m.

Paducah WDKA-TV 49 SU 11:00 a.m.

LA Alexandria KALB (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

Lafayette KLFY (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

Lake Charles KPLC (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

Monroe KARD (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

Monroe KMCT-TV 38 SU 6:00 a.m.

Shreveport KSHV-TV 45 SU 10:00 a.m.

MA Springfield WWLP (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

ME Bangor WABI (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

Presque Isle WAGM (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

MI Alpena WBAE (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

Battle Creek WOTV-TV 41 (ABC) SU 7:00 a.m.

Detroit WWJ-TV 62 (CBS) SU 7:30 a.m.

Kalamazoo WOTV-TV 41 (ABC) SU 7:00 a.m.

Lansing WLAJ (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

Lansing WLAJ (ABC) SU 11:00 a.m.

Calumet WBKP (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

Marquette WBKP (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

Traverse City WFOQ (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

MN Cloquet KDHL (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

Duluth KDHL (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

Mankato KMNF/KEYC (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

Rochester KTC (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

MO Columbia KOMU (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

Joplin KFJX (FOX) SU 8:30 a.m.

Joplin KFJX/NEJX (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

Kansas City KCWE-TV 29 (CW) SU 7:30 a.m.

St. Joseph KNPQ (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

St. Louis KLPL (CW) SU 6:30 a.m.

MS Biloxi WXXV (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

Columbus WLOV (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

Greenwood WBWD (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

Hattiesburg WHLT (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

Meridian WTKO (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

MT Billings KVIS (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

Bozeman KCOB (Charge) SU 8:30 a.m.

Butte KCOB (Charge) SU 8:30 a.m.

Glendive KBWB (CW+) SU 6:00 a.m.

Helena KTYM (Comet) SU 8:30 a.m.

Kalispell KCFW (Charge/Comet) SU 8:30 a.m.

Kalispell KECI (Charge/Comet) SU 8:30 a.m.

Missoula KECI (Charge/Comet) SU 8:30 a.m.

NC Asheville WYCW (CW) SU 9:30 a.m.

Asheville WGGV-TV 16 SU 11:30 a.m.

Charlotte WAXN-TV 64 SU 9:00 a.m.

Charlotte WMYT-TV 55 SU 8:30 a.m.

Charlotte WMYT-TV 55 SU 10:30 a.m.

Greensboro WMYV-TV 48 SU 9:00 a.m.

Greenville WNCN (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

Wilmington WWAY (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

ND Bismarck KXMA (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

Dickinson KXMA (CW+) SU 6:00 a.m.

Fargo KJXB (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

Minot KXMA/KXMC (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

NM Albuquerque KBWB-TV 19 (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.

NV Las Vegas KSNV (Charge/Comet) SU 8:30 a.m.

Reno KOLO (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

NY Binghamton WBNG (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

Brooklyn BCAT/BRIC SU 7:00 p.m.

Brooklyn BCAT/BRIC MO 12:30 a.m.

Elmira WENY (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

Watertown WWTX (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

Utica WFXV (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

OH Cincinnati WSTR-TV 64 SU 9:00 a.m.

Cleveland WUAB (CW) SU 8:30 a.m.

Columbus WWHO (Charge/Comet) SU 7:30 a.m.

OK Ada KTVZ (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

Lawton KFDX (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

Tulsa KQCV (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.

OR Bend KTVZ (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

Eugene KMTR (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

Klamath Falls KTVL (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

Medford KTVL (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

Portland KRCW-TV 32 (CW) SU 7:00 a.m.

PA Erie WSEE (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

Lancaster WPMT (FOX) SU 8:00 a.m.

Lebanon WPMT (FOX) SU 8:00 a.m.

Philadelphia WPSG (CW) SU 7:30 a.m.

Pittsburgh WPKD/WPCW (CW) SU 7:30 a.m.

York WPMT (FOX) SU 8:00 a.m.

SC Charleston WCBD (CW+) SU 8:00 a.m.

Columbia WOLO (ABC) SU 11:00 a.m.

Greenville WYCW (CW) SU 9:30 a.m.

Rock Hill WAXN-TV 64 SU 9:00 a.m.

Rock Hill WMYT-TV 55 SU 8:30 a.m.

Rock Hill WMYT-TV 55 SU 10:30 a.m.

SD Rapid City KCLO (CW+) SU 6:00 a.m.

Sioux Falls KCLO+/KLEO/KPLO (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

TN Chattanooga ETVC-TV 9.2 (FOX) SU 9:30 a.m.

Knoxville WKXN (KNOX) SU 12:00 a.m.

Knoxville WKXN (KNOX) SU 7:00 a.m.

Knoxville WKXN (KNOX) SU 6:00 p.m.

Knoxville WKXN (KNOX) SA 7:30 a.m.

Memphis WLMT (CW) SU 10:00 a.m.

TX Abilene KTXS (CW+) SU 7:00 a.m.

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