

## THERE IS NO EASY WAY OUT

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*There is one failing common to all men, even those who have chosen to serve God. Despite the clear blessing and great joy of salvation, most people will be tempted to look for a simpler or easier way of fulfilling their Christian obligations (other than what the Lord expects). Seeing we are already warned in advance that this church age would be noted for its selfish and materialistic viewpoints (Rev 3:17), we would do well to take heed to the Lord's encouragement. Let us never forget that we chose the Christian life because it is the difference between life and death. This fact has never changed and never will.*

**Jesus is not coming back to a rosy world full of joy and happiness... it will be an absolute disaster.**

**LUK 21:26** Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. Things will continually get worse in every sphere of life until the Lord returns... there will be no easy way out for anyone.

**Jesus is sticking to his prophecies and sticking to his solutions... we can do likewise if we so choose.**

**2PET 3:9** The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. He still holds true to his promises... even more so than what we are capable of understanding.

**10** But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. This describes a total geophysical end to all things... much more than the escalating social, political, military and religious disasters that are described in the bible.

**11** Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, **what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness**, The answer to this question is the solution to our overcoming... it is also the easiest way to serve our Lord. There are three main duties that the church needs to address with great diligence... evangelizing the unsaved, care for the existing family members and growth in the knowledge and wisdom of God.

**12** **Looking for** (diligently seeking) and **hasting** (earnestly desiring) unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

**13** Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. The question arises about the motivation of our living... are we seeking the pleasures of this life while we carry the knowledge of salvation, or are we seeking the duties of Christ and letting the Lord give us our worldly blessings as he chooses. Remember, the next age will be an age of service, not an age of wealth accrual... this age sorts out those who are suitable for the next.

**14** Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things (the right commitments), be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. How is this going to be achieved if we are not committed to serving the Lord with a full heart?

**Every one is looking for the 'magic pill' that will give them a better and easier life... obeying God through the use of the Spirit is the easiest way of living there is.**

**EPH 3:20** Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, The power in us (the Holy Spirit) has to be put to work. This can only happen if we have a clear understanding of our calling, the urgency of the task ahead of us and the realization of the closeness of the Lord's return.

*We are not here to feed ourselves on spiritual blessings, we are here to feed others... God will feed us personally. Remember the three main duties of the church and commit yourself to developing those skills.*

*Save the lost...*

*Feed the saved...*

*Grow in knowledge and wisdom through a love of the truth.*