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John 5:14, “*Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.*”

The above words were said to a man who had previously had a physical infirmity. He basically had no hope of a cure until Jesus cured him. He had this infirmity for 38 years. There was an event that occurred periodically where an angel came and troubled the waters and whoever was first into the pool was healed. This man had to have someone put him in the pool, but someone always got in before him and he was not made whole.

Can you imagine the frustration of having an ailment for 38 years, and a cure is right there in front of you, and you can't get access to it. Jesus healed him and later told him to sin no more lest a worse thing come upon him. What could be worse than being unable to walk for 38 years with a cure literally right in front of you, and you cannot get to it? The worse thing was dying in his sins and being eternally lost.

Right now as of this writing, there is a “new” virus going about called

the Coronavirus. People have become so concerned that we have reached almost panic conditions in our society. No doubt this is greatly increased because of media and instant communication. Schools have closed. Events have been totally canceled. Shelves are being cleared of over-the-counter medical supplies and even unrelated items are being stockpiled.

Here are a few things we can learn from society's reaction to this virus.

1. **We need not worry.** There are those who are genuinely very worried and concerned about this virus. Yes, we all need to take precaution, and even so, there will be many who die due to this virus. It might be me or one of you reading this. Even so, if we die in the LORD, what reason do we have to be concerned? The LORD has put within us the desire to survive and be here as long as we can, but yet we desire to go and be with the LORD. Paul wrote in Philippians 1:23-24, “²³*For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: ²⁴Nevertheless to abide in the flesh [is] more needful for you.*”

We do have daily concerns in this life, but they need not become worries. Jesus said in Matthew 6:25, “*Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?*” In verse 33 He says, “*But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*” If we seek God first, we need not worry. We do need to plan and take precaution. The LORD expects us to do what we can do, but worry need never be part of that.

2. **People are focused on the wrong danger.** How I would love to see people as concerned about the greatest disease of all— sin. What if people were canceling travel plans because there was great sin in

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News

—Continue to remember **Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Shirley Parson** and **Shirley Edwards**. Remember **Archie & Judy Manning**. Archie is very sick with cancer. **Taylor Dennis** broke his foot while skateboarding.

Breanna and Violet Riffle both have the flu.

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the city to which they planned to go? What if a basketball tournament was canceled because the sponsor was promoting sin? What if TV show production was halted because the show promoted sinful lifestyles?

Travel has been restricted, tournaments canceled, and show production stopped because of a chance of catching a virus. There is something so much worse happening and yet people embrace these activities that are leading to sin. So much of our society is embracing and even praising sin, yet the result of that “disease” is guaranteed eternal death. How I wish the hearts of people would be as concerned about sin as they are a virus that might or might not even affect them.

3. **We can do without most things.** I’m amazed at how much has been canceled due to this virus— tournaments, schools, conventions, travel, production of electronics, and countless other cancellations. If we can do without them now, couldn’t we always? We could. Yes, we need and should have education, but even so, it’s not absolutely necessary to godliness. So many of the other events that are canceled we could easily do without all the time, and most likely be better off. We need very little in this life. Even in the first century, Peter wrote in II Peter 1:3, “*According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that [pertain] unto life and godliness...*” We already had all we need at that time for life and to live godly. All the extra things now are not needed, and many of them are actual hindering people from serving the LORD.

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Sunday, March 8, 2020

Classes	14	I John 1:1-7
Preaching	18	John 1:1-36
Contribution	\$674.00	
Evening	16	Ezra 6:1-22

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Classes	10	Isaiah 20:1-6
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Bible Quiz

The Jews did what through the prophesying of Haggai and Zechariah?

Last Week’s Answer— Cloud (Isaiah 19:1)

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4. **We all are going to die.** It might be from this virus, but most likely not. The main thing is to be prepared for the time we do pass from this life. For those in the LORD it’s a wonderful time. John wrote in Revelation 22:5 that those in Heaven “*shall reign for ever and ever.*” With that knowledge, why would any virus or anything in this life concern me?

—Marty Edwards❖

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)