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## The Message of the Prophets in the Last Days

In the past, God looked down to see if any people were doing good. "Go down to the city and see if you can find anyone who is doing good. See if there might be perhaps one person who does good in the city." Then, **God sent prophets to tell the people His Way of righteousness.**

Noah was a preacher of righteousness; John the Baptist was a preacher of righteousness; Jesus Christ was a preacher of righteousness who gave us example in word and deed. **The apostles were imitators of Jesus Christ in word and deed and they set out to duplicate themselves for the glory of God and not for themselves** (1 Cor. 11:1). The apostles' glory diminished as the lives of others they preached to flourished.

Righteousness starts as a seed, but it soon blooms as a rose. **If we are ever to be righteous, then we must begin to practice righteousness.** We must become so engrossed with doing what is right that our former way of life, doing what was wrong, begins to fade away and ceases for lack of interest and attention.

Godliness is the process of making new creatures out of the old. **God wants righteous, holy, blameless people without spot or wrinkle** (Eph. 1:4). God wants people whose lives have become mature and perfect. Jesus says He will reveal to you all truth. God will

cause the growth (1 Cor. 3:7). He will allow you to repent. He will perfect you and create in you a new nature, and that nature will be firmly

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[established through suffering](#) for a short time (1 Peter 5:10). You will always be persecuted, and have some tribulation, because you are not of this world. Because the Lord has called you [out of this world to live a godly life](#), the world will hate you and you will suffer persecution (John 15:19; 2 Tim. 3:12).

***‘This process of learning how to be righteous is called conversion.’***

As Jesus lived only to do good, we, too, must live only to do good by learning how to be righteous (3 John 1:11; Titus 3:14). This process of learning how to be righteous is called conversion. How does the conversion process take place?

***‘As you begin to practice righteousness, you begin to realize you are serving two masters.’***

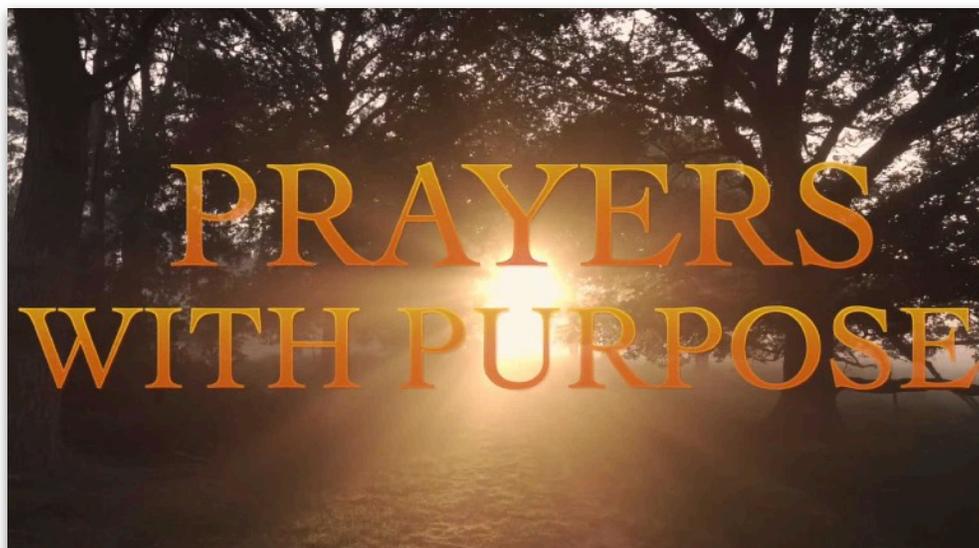
Before you are called by God, you are a son or daughter of the devil (Matt. 7:11). You practice the [deeds of the flesh](#) mentioned in Galatians 5:19-21. Jesus then calls you to a life of [repentance](#), commanding you to repent by practicing righteousness (Luke 13:5; Acts 26:20).

As you begin to practice righteousness, you begin to realize you are serving two masters. One master is continually trying to overpower the other. You are now fighting the good fight of faith; the conversion process has been activated (1 Tim. 6:12).

***‘The flesh wars against the spirit and the spirit wars against the flesh as you work to bring every thought and every action into the captivity of Christ.’***

The flesh wars against the spirit and the spirit wars against the flesh, as you work to bring every thought and every action into the captivity of Christ (2 Cor. 10:5). Sometimes you lose, sometimes you win, but if you persevere, you shall never fail. This is because the Spirit God has given you, for this inner spiritual war, is greater than the spirit that is of the world. You shall not be held captive to evil any longer, but through continued perseverance, you shall win your soul (Luke 21:19).

This is the message of conversion, the message of righteousness, that was not only preached by the prophets of old, but must also be preached in the last days.□



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# Authority Given to the Prophets

After Jesus Christ taught His disciples for three years, they went out and preached the gospel of the kingdom of God, also called the gospel of repentance. Many of those who were called by God, and who had their ears opened to the truth, gathered together. The apostles were given the authority from God to heal the sick, restore hearing to the deaf, open the eyes of the blind, heal the lame, and bring the dead back to life. They also were given the power to turn the disobedient over to Satan for the destruction of their flesh, that their spirit may be spared in the day of judgment.

Moses, a prophet of God with God's message in his mouth, asked that the ground open up and swallow all his enemies if he were right and they were wrong (Exod. 14:13-28). [The Apostle Paul](#) took the lives of Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:3-10). These were signs God performed by those He worked with in the past, and He is still performing by those He works through today. God does not change (Mal. 3:6; Heb. 13:8).

***'Wherever the truth is preached, there will be trouble, because it stirs up the evil nature within each of us.'***

Wherever the truth is preached, there will be trouble, because it stirs up the [evil nature](#) within each of us. Jesus said, "If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me..." (John 15:18). Jesus was saying that those who were worldly minded, or people who wanted to remain in the world, would hate Him. This is made abundantly clear in John 15:19. Jesus said His disciples would be hated in the churches, and a time would come when they would kill His disciples and think they were doing God a service (John 16:2). Notice what Jesus says to His followers, His disciples, in Luke 6:22-23.

In Jeremiah 14:15, this is what the Lord says about the prophets who are prophesying lies in

His name: "It was not I who sent them, yet they are saying, 'There will be no sword or famine in this land.'" Those same prophets will perish by sword and famine it tells us.

In Jeremiah 23:16-17, the Lord Almighty says: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who are prophesying to you. They are leading you into futility. They speak a vision of their own imagination, not from the mouth of the Lord. They keep saying to those who despise Me, 'The Lord has said, "You will have peace";' And as for everyone who walks in the stubbornness of his own heart, they say, 'Calamity will not come upon you.'"

***'Unbelievers hate this message, because it commands them to change their lives and give up every last thing that is wrong and corrupt and not pleasing to God in their lives.'***

The Lord made it plain that a prophet would be in trouble with Him personally, if he were well thought of by the majority (Luke 6:26). Jesus makes it plain that if you live for Him and overcome your evil nature by keeping His works and endure to the end, you may still be delivered up to tribulation and some will be killed (Matt. 24:9). You would be hated by all nations. Unbelievers hate this message, because it commands them to change their lives and give up every last thing that is wrong and corrupt and not pleasing to God in their lives. They must come out of the world, by hating the corrupt things which the Lord hates. They must keep His sayings to receive eternal life (John 8:51). They must do the Father's Will and no longer their own to receive eternal life (1 John 2:17; Matt. 7:21). They must be holy by living holy, or they will not even see the Lord (Heb. 12:14). They must [study God's word](#) daily to be approved by Him (2 Tim. 2:15). They must strive to become living words of God, living by every

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# God's Vengeance in Isaiah

Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones, to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him. These are grumblers, finding fault, following after their own lusts; they speak arrogantly, flattering people for the sake of gaining an advantage" (Jude 14-16).

***'God will reveal His holy arm in the sight of all nations, that all the ends of the earth may see.'***

When is the Lord going to execute vengeance on all? His vengeance will come in the last days of mankind's rule on this planet earth. God's vengeance will be upon all peoples and those slain by the Lord will be many (Is. 66:16). God will reveal His holy arm in the sight of all nations, that all the ends of the earth may see (Is. 52:10). "Turn to Me, and be saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other" (Is. 45:22; 28:2, 22; 27:13; 26:3, 9-10, 20-21; 24:1, 3-23). It is just a matter of time. You won't have to wait that long.

***'You must, however, become worthy to escape all things if you are to be spared by the Lord.'***

God Almighty cannot only [protect you](#) from famine and war, but also from disease and many other things. You must, however, become worthy to escape all things if you are to be spared by the Lord (Luke 21:36 KJV; Mal. 3:17).

***'The Lord knows well that people will not repent or change their ways unless they are forced to, so He will supply the force.'***

The Lord knows well that people will not repent or change their ways unless they are forced to, so He will supply the force. When war comes, people repent. We need to repent now and seek God, following Him and not man—which is idolatry. We need to stop reading the Bible for pleasure, and begin studying it to be approved by God and for correction, so we will not be consumed by the Lord when He returns with His wrath kindled (2 Tim. 3:16-17; Is. 30:20-21, 26-28).□

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word of God, which Jesus says is very easy and very pleasant to do (Matt. 11:30; 1 John 5:3).

***'The world has been lulled to sleep because millions have been told there is nothing to do to be saved.'***

The world has been lulled to sleep because millions have been told [there is nothing to do to be saved](#). The thief on the cross is given as an example. It is true that if you repent and receive a bullet in the head right after, you are not lost, but

those who remain alive after they repent are without excuse (John 15:22). You deny Jesus Christ every day you are not [overcoming your evil nature by doing good](#) in thought, word, and deed (Titus 1:16). Remember, this is how Jesus overcame and He is our example (Heb. 5:8-9).

***'Let's truly repent and be saved!'***

So, let's not be lulled to sleep with the world's half-truth gospel of Jesus Christ. Let's truly repent and be saved (Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 26:20)! □

# Message of Elijah



Elijah is prophesied to be sent in the last days, before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord (Mal. 4:5-6). His job will be to restore broken families by teaching the entire family God's Ways. Elijah will teach child-rearing out of the Bible. He will teach husbands and wives how to get along and please the Lord by keeping Jesus Christ's sayings about marriage. Elijah will teach the disobedient to make their attitudes righteous so they are ready to meet the Lord when He returns. Elijah will teach God's elect—those called and chosen by God and who remain faithful to His Ways and live only to please Him each day.

***'The scribes, who knew their Bibles well, knew that Elijah had to come before the Messiah could come.'***

Jesus said that John the Baptist was Elijah (Matt. 11:11, 14). People did not realize that John was

coming in the spirit and power of Elijah (Luke 1:17). In other words, he came with God's Spirit and with Elijah's same message. The scribes, who knew their Bibles well, knew that Elijah had to come before the Messiah could come (Matt. 17:10-13).

***'Jesus mentioned that Elijah would appear in the last days before the great and terrible day of the Lord, which prophecy declares as the day of the Lord's wrath upon the nations.'***

Notice carefully what Jesus Christ says in Matthew 17:11: "Elijah is coming and will restore all things!" Since John the Baptist was already dead, Jesus could not be referring to him (Matt. 17:12). Jesus mentioned that Elijah would appear in the last days before the great and terrible day of the Lord, which prophecy declares as the day of the Lord's wrath upon the nations (Mal. 4:5-6).

***'His message will be the same as John the Baptist's: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'***

Elijah will not be a towering figure, as Samson was. There is a good chance that he will not receive respect from the majority of people he talks to, but only a few. He will be an ordinary man, mature and full of the knowledge of the Lord (James 5:17). His message will be the same as John the Baptist's: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 3:2). This is the same message that Jesus Christ preached (Matt. 4:17; 10:7). His message was called the Way of righteousness (Matt. 21:32). So John the Baptist, Jesus Christ and His true disciples are all preachers of righteousness as Noah also was (2 Peter 2:5).

# Message of Elijah

***‘A preacher of righteousness is one who teaches people how to live right before their Lord and to please Him in all respects by doing all that they do in love.’***

A preacher of righteousness is one who teaches people how to live right before their Lord, and to please Him in all respects by doing all that they do in love (Eph. 5:10; 1 Cor. 16:14). He teaches that we are the temple of the living God (2 Cor. 6:16). He teaches the fathers to be the leaders in their homes, not in a demanding and domineering way, but in a loving way (Eph. 5:25). He teaches all husbands not to go to bed angry, but to forgive their wives in an understanding way, as with a weaker vessel (Eph. 4:26; 1 Peter 3:7). He teaches the wives to respect their husbands for the Lord, and if the husbands are disobedient to the word, they should be won back to the obedience of the faith by the example of the wife’s behavior and not by her words (1 Peter 3:1)! He teaches both the husband and the wife to serve one another from the heart to please God (Eph. 5:21-22, 28, 33).

***‘He would teach them to bring up their children in God’s Ways by teaching them to continually practice acts of righteousness for God until righteousness comes from their hearts.’***

A preacher of righteousness would tell married couples not to deny each other. 1 Corinthians 7:3-5 tells us, the husband must fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise the wife also to her husband. The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does; and likewise the husband also does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. Stop depriving one another, except by agreement for a time so that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and come together again so that Satan

will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. He would teach them to bring up their children in God’s Ways by teaching them to continually practice acts of righteousness for God until righteousness comes from their hearts (Gen. 18:19; Matt. 5:20; Eph. 6:6). He would tell them if they refused to practice righteousness for God and love their neighbor, they would remain sons or daughters of the devil (1 John 3:10).

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Be of good cheer—Jesus Christ’s Ways are very easy. Children have no problem living this Way. That is why we are to become like children (Matt. 18:3-4). Living a life of righteousness for God is a very pleasant way to repent (Matt. 11:30).□



# Letter From the Editor

Dear *Whole Wheat* Readers,

I am so excited about this issue of *Whole Wheat*. It is a subject that has fascinated me for years - *the prophets and their message* - but it goes further than that, it is about their calling and their relationship with God.

When I moved from the East coast to California to go to school, majoring in Christian education, the one course that I was most excited about was the course on the Old Testament prophets. I ate up, but, somehow it came up short. It didn't really answer my questions and what I was searching for. It ended up being just an appetizer, not satisfying my longings.

As much as I searched, those longings weren't satisfied until I met the founder of *Whole Wheat* several years later. When he told me of God's simple ways and how to put them into practice in my daily life, my search was over! However, my journey with God had just begun. It was the beginning of what it took to have an intimate relationship with God, as the prophets had (Prov. 3:32). It was a journey of how to know God, as Moses did (Ex 33:13). It was discovering how to be a friend of God (John 15:13-15).

You will find much of what our founder told me in *The Message of the Prophets in the Last Days*. When I was told this message, I was like a horse at the starting gate. When that gate was opened, I jumped out with all of my heart, soul and strength. I will never forget that day. What I learned is, this message is not from man but it is a message from God, given to those

whom God has given authority to. The article *Authority Given to Prophets* makes this very clear. I can also personally testify to this, from my own experience and what I didn't learn at school. This message is not known, or taught, by man. *The Message of Elijah* article contains the common theme God's chosen spokesmen have told mankind down through the ages; what God wants man to do. It is truly the message of *Good News*, as this article shows, on how to have peace and joy in your daily life. *God's Vengeance in Isaiah* explains how to avoid what is about to come upon this earth. It is the key of knowledge that the Pharisees were not telling the people (Luke 11:52).

It seems that we are feeling the birth pangs of God's Kingdom coming into fruition at this time (Matt. 24:8). The world is becoming more wicked and worldly, but we don't have to go that way. There is an answer, there is an alternative. That alternative is contained in this issue of *Whole Wheat* and on [wholewheatonline.com](http://wholewheatonline.com).

Yes, I still am on the journey of knowing and drawing close to God. Each day as I live God's Ways, and conform my ways to His Ways, I draw closer and closer to Him. My journey will not end until that glorious day, God Willing, when I will see my Maker, with my own spiritual eyes, in His Kingdom (Matt. 5:8). What a glorious ending it would be. I hope to see you there!

In His Love,

Scott

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# The Good News

It should come as no surprise to anyone that the plague mentioned in Deuteronomy 28:20-62 is from God (please take special note of verse 59). It should come as no surprise that any nation that shall forget God will be destroyed (Job 12:23-25). It should come as no surprise that any nation that would honor God, by obeying His Word, has not forgotten His Maker. God's controversy in the last days will be against all nations (Zech. 14:1-4).

From the beginning of time, God has always sent His prophets to warn a nation before He destroys it, giving ample opportunity to those who will repent (Luke 13:3, 5). Their message of repentance was always the

same. Break away from your sins by [helping the needy, the lonely, the sick, the blind, the lame, the](#)

[widows in distress, and the orphans who have no helper](#) (James 1:27; Rom. 15:2-3). In short, overcome evil by doing good so you will abide forever (Rom. 12:21; Psalm 37:27). This is the good news that protects you from curses, if you live by these words.

Now is the time to repent as never before because our tomorrows are certainly numbered, and are therefore running out. [Now is the time to prepare yourself to meet](#)

[your Maker.](#) Now is the time to change and amend your ways and find out what repent really means in God's word (Gal. 5:24; Acts 26:20). □



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