

# Preserving Your Future

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Psalm 111:10

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**Psalms 111:10 (NKJV)** **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;** A good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever.

## Introduction

Our world sits in a precarious position. Although on the surface it appears that conditions are secure and stable, prophecy from the scripture tells us our world is in peril. Socio-economic conditions which are common in our society indicate grave danger.

### I. The transitory nature of our times

**1 John 2:17 (NKJV)** And **the world is passing away,** and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

**2 Timothy 3:1-5 (NKJV)** But know this, that **in the last days perilous times will come:** 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. **And from such people turn away!**

A. Conditions bringing our world to a close

1. Idolatry / materialism

**Colossians 3:5 (NKJV)** Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

2. Sexual sin / perversion

**1 Corinthians 6:9 (NKJV)** Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

3. Violence

**Genesis 6:11-13 (NKJV)** The earth also was corrupt before God, and **the earth was filled with violence.** 12 So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. 13 And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, **for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.**

B. Pending judgment

**Acts 17:31 (NKJV)** "because **He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world** in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

### II. The basis for preserving your future

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A. Obedience

**Exodus 19:5 (NKJV)** 'Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.

B. Personal purity / holiness / repentance

**Jeremiah 10:2 (KJV)** Thus saith the LORD, **Learn not the way of the heathen;** and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven, For the heathen are dismayed at them.

**Romans 16:19 (NKJV)** For your obedience has become known to all. Therefore I am glad on your behalf; **but I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil.**

C. Communion

**Genesis 5:24 (NKJV)** And Enoch **walked with God;** and he was not, for God took him.

### III. The method for preserving your future

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**Psalms 101:3 (NKJV)** **I will set nothing wicked before my eyes;** I hate the work of those who fall away; It shall not cling to me.

**Revelation 18:4 (NKJV)** And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "**Come out of her, my people,** lest you share in her sins, and lest you

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receive of her plagues.

**1 Corinthians 6:11 (NKJV)** And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

- A. Repent of open and secret sin
- B. Ask God to set you free from troublesome habits
- C. Cooperate with His deliverance
- D. Seek the Lord
- E. Remove sources of temptation
- F. Break evil associations

## **Conclusion**

**Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)** For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

God has planned a future for you which will benefit you. He has your best interests in His heart. He has purposed good for you.

**Psalms 125:1 (NKJV)** Those who trust in the LORD Are like Mount Zion, Which cannot be moved, but abides forever.