



Living Walking Serving

FAITH AND GRACE CHURCH

BIBLE STUDY NOTE ON LIVING WALKING AND SERVING

STUDY 20-23: LIVING PT.2-HOW TO LIVE IN SUCH A TIME AS THIS

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES: Esther 4:13-14, Leviticus 13, Exodus 30:17-21, 1 Samuel 16:7, Lk.11:37-40, Matt.23:28, Ephesians 5:26, James 4:8, Titus 3:5

Opening Text: Esther 4:13-14

Our focus is to examine the Bible considering the current global pandemic disease called Coronavirus or Covid-19:

- 1 **DISCUSS:** What lessons have we learnt so far?
- 2 What the Bible teaches about social distancing and quarantining
- 3 What the Bible teaches about hygiene
- 4 What the bible teaches about pandemic diseases
- 5 How to live right as Christian in such a time as this

DISCUSS: What lessons have we learnt so far?

What the Bible teaches about social distancing and quarantining

social distancing in order to stop the proliferation of a disease is explicitly mentioned in the Bible. Also, the idea of quarantining sick people is not foreign to the Bible. It is a proven method to slow, or even stop, the spread of an infectious disease.

Leviticus chapter 13 addresses leprosy, an infectious skin disease. If a person was diagnosed with leprosy after being examined by a priest, he/she was required to separate from everyone else, and live outside the camp (Leviticus 13:45-46)

What the Bible teaches about hygiene

Our hygiene is important to God. The Old Testament is filled with references to hand-washing and foot-washing, washing clothing, washing before eating, etc Ritual washings were to remind the people that they were not to come into God's presence without washing the dust and dirt of the world from their bodies. (Exodus 30:17-21)

However, it's important to remember that man looks at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart (1 Samuel 16:7).

"Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded." James 4:8

Jesus teaches us to wash inside out Lk.11:37-40, Matt.23:28

Washing is used in the New Testament to signify a spiritual cleansing of sin available only through Christ. Ephesians 5:26 tells us that Christ cleansed the church—all those who believe in Him for salvation—by "washing with water through the word." Here we see the picture of the internal spiritual cleansing the Word of God provides for us. The rebirth all Christians experience is pictured as a washing and renewal by the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5). So, it's clear that inward washing and cleansing are important themes in the Bible.

What the bible teaches about pandemic diseases

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