

Camping Trembles As May 21 Judgment Day Looms

✘ Harold Camping is confident it's the end of the world as we know it. He's prophesying the rapture of the Church on May 21, 2011 at 6 p.m.

If Camping is right, that gives us less than two days to eat, drink and be merry—and, of course, preach the gospel to the lost. But few are buying into the “Judgment Day in May” hype as Camping has presented it—and some in the Body of Christ are vehemently calling him out as a false teacher.

Despite all of the criticism, Camping, who earned a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from the University of California in 1942, isn't backing down from his fear-laden prophetic word. The founder of Family Radio is sticking by his dreadful prediction. The hype—which has spread via radio, billboards and websites like WeCanKnow.com—has scared many, including Camping himself.

Kirk Cameron Dispells Hawking's Heavenless Myth

✘ Stephen Hawking says [there is no heaven](#). Kirk Cameron begs to differ.

The *Growing Pains* actor-turned-evangelist responded on Wednesday to the famous physicist's comments claiming there is no heaven or afterlife. Hawking called heaven a “fairy story for people afraid of the dark.”

Cameron took to Facebook to express his views on Hawking's flawed theology.

"To say anything negative about Stephen Hawking is like bullying a blind man. He has an unfair disadvantage, and that gives him a free pass on some of his absurd ideas. Professor Hawking is heralded as 'the genius of Britain,' yet he believes in the scientific impossibility that nothing created everything (Sir Isaac Newton called atheism 'senseless and odious') and that life sprang from non-life," Cameron says.

Murderous Kidnappers Allegedly Pressured Christian Victim's Employer

A pastor in Kirkuk, Iraq, told Compass that sources close to a Christian reportedly kidnapped, tortured and murdered by al-Qaida over the weekend said the kidnappers had pressured his employer to fire him because he was a Christian.

The body of Chaldean Christian Ashur Issa Yaqub was found on May 16 with marks of severe torture and mutilation. He had worked as a construction worker from the northeastern city of Kirkuk, and al-Qaida members demanded \$100,000 for his release, according to Agence France-Presse.

"It seems that the contractor that

Ashur was working for was told he had to fire Ashur because he was Christian, but he refused,” said the pastor, who spoke on condition of anonymity. “Because the contractor was rich and they couldn’t do anything to him, they kidnapped Ashur, and unfortunately they killed him.”

Maintaining a Pure Prophetic Flow With Prayer

Are you building walls of religion or towers of prayer? Your answer could denote the difference between a woe-filled fate and a fulfilled destiny.

Prophets obsessed by the fear of man or unholy desires will not fulfill God’s ultimate plan. We must be careful, then, not to prophesy according to the party line in order to establish and preserve popularity in ministry circuits. If we fall into this trap we find ourselves in danger of perverting the gift of God by building walls of religion.

True prophets are not always the most popular five-fold ministry gift on the block because they are bold enough to release a word of the Lord that deals with sin or that warns the local church of potentially unpleasant circumstances coming down the proverbial pike. In order to properly carry this mantle, genuine prophets must build towers of prayer.

Daniels Battles to Bitter End of Jax City Council Race

- ✘ Kimberly Daniels is known for busting devils. Now, it looks like she may have busted into political office.

Daniels leads her opponent, attorney David Taylor, in a race for the At-Large Group One seat on Jacksonville's City Council.

Call it a battle between [two controversial public figures](#) in a heated run off election that could end with a recount.

Daniels is founder of Spoken Word Ministries, an inner-city, multiracial church in Jacksonville, Fla. Her ministry is widely known for its focus on prayer, intercession—and casting out devils. She ran on the Democratic ticket. Rapper MC Hammer and Pastor John Hagee endorsed Daniels in the battle.

Bathroom Bill Battle Ensues in Connecticut

- ✘ A battle over the so-called "Bathroom Bill" is getting underway in Connecticut on Wednesday.

The Family Institute of Connecticut Action is holding a Pro-Family Lobby Day at noon at the state Capitol to stop HB 6599, better known as the Bathroom Bill. Specifically, HB 6599 is a transgender special rights measure that would permit any man

who

claims female “gender identity” access to women’s facilities, including public and private women’s restrooms, locker rooms

and showers. The bill also states that these individuals cannot be excluded from any job statewide.

Trump Will Not Run for President

✘ Donald Trump has decided not to run for president.

Despite plenty of speeches coming against President Obama’s views—and even calling for his long form birth certificate—the billionaire-real estate mogul will not seek the Republican party nomination. [Mike Huckabee](#) has also decided not to run, leaving only [Newt Gingrich](#) officially in the race so far.

“This decision does not come easily or without regret; especially when my potential candidacy continues to be validated by ranking at the top of the Republican contenders in polls across the country,” Trump said. “I maintain the strong conviction that if I were to run, I would be able to win the primary and ultimately, the general election. I have spent the past several months unofficially campaigning and recognize that running for public office cannot be done half heartedly. Ultimately, however, business is my greatest passion and I am not ready to leave the private sector.”

Taking a Prophetic Perspective on Life's Trials

✘ If perception is reality, then a godly perspective of your trials and tribulations can deliver you from your worst enemy: your own unrenewed mind.

I can't tell you—and, in fact, I'd probably be embarrassed to admit—just how many times I've allowed the perspective of my unrenewed mind to dictate my thoughts, feelings and emotions in the midst of what I perceived as overwhelming pressure. I can't tell you how many times I didn't think I could take another step; how many times I felt like giving up, calling it quits, throwing in the towel—and moving to some remote tropical island where the devil was less likely to find me.

Then after completely discouraging myself (instead of doing what David did and encouraging myself in the Lord), I discover that the pressure isn't as pressing as my perception of reality made it out to be. I was foiled by the enemy that is my unrenewed mind. I took the bait—hook, line and sinker—by looking at the smoke and mirrors of circumstantial evidence through eyes weary from the spiritual battle. (Can I get a witness? Surely, I'm not the only one.)

Pastor Jim Garlow Takes Reins at ReAL

✘ With Newt Gingrich making a [run for president](#), Renewing American Leadership (ReAL) Action is getting a new leader.

ReAL has appointed Jim Garlow, author, communicator, commentator, historian, cultural observer and senior pastor of Skyline Wesleyan Church in San Diego, as its new chairman. Garlow will also serve as chair of its educational affiliate ReAL.

“Although we do not endorse any candidate, we are proud of Mr. Gingrich’s decision to continue his service to this nation and we vow to carry on the work that he inspired,” Garlow said.

Due to federal election laws, Gingrich has stepped aside from all involvement with both ReAL Action and ReAL. Garlow vowed that the organizations would remain “fiercely committed” to defending the values of family, faith, freedom and free enterprise in America.

Newt Gingrich Running for President

- Newt Gingrich has thrown his hat into the 2012 presidential race.

“I’m Newt Gingrich, and I’m announcing my candidacy for President of the United States because I believe we can return America to hope and opportunity, to full employment, to real security, to an American energy program, to a balanced budget,” Gingrich said in a video announcing his candidacy.

Gingrich is the architect of the “Contract with America” that led the Republican Party to victory in 1994 by capturing the majority in the U.S. House for the first time in 40 years. Under his leadership, Congress passed the first balanced budget in a generation, leading to the repayment of over \$400

billion in debt.