

Warnings Sound for Upcoming Eclipse

Whether you are enamored by the physical beauty and awe of the upcoming Great American Eclipse 2024 or that [this celestial event is a sign from God for humanity](#) to pay close attention to, there is a multitude of alarms being raised over the sheer size of this event.

To date, several counties in the path of the solar eclipse have declared states of emergency for the vast numbers of onlookers who wish to see this amazing scene unfold, while the state of Oklahoma has called up their National Guard to assist with the massive influx of people.

As preparations are being made, more warnings are being released by authorities over various disruptions caused by the eclipse itself.

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The FAA has issued a warning regarding potential disruptions caused by the eclipse.

According to The Hill:

The FAA warned pilots to prepare for operational changes and higher-than-normal traffic volume at airports along the eclipse's path. These airports include Burlington International Airport, Syracuse Hancock International Airport, Indianapolis International Airport, Fort Wayne Airport, Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, Buffalo Niagara International Airport and Austin-Bergstrom International Airport.

Meanwhile, various business leaders for cellular companies as

well as local authorities have warned the public that cell service may also be disrupted during the eclipse as over 1 million visitors are expected to flock to areas within the eclipse's path.

According to Rebecca Owens, director of the Richland County Emergency Management Authority in Ashland, Ohio, in a statement to the Richland Source, "Cell phone (reception) will be very, very sketchy. There will be lots of issues with connectivity and that type of thing."

The news outlet Unilad reported that:

With an expected one million tourists heading to Texas, 500,000 flocking to Indiana and Ohio – where Richland County is – and around 400,000 visiting New York, it's feared that the huge influx of people gathering to watch the eclipse could cause problems with cell connectivity.

Companies such as T-Mobile and Verizon are reportedly working to get out ahead of the problem and are working to increase network capacity for the eclipse hunters.

A surge in usage notwithstanding, NASA has previously announced that [the eclipse itself could cause some issues](#) with connectivity during the celestial event.

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"The sudden changes in ionospheric conditions during an eclipse can lead to the formation of ionospheric anomalies, such as ionospheric holes or depletions," wrote HamSCI Citizen Science Team Member McKenzie Denton.

"These anomalies can disrupt radio signals and GPS navigation systems, affecting communication and navigation over the affected regions.

“... The altered ionospheric conditions during an eclipse can change how radio waves propagate through the ionosphere.

“This can cause signal fading, absorption, and refraction, affecting shortwave and satellite communication systems.”

The total solar eclipse is going to occur on Apr. 8, 2024, with the next eclipse expected to occur June 21, 2039.

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Who Compared Trump to Jesus During Holy Week?

In the process of preparing for another trial, [former President Donald Trump](#) shared an unexpected source of inspiration, which predictably blew the roof off the mainstream media.

The suit against Trump for allegedly paying porn star Stormy Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, hush money while he was a presidential candidate in 2016, has now been pushed back to the month of April. It is being reported that jury selection will begin Apr. 15.

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In addition, Trump and his team also received some welcomed news from an appellate court on Monday.

As reported by Newsweek:

Trump faced a Monday deadline to pay the \$454 million fine or post bond in his business fraud case after Judge Arthur Engoron in February ordered him to pay \$355 million after siding with New York Attorney General Letitia James in a civil suit. The payment shot up past \$450 million with interest.

[The appeals court] reduced his bond to \$175 million dollars, substantially lower than the \$454 million bond ordered by Judge Engoron, and gave him 10 more days to pay those funds.

Meanwhile, Trump shared on his social media platform Truth Social an inspiring message that was sent to him by an unnamed source.

Due to the message mentioning the persecution of Christ during Holy Week and Trump enduring trials around the same time, a media storm of accusations claims that Trump is comparing himself to Jesus.

While some argue that Trump's legal woes are self-inflicted, many of his supporters believe there is [a political witch hunt taking place](#) against the former president to keep him out of the White House.

The majority of the post comes from Psalm 109:3-8, which is a "Plea for Judgment of False Accusers." Trump has claimed to be fighting similar persecution from the inception of his legal problems.

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Trump has already garnered one major victory against Daniels

and the charges she has levied against him which Trump has categorically denied.

As reported by CNN:

The 9th US Circuit Court of Appeals sided with the former president in his effort to recoup additional legal fees from adult film star Stormy Daniels, who had filed and lost a defamation suit against him.

Daniels was ordered to pay Trump's attorneys just over \$120,000 in legal fees. That's on top of the more than \$500,000 in court-ordered payments to Trump attorneys she's already been ordered to pay.

Nevermind the fact that Trump only shared what someone else had sent to him, which was largely verses of Scripture, but this current news cycle highlights the insanity that awaits us through the 2024 election season and beyond, should Trump retake the White House.

In the meantime, pray for all parties in American government and those running for office. What America needs right now is righteous leadership that is willing to repent for the sins of this nation and act in a biblically moral fashion.

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Christian Roundtable Debate: What is a False Teacher?

[In a roundtable discussion that lasted over four hours,](#) several prominent Christian voices discussed a question that has followed the church since its inception: [what constitutes a false teacher?](#)

This is just one area of debate that took place between Justin Peters, leader of Justin Peters Ministries; Jim Osman, pastor of Kootenai Community Church; Michael Brown, host of the “Line of Fire” podcast; and Sam Storms, pastor emeritus of Bridgeway Church in Oklahoma City.

The group unanimously agreed that such individuals espouse teachings conflicting with core Christian beliefs, such as the divinity of Christ and salvation by faith.

However, things got a bit more strained when the topic of discussion focused on whether individuals who have previously erred in their teachings but repented could still be deemed false teachers. A considerable portion of the discussion revolved around Benny Hinn, known for his teachings on supernatural healings, the prosperity gospel and prophecy.

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The debate also focused on historical figures like Martin Luther, whose controversial writings raised questions about his classification as a false teacher. Brown highlighted Luther’s anti-Semitic writings were so radical that the Nazi’s used them in their propaganda campaign.

“He promoted things that undermine the gospel,” says Brown. “Many Jewish people think that Christianity is miserable and despicable because of Martin Luther ... there is at least from

our perspective ... a glaring double standard, an unequal weight measure and God hates unequal weights and measures.”

While Peters admitted he did not agree with Luther on all matters of theology, he refrained from labeling Luther a false teacher based on his gospel teachings.

“Judging from the teachings that he gave concerning the gospel, I can’t on the basis of that and the things that he taught in those regards, call him a false teacher,” Peters shares.

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Turning to modern Christian leaders, the discussion touched on [IHOPKC founder Mike Bickle’s](#) claims of supernatural experiences and Sid Roth’s ministry through his flagship program, It’s Supernatural.

“I believe that Mike Bickle has lied about a number of things. In fact, not the least of which he claims to have been to heaven at least twice. I don’t believe that,” says Osman.

Despite having wildly different views on certain aspects of Christianity, the four men presented themselves as positive models for Christians in their willingness to come together and communicate with one another in [the search for biblical truth](#).

“Let’s try to work together, see the good, and we can have our biblical differences,” encourages Brown.

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'Shifting Gears': New Tim Allen Show About Family Restoration

Tim Allen, the renowned actor and comedian, is making headlines once again as ABC orders a pilot for his latest sitcom, Shifting Gears. The show will mark Allen's third collaboration with ABC, following the long-running hit Home Improvement and the beloved Last Man Standing.

In Shifting Gears, Allen stars as Matt, a hardheaded widower who owns a shop specializing in restoring classic cars. The multi-camera sitcom, written and executive produced by Mike and Julie Scully, promises to bring [Allen's signature humor and charm](#) to a new generation of viewers.

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While the show's premise centers on classic car restoration, it's likely that Shifting Gears will also explore themes of family, friendship and personal growth, with the focus being on Allen restoring his relationship with his estranged daughter, much like Allen's previous shows. The actor's ability to seamlessly blend humor and heart has made him a fan favorite, and there's little doubt that Shifting Gears will continue this tradition.

ABC's decision to order a pilot for Shifting Gears should come as no surprise, given the network's successful history with Allen. The actor's previous shows have been ratings hits, with Home Improvement running for eight seasons and Last Man Standing for nine. Both series showcased Allen's comedic

talents and his ability to connect with audiences on a personal level.

However, Disney made a questionable decision in the past when they attempted to recast Allen's voice for Toy Story icon Buzz Lightyear with the voice of left-wing actor Chris Evans.

[Allen is one of the few remaining conservative voices](#) still getting work in Hollywood, and many attributed this change in voice actor as one of the many reasons the film Lightyear bombed at the box office.

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The Scullys, who will serve as executive producers alongside Allen, are no strangers to the world of television. Mike Scully is best known for his work on The Simpsons, while Julie Thacker Scully has written for a variety of popular shows.

With the show still in development, it is still a nice change of pace to see a family oriented, and appropriate, show greenlit among the surge of spiritually harmful media being pumped out by studios these days.

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National Guard Preparing for

2024 Great American Eclipse

As the [Great American Eclipse approaches on Apr. 8, 2024](#), the Oklahoma National Guard is gearing up to provide support and assistance to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for millions of Americans.

The eclipse, which will be visible across a wide swath of the United States, is expected to draw massive crowds and present a multitude of challenges for local and state authorities. Some regions have already ordered emergency and disaster declarations ahead of the influx of people in rural areas.

In response to this pressing issue, the ONG is taking proactive steps to ensure a smooth and successful eclipse event takes place.

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To prepare for the eclipse watchers flocking to their state, the ONG has been working closely with state and local authorities to develop comprehensive plans and strategies. This includes identifying potential risks and vulnerabilities, establishing clear lines of communication and conducting training exercises to ensure that all personnel are prepared for the event.

One of the key challenges the ONG will face is managing the sheer number of visitors arriving to watch the total eclipse. This 120-mile-wide path will stretch from Texas to Maine, passing through several major cities and drawing millions of visitors from around the world. To manage this surge in population, the ONG will be deploying additional personnel and resources to key locations along the path.

In addition to managing the crowds, the ONG will also be responsible for ensuring public safety during the eclipse.

This includes providing emergency medical support, coordinating search and rescue operations, and assisting with any natural disasters or other emergencies that may occur during the event.

As reported by Newsweek:

Lt. Col Jabonn Flurry, commander of the 63rd Civil Support Team, said: "This influx of visitors has the potential to overtax local resources and thanks to the training and experience our Guardsmen have working alongside local agencies all across Oklahoma, the CST is uniquely qualified to support our fellow Oklahomans."

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[Charisma News](#) previously reported the words of [Pastor Troy Brewer](#), who explained how historically, and biblically, God has used celestial events to get the attention of His people.

A major highlight of Pastor Brewer's talk is the upcoming Great American Eclipse which will take place Apr. 8. Referring to Jesus' words about signs in the sun, moon and stars in Matthew 24, Brewer pointed out the significance of this celestial event, signaling the start of a crucial seven-year cycle since the last major American eclipse in 2017.

For those skeptical about the celestial signs, Brewer connected the upcoming eclipse to a verse in Exodus 4:8, where God tells Moses that if people don't believe the first sign, they will believe the second. This biblical tie-in adds weight to the belief that this eclipse isn't just a regular occurrence but a divine message.

Meanwhile, the ONG's efforts are not limited to the day of the eclipse itself. In the days and weeks leading up to the event,

the ONG will be working with local and state agencies to educate the public on safety precautions and best practices for viewing the eclipse. This includes distributing information on proper eye protection, safe viewing locations and other important safety tips.

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Tucker Carlson Talking About Spiritual Warfare in Texas Republican Event

Conservative political commentator Tucker Carlson recently continued his expanding embrace of Holy Spirit-related topics, and spiritual warfare in particular.

At a Mar. 19, sold-out fundraising event for the Tarrant County Republican Party in the Fort Worth Stockyards, Texas, Carlson shared his thoughts on the country's current political climate and the role of spiritual warfare which underpins it. He emphasized that [the struggle is not merely between political parties, but between good and evil.](#) Carlson encouraged attendees to see the spiritual war behind political battles, taking direction from Ephesians 6:12 which says, "For our fight is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, and against spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places."

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The fight for Tarrant County is a spiritual battle, and our strongest weapon is the truth. No one understands that more than [@TuckerCarlson](#).

It was my honor to bring him to Texas to speak to the [@tarrantgop](#).

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– Bo French (@Bo_French_TX) [March 18, 2024](#)

The Bible has much to say about spiritual warfare, and Carlson's speech echoed many of these themes. In Ephesians 6:10-18, believers are encouraged to put on the full armor of God. This passage reminds us as Christians that we are actively engaged in a spiritual battle and must rely on God's strength and protection to stand firm against the enemy.

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In recent years, [several big-name celebrities have spoken openly about their growing faith in Jesus](#), further emphasizing the importance of spiritual warfare in today's society. For example, celebrity tattoo artist Kat Von D was delivered from her alcoholism and was baptized after giving her life to Jesus Christ. In addition, she rid her household of a multitude of books and resources on witchcraft. Joining Von D in a new life in Jesus, Hispanic music megastar Ramón Luis Ayala Rodríguez (aka, Daddy Yankee) announced that he was retiring from music to pursue the call God put on his heart to evangelize in his home country of Puerto Rico.

Carlson's speech at the Texas Republican event highlights the growing awareness of spiritual warfare in today's political environment. As Christians, it is essential for us to recognize the spiritual turmoil and rely on God's wisdom and guidance against the forces of darkness. By doing so, we can make a positive impact in our communities and the world at large, fighting for truth, righteousness and hope in the name of Jesus.

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American Bible Society Shutting Down \$60 Million Museum

The American Bible Society recently announced that it will be closing its Faith and Liberty Discovery Center in Philadelphia. [The museum](#), which cost approximately \$60 million to build, will cease operations on Apr. 1, 2024, with the last day for public visits being Mar. 28, 2024.

The FLDC, located on the Philadelphia Independence Mall near the Liberty Bell display, opened in May 2021 with the goal of educating people of all religious views about the impact of Christianity on American history. However, it struggled from the start, with ticket sales significantly lower than projected. In the fiscal year through June 30, 2022, the center only generated \$54,000 in ticket sales, while reporting total expenses of around \$11 million.

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ABS cited “structural limitations,” the impact of the COVID lockdowns and “other factors impacting sustainability” as reasons for the closure in an announcement to The Christian Post. The organization also faced financial challenges, including the loss of a major donor in 2022 and layoffs within the company.

In a public statement, ABS President and CEO Jennifer Holloran expressed gratitude for the center’s service and the inspiration it provided to visitors saying, “the Faith and Liberty Discovery Center has served as a place of exceptional learning and inspiration since its doors opened.”

Rob Wonderling, the FLDC Executive Director, echoed this sentiment, saying it had been an honor to serve the center and witness the ways it spurred personal [discovery and engagement.](#) “The center was an innovative vision for sharing the importance of Scripture and I’m proud of the role our dedicated staff played in its mission,” Wonderling shares.

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As the ABS works toward a new vision for the organization, Christianity Today reported, “Historically the organization has funded Bible translations around the world with a goal of translating the Bible into every living language by 2033. In recent years it has focused resources on its Bible-based trauma healing initiative to help faith communities address community trauma.”

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Chris Reed's Prophetic Warning: America is Entering a Rebirth

Throughout history, [God has communicated with people through dreams](#), an event well documented since ancient times.

The Bible is rife with examples of God using prophetic dreams to speak to humanity. Sadly, in today's times, all too many are quick to dismiss this practice as fake or conjured up.

The Bible recounts numerous instances where individuals, from the patriarchs to prophets, received divine messages and guidance through dreams. This line of communication from God to us has offered insights, warnings and instructions, and continues to this day.

In the book of Joel, it is prophesied that in the last days, God will pour out His Spirit upon all flesh, leading to visions and dreams. This is referenced again in Acts 2 by Peter during his speech at Pentecost.

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Nowhere in the Bible does it say to blindly heed all utterances as prophecy, but to instead test the spirits and discern who is a false teacher or prophet.

This is exactly what Chris Reed, President and CEO of MorningStar Ministries, [said when he shared a dream](#) which he believes to be prophetic in nature due to its intensity. This dream occurred, Reed shares, on Saturday, Mar. 9, 2024, and in

the dream an awakening took place from April of 2024 through July 2025.

“I want to submit it to you all, to pray about it, to seek the Lord about it. I believe there is hope and redemption in it. But I believe it’s a warning. ... I’m only sharing the dream, no more, no less,” Reed shares to the congregation as he explains what he saw.

I was moving fast in time, starting in April 2024 (with the eclipse that crossed over Texas, which people have been talking about; it seemed Texas was pulled into this). A conception happened at this time and coincided with this eclipse, leading to something serious happening in the nation before the elections in November 2024.

This “event” caused absolute chaos and affected the elections in the U.S. in November 2024. It seemed like an epic “October surprise,” and pandemonium ensued.

I knew President Biden had fizzled out, and they had tried hard to prop him up. This “event” caused a major division of America right before and during the election time. It intensified the division to a very scary and intense level.

And then the dream shifted, and it was somehow 1968, and I was given an old newspaper which said “assassination of two major leaders in the same year of the Chicago convention” (I knew that was Robert Kennedy Sr. and Martin Luther King Jr. who were both killed in 1968). (The Democratic convention is scheduled for Chicago in 2024 as well.) But through all of this painful chaos in the streets, economy and on the news, America had a huge awakening of awareness of the evil and corruption going on in America. It was like the vast majority of the nation said, “we can never let this happen again...we can’t!”

The dream ended, and at the end of the dream it was July 2025 (July 11, was highlighted to me). It seemed like most of the

chaos ended in the nation, and things started to heal by July 2025. It had all started in April/May 2024 (with the eclipse/conception) and was 40 weeks of pregnancy with intense birth pangs intensifying before the delivery, and then there were complications before the birth AND after the (40 weeks) birth. (The birth was in January 2025, and was placed in an incubator). The baby lived, and it was beautiful. The baby was named "America."

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"We need to pray about all of this. I think this is a warning, and a call to the intercessors and to the people of God to take this serious. Because in the dream referencing the 1968 Democratic Convention in Chicago, referencing knowing Martin Luther King Jr. and of course Bobby Kennedy were both killed, I felt that the warning was there, [it] seems to be an indication of a coming assassination attempt sometime during this 16-month process from April 20124 till July 2025," Reed explains.

Calling for the church to join him in prayer for America, Reed hopes that a spirit of repentance from the people of this land may divert the nation [from this path of destruction.](#)

Just as the judgment of Nineveh was averted due to their obedience, submission and repentance before the Lord, so too can the judgment of America be diverted if her people will submit once again to the ways of God and repent of our collective sin against Him.

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President's Faith Questioned by Majority of Americans

While the President of the United States continues to make the claim that he is a "devout Catholic," a recent poll shows that most Americans do not buy it.

In a late February poll by Pew Research, only 13% of Americans regarded President Biden as "very religious," while 41% categorized him as "somewhat religious." Another 44% indicated that they perceived him as either "not at all religious" or "not too religious."

One of the driving forces behind this sentiment is the administration's highly aggressive push for abortion.

[This focus on abortion has even caused a rift](#) between the White House and the Vatican, with Pope Francis calling Biden's views on abortion an act of "incoherence."

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While Pope Francis has his own critics worldwide for his more left-leaning views, the Catholic Church still maintains a strict view that abortion is immoral and opposes it in all forms.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law," (No. 2271).

President Biden is not the first, and most likely not the last, Democrat who claims to be a Catholic that has pushed for more and more abortion access.

Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) fought so fiercely for abortion throughout her tumultuous time in Congress that Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone wrote a public letter informing her that she could no longer receive the sacrament of communion.

Abortion is not the only cultural issue that has divided many within the Catholic Church, as the Biden administration has taken the crown as arguably the most pro-LGBTQ pushing government in the world. This stance on gender and sexuality runs completely opposite of what the Bible says God's design for humanity is.

During June of 2023, the X (formerly Twitter) account for Joe Biden posted a divisive message that left no imagination where he stood on the matter: "Today, the People's House—your house—sends a clear message to the country and to the world. America is a nation of pride."

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America is a nation of pride. pic.twitter.com/ZZS9oTpDww

—President Biden (@POTUS) [June 11, 2023](#)

Coincidentally, the Bible, [the sacred book that Biden claims to honor and live by](#), condemns pride and says in Proverbs 16:18, "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall."

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But it does not have to be this way. If Christians want change, we must lift up America's leadership to the Lord, praying that a wave of repentance flows through the halls of Congress and into the White House.

Nothing is impossible for the Lord, and evil leaders of the past such as King Ahab have been convicted of their sin and repented.

American leadership can repent too, and for the good of the nation, let us pray that they do.

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Leonard Ravenhill: What Are the Signs of a True Prophet?

Confusion and deception run rampant in the world today, and people are seeking ways to differentiate truth from falsehood.

As many search for these answers, there are those who would manipulate and take advantage of the lost seeking their shepherd.

In times of great turmoil, [God has sent prophets to declare to nations](#) that they need to repent and turn away from their sins. Some have heeded this warning, such as the city of Nineveh, while others have rejected God's call for repentance, like ancient Israel.

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In a YouTube short highlighting a resurfaced message from the late Leonard Ravenhill, he gives his take on what defines a true prophet.

“Prophets are God’s emergency men for crisis hours,” Ravenhill explains. “And then it’s true of all of them, the prophets walk alone. Prophets are antagonized by the declension and apostasy around them. They refuse to bow to it; they stand up against it.”

If one were to compare the world when Ravenhill was preaching to what is acceptable by societal standards today, it would appear that a great apostasy has taken place in America. Somewhere, at some time, something went horribly wrong.

This would be especially true for the churches that have not only accepted apostate positions on issues but embraced them wholeheartedly.

“In fact, God only raises prophets in days of declension and apostasy,” Ravenhill continues. “You never find a prophet sponsored by men. You never find a prophet begging for money over TV. Usually, the message of a prophet is only accepted by a minority. No prophet, however great or successful, has ever become the ‘Man of the Year.’ I get a little disturbed when I receive letters, almost every week, sometimes every day, saying, ‘God has called me to be a prophet’ or ‘God has called me to be a John the Baptist,’” he adds.

“When a random man says that, I say, ‘Are you insured?’ and he says, ‘What do I need insurance for?’ because you’re only going to live six months.”

Throughout Scripture, the life of a prophet was one of difficulty. Elijah suffered greatly, so much so that he wished death would take him in 1 Kings 19:4.

As Christians, we look to the ultimate example in Jesus Christ who uttered many prophecies, yet the world hated Him, rejected Him and ultimately crucified Him.

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Ravenhill emphasizes that a true prophet will not have an easy time of things. There will be spiritual warfare against the prophet and difficult times ahead.

“But there’s the law, ‘he that loses his life for Thy sake shall find it, and he that preserves his life shall lose it,’” Ravenhill concludes. His warning about a true prophet [comes from the inerrant Scriptures](#) and echoes the warning in 1 John 4, which reads:

“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.”

By studying the Word of God and meditating on it day and night, we develop biblical wisdom and discernment to recognize what is true and good in a rapidly darkening culture.

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