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## Hold the Fort, for I Am Coming!

"Behold, I come quickly: HOLD THAT FAST which thou hast, that no man take thy Crown"

(Revelation 3:11).

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### Preface

The United States in particular, and the world at large, are about to experience the unthinkable. America has already seen that which she has never seen before, as of September 11, 2001. [Read "[Christian Response to Terrorism](http://www.WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Fellowship/Response.to.Terrorism.html)" -- <http://www.WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Fellowship/Response.to.Terrorism.html> -- concerning the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.] Such carnage and destruction from a foreign enemy on our own homeland soil should cause the Disobedient Professed Christians of this once God-Blessed Nation to fall to their knees and beg the LORD for forgiveness. "Because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of My mouth" (Revelation 3:16). Lukewarm Christianity has caused pollution to our land, and we have sown our seeds of uncleanness to an already dying world. "For the time is come that Judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the Gospel of God?" (1Peter 4:17).

To the real Christians of America, and wherever else they may be in the wide world, "hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy Crown" (Revelation 3:11), for "when these things begin to come to pass, then look UP, and lift UP your heads; for your Redemption [Jesus Christ] draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28).

### Hold the Fort

by Philip P. Bliss (1838-1876)

"Ho, my comrades! see the signal waving in the sky!

Reinforcements now appearing, victory is nigh.

Refrain:

Hold the fort, for I am coming, Jesus signals still;

Wave the answer back to Heaven, By Thy grace we will."

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### The JUDGE Of All The Earth Is Coming

To all the world, the United States of America claims to be a "Christian nation," even though we have shamefully dragged the LORD's Holy Name through the mire of our corruption and disgusting testimony. But the "Judge Of All The Earth" (Genesis 18:25) is coming, and He is going to set His Witness straight. "I will make darkness Light before them, and crooked things Straight" (Isaiah 42:16). Therefore, the following Warnings ring just as valid for the USA as for named "Israel", for New Testament Scripture states that the true Jew is one of a circumcised **heart**. '28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: 29 but he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose

praise is not of men, but of God' (Romans 2:28-29). **The Warning is to those who claim to be-- but live the proof that they are NOT-- the people of God, the children of God.**

"2 Hear, O Heavens, and give ear, O Earth: for the LORD hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have **rebelled** against Me. 3 The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth NOT know, My people doth NOT consider. 4 Ah **sinful** nation, a people **laden with iniquity**, a seed of **evildoers**, children that are **corrupters**: they have **forsaken** the LORD, they have **provoked** the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away **backward...**

7 Your country is desolate, your cities are BURNED with fire: your land, STRANGERS DEVOUR IT IN YOUR PRESENCE, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers...

9 Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant [i.e., those in whom the Restraining Power of the Holy Spirit indwells, "The remainder of wrath shalt Thou restrain" (Psalm 76:10)], *we should have been* as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah. 10 Hear the Word of the LORD, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the Law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah. 11 *To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto Me?* saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings... and I delight not in the blood of bullocks... 12 When ye come to appear before Me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread My courts? 13 Bring no more **vain** oblations; incense is an abomination unto Me; the New Moons and Sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; **it is iniquity**, even the solemn meeting. 14 Your New Moons and your appointed feasts My soul hateth: they are a trouble unto Me; I am weary to bear them. 15 And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide Mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: **your hands are full of blood.**

16 Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before Mine eyes; cease to do evil; 17 learn to do well; seek Judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. 18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: 20 but **if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the Sword:** for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

21 How is the faithful city become an harlot! it WAS full of Judgment; Righteousness lodged in it; **but now murderers.** 22 Thy silver is become dross, thy wine mixed with water: 23 thy princes are **rebellious**, and companions of **thieves**: every one **loveth gifts** [bribes], and followeth after rewards: **they judge not** the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them.

24 Therefore saith the LORD, the LORD of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease Me of Mine adversaries, and avenge Me of Mine enemies: 25 and I WILL TURN MY HAND UPON THEE, and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin: 28 and the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together, and they that **forsake** the LORD shall be consumed"  
(Isaiah 1:2-4,7,9-25,28).

Listen to the Warning of the LORD, those who profess the Name of Christ Jesus as your LORD and Master. "34 Salt is good: but **if the salt have lost his savour**, wherewith shall it be seasoned? 35 It is

neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men **cast it out**. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear" (Luke 14:34-35). There should be a CLEAR separation between the people of God and the people who don't obey God. "28 Now we, Brethren, as Isaac was, are the Children of Promise. 29 But as then he that was born after the flesh [Ishmael] persecuted him that was born after the Spirit [Isaac], **even so it is now**. 30 Nevertheless WHAT SAITH THE SCRIPTURE? **Cast out the bondwoman and her son**: for the son of the bondwoman shall NOT be heir with the son of the freewoman... 5:1 STAND FAST therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us Free, and **be not entangled again** with the yoke of bondage" (Galatians 4:28-30; 5:1).

The hour is late. The "Judge Of All The Earth" (Genesis 18:25), "Jesus Christ the Righteous" (1John 2:1), is about to begin the Visitation of His Verdict upon us. "12 When [I] come into an house, [I will] salute it. 13 And if the house be worthy, [I will] let [My] Peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, [I will] let [My] Peace return to [Me]. 14 And whosoever shall not receive [Me], nor hear [My] Words, when [I] depart out of that house or city, [I will] shake off the dust of [My] feet. 15 Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrha in the Day of Judgment, than for that city" (Matthew 10:12-15), for "he that despiseth Me despiseth Him [the Heavenly Father] that sent Me" (Luke 10:16).

The LORD's return is close upon our heels. "Not every one that saith unto Me, LORD, LORD, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he that DOETH the Will of My Father which is in Heaven" (Matthew 7:21). Don't force the LORD to say to you, "I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity" (7:23).

"46 Why call ye Me, LORD, LORD, and do NOT the things which I Say?

47 Whosoever cometh to Me, and heareth My Sayings, and DOETH them, I will show you to whom he is like:

48 He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep,  
and laid the Foundation on a Rock:

and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it:  
for it was founded upon a Rock.

49 But he that heareth, and **doeth not**,  
is like a man that without a foundation  
built an house upon the Earth;  
against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell;  
and **the ruin** of that house **was great**"

(Luke 6:46-49).

## Hold Fast

But to those who claim to be-- and live the proof that they truly ARE-- the people of God, the children of God, there must be the removal of the Righteous, His remnant, His Virgin Bride, prior to the Great Judgment. "Because thou hast KEPT THE WORD of My Patience, I also will keep thee **from** the Hour of Temptation, which shall come upon ALL the world, to try them that dwell upon the Earth" (Revelation 3:10).

"And there shall be a Time of Trouble,  
such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time:  
and at that time Thy people **shall be delivered**,  
every one that shall be found written in the Book"

(Daniel 12:1).

The Character of God assures us that "against any of the children of Israel [of the 'circumcision... of the **heart**, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God' (Romans 2:29)] shall not a dog move his tongue, against man or beast: that ye may know how that **the LORD doth put a difference** between the Egyptians and Israel" (Exodus 11:7). "That be FAR from Thee to do after this manner, to slay the Righteous with the Wicked: and that the Righteous should be as the Wicked, that be far from Thee: Shall not the Judge Of All The Earth do RIGHT?" (Genesis 18:25).

Though the ground below your feet quake, though the sky above your head smokes black, though fires rise to threaten your way, "HOLD THAT FAST which thou hast" (Revelation 3:11), and listen to Paul's encouragement. "17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. 18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the Cross of Christ: 19 whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.) 20 For our conversation is in Heaven; from whence also **we look for the Saviour**, the LORD Jesus Christ: 21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His Glorious Body, according to the Working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself. 4:1 Therefore, my Brethren, dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so STAND FAST IN THE LORD, my dearly beloved. 4 Rejoice in the LORD always: and again I say, Rejoice. 5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. **The LORD is at hand**. 6 Be careful for nothing [do not worry]; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:17-21; 4:1,4-7).

"HOLD FAST" ...

- (2Timothy 1:13) "**Hold fast** the form of Sound Words, which thou hast heard of me, **in Faith and Love** which is in Christ Jesus."
- (Hebrews 4:14) "Seeing then that we have a Great High Priest, that is passed into the Heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us **hold fast our profession**."
- (Hebrews 3:6) "Christ as a Son over His Own House; Whose House are we, IF we **hold fast** the confidence and the rejoicing of the Hope **firm unto The End**."
- (Revelation 2:25) "But that which ye have already **hold fast till I come**."

"CONTINUE" ...

- (John 8:31) "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on Him, If ye **continue in My Word**, then are ye My disciples indeed."

- (John 15:9) "As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you: **continue ye in My Love.**"
- (Acts 13:43; 14:22) "Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to **continue in the Grace of God...** Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to **continue in the Faith.**"
- (Acts 26:22) "**Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue** unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come."
- (Romans 11:22) "Behold therefore the Goodness and Severity of God: on them which fell, Severity; but **toward thee, Goodness, IF thou continue in His Goodness:** otherwise thou also shalt be cut off."
- (Colossians 1:22-23) "To present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in His sight: **IF ye continue in the Faith** grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the Hope of the Gospel."
- (Colossians 4:2) "**Continue in prayer, and watch** in the same with thanksgiving."

and be "STEDFAST" ...

- (1Corinthians 15:58) "Therefore, my beloved Brethren, **be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the LORD**, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the LORD."
- (Hebrews 3:14) "For we are made partakers of Christ, IF we **hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto The End.**"
- (Hebrews 6:19) "Which Hope we have as an **anchor** of the soul, both **sure and stedfast.**"

"7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith He that is Holy, He that is True, He that hath the key of David, He that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; 8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an OPEN DOOR, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and **hast kept My Word**, and hast not denied My Name. 9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are NOT, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I HAVE LOVED THEE. 10 BECAUSE THOU **HAST KEPT THE WORD OF MY PATIENCE**, I ALSO WILL KEEP THEE FROM THE HOUR OF TEMPTATION, WHICH SHALL COME UPON ALL THE WORLD, TO TRY THEM THAT DWELL UPON THE EARTH. 11 **Behold, I come quickly: HOLD THAT FAST which thou hast, that no man take thy Crown.** 12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the Temple of My God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the Name of My God, and the name of the City of My God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of Heaven from My God: and I will write upon him My New Name. 13 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches" (Revelation 3:7-13).

## Conclusion

With "wars and rumours of wars" (Matthew 24:6) all around us, and the Great Tribulation looming large before us, "Brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure" (2 Peter 1:10). "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1) that our LORD Jesus Christ "might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things" (2Corinthians 2:9). Don't quit! Don't give cause to the gainsayers to blaspheme your Sweet Saviour. Don't break His heart and cause Him more pain. Hasn't He suffered enough for your sin? Do not "fall away... [and] crucify to [yourself] the Son of God afresh, and put Him to an open shame" (Hebrews 6:6). For, if you "draw back", His "Soul shall have no pleasure in [you]" (Hebrews 10:38).

Claim the Promises of God to KEEP you in the Way until His Return. "Whereby are given unto us Exceeding Great and Precious Promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the Divine Nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust" (2Peter 1:4). [Please read our article, "[Exceeding Great and Precious Promises](http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Promises/Exceeding.Promises.html)" -- <http://WhatSaithTheScripture.com/Promises/Exceeding.Promises.html> -- for help with this concept.] "For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the Knowledge of the LORD and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning" (2Peter 2:20). You must have the LORD's Intervention if you are to succeed, for He promises, "I am the Vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do NOTHING" (John 15:5). Only the LORD can make you "hold the fort." "3:8 STAND FAST in the LORD... 13 To the end **HE may stablish your hearts unblameable in Holiness** before God, even our Father, at the COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST with all His Saints. 4:1 Furthermore then we beseech you, Brethren, and exhort you by the LORD Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more. 2 For ye know what Commandments we gave you by the LORD Jesus. 3 For **this is the Will of God, even your Sanctification**, that ye should abstain from fornication: 4 that **every one of you should KNOW HOW to possess his vessel in Sanctification and Honour**" (1Thessalonians 3:8,13; 4:1-4).

"8 Finally, Brethren, whatsoever things are True, whatsoever things are Honest, whatsoever things are Just, whatsoever things are Pure, whatsoever things are Lovely, whatsoever things are of Good Report; if there be any Virtue, and if there be any Praise, think on these things. 9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, DO: and the God of Peace shall be with you"  
(Philippians 4:8-9).

"See the mighty host advancing, Satan leading on;  
Mighty men around us falling, courage almost gone!"  
Refrain

See the glorious banner waving! Hear the trumpet blow!  
In our Leader's Name we triumph over every foe."  
Refrain

Fierce and long the battle rages, but our help is near;  
Onward comes our great Commander, cheer, my comrades, cheer!  
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Wave the answer back to Heaven, By Thy grace we will."

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