



Spiritual Prepping for His Glorious Appearing Maintain Your Perspective

Lesson Five • Revelation 1:9-11

Tough Times Tend to Distort Our Perspective!

The greatest danger during a time of crisis is a **LOSS** of perspective.

During Times of Crisis We Begin to Lose Sight of...

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| ➤ God's Priorities (1:1-3) | "The Revelation of Jesus Christ..." | <i>Be Ready, Stay Focused, Bear Witness, Be Obedient!</i> |
| ➤ God's Provisions (1:4) | "To you..." | <i>Grace and Peace through the Local Church!</i> |
| ➤ God as Provider (1:4-5) | "From Him..." | <i>The Eternal Father, the Empowering Spirit, the Exalted Son!</i> |
| ➤ God's Purpose (1:5-8) | "To Him..." | <i>Seize the Day for Christ Before the Face of God Until He Comes!</i> |

Instead We Begin to Focus on...

- **OURSELVES**
- Our **PROBLEMS**
- Our **SOLUTION/ESCAPE/COMFORT**

What is the result? We lose God's **PERSPECTIVE!**

Spiritual Preppers Maintain Their Perspective Until the Big Reveal!

Revelation 1:9-11

Maintain God's Perspective during Tough Times with...

1. Tough Times **PERSEVERANCE!**

"I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance which are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus." (1:9)

- **EXPECT** tough times till Jesus comes!
 - 1) Expect **TRIBULATION** as long as you live in a fallen world.

"tribulation" means **PRESSURE!**

2Corinthians 1:8; 2:4; 6:4-5; 11:23-28

John 16:33; Romans 12:2; 1Peter 4:12

- 2) Expect **PERSECUTION** as long as you seek to live godly.

Same word is used as a synonym with the word for "PERSECUTION." 2 Thessalonians 1:4, 6-8; Matthew 13:21

2 Timothy 3:10-12; 1Peter 4:15-16

Expect to Be Persecuted for Being Faithful to Christ...

By **TAKING A STAND** for the Word and **SPEAKING UP** for the Lord!

"...because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus."

- **ENDURE** tough times till Jesus comes!

"I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance which are in Jesus."

1) Endure tough times to **ENTER** the coming Kingdom!
Acts 14:22; Romans 8:16-17, 35-39; 5:3-5; 12:12; 2 Timothy 3:10-11

2) Endure tough times because *in Jesus* you are **EMPOWERED** to persevere to the end!
Revelation 2:9-10; 3:10; 2Thessalonians 3:5

2. PRIME TIME PERSISTENCE/PERSEVERANCE.

"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet, saying, 'Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches...'" (1:10-11)

Prime Time Will Get You Through the Tough Times!

➤ Prime time is **DAILY TIME** in the Spirit and in the Word!

Even Intense Persecution Could Not Keep John from Making Time in the Presence of God a Daily Priority.
What is keeping us from doing the same?



➤ Prime time is **WEEKLY TIME** on the Lord's Day: Sunday!

Not Even Being Banished to an Island to Work in the Mines Could Keep 90-year-old John from Making His Number One Priority to Worship the Lord on His day – Sunday!
What keeps us from doing the same?

➤ Prime time is **PRIORITY TIME** with the Lord!

3. END TIME PERSPECTIVE!

"...and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet, saying, 'Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.'" (1:10-11)

Prime Time Will Get You Through the Tough Times Until the End Time!

What Is an End Time Perspective? *Revelation 1-22; Romans 8:35-39*

Who Needs an End Time Perspective? *Revelation 2-3*

How Long Do We Need an "End Time" Perspective?

What Should We Do in the Meantime?

Ready or Not He Is Already Coming!

Maintain God's Perspective During Tough Times by Spending Prime Time Until the End Time!