

Welcome to Plymouth First Baptist Church
The Lord's Day, April 3, 2022

9:45 AM Sunday School

10:50 AM Church Family Announcements

11 AM Morning Worship

Welcome & Prayer

Pastor Paul

Praise Songs

Love...Just a Little Bit of Love
Open the Eyes of My Heart
There's Something About that Name

Scripture Reading

Matthew 26:17-30

Pastor Paul

Ministry of Music

Be Thou My Vision

Brass Ensemble

Communion

Hymn #762

What a Day That Will Be

Congregation

Sermon

Signs of the Times part 2
What About America?

Pastor Paul

Closing Hymn #591

Have thine Own Way Lord

Sermon: Signs of the Times part 2. What about America?

Scripture References: Matthew 24:6-7; Psalm 2; 1 Peter 2:4-10; John 18:36-38; 2 Thes. 2:1-12; Genesis 1:27-28; Dan. 2:37-43; Rev. 18:4; 2 Peter 3:10-12; John 18:37; 2 Peter 3:17-18; 1 Thes. 5:5-6

Jesus said in Matt. 24:6-7 that leading up to the time of His return we would hear of wars and rumors of wars- and that this was just birth pangs of the kingdom. Nations of course are made up of people. Some who are in rebellion to God, others at peace with God. A nation and leader of that nation will be blessed based upon their relationship to God. All nations of the world, to one degree or another are in rebellion against God.

So where does this leave the United States? The United States of course is not even mentioned by name in the Bible- there is no evidence that it is a super-power during the end times. America, like all the other nations of the world is in rebellion against God.

What then shall we do?

- Do not share in Babylon's _____.
- Be Holy. _____.
- Refuse to affirm the lie (whatever it is!) _____.
- Be on your guard. _____.
- Put on the _____ in prayer. _____.

Even when life is hard, the Lord will always keep us steady if we fix

our attention on Him. by Charles Stanley.

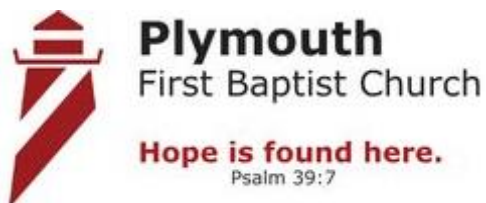
God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, ³ though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. Psalm 46:1-3

Hard times are inevitable in this life. We will lose loved ones. Some of us will face difficult ailments. We may even be wrongfully accused or mistreated. The range of human suffering is broad, but God is a refuge for those who trust Him.

Today's passage speaks of great calamities. We often feel bewildered during such trials, but having an eternal focus lifts us from despair. God is still the sovereign Lord of the universe. The key to dealing with difficulty lies in trusting the One who is in control of all things. Our natural impulse is to respond in fear and panic, but the Lord says to trust in Him through the trouble. He also tells us to surrender what we think is right, submitting instead to His plan. Unless our focus remains steady on Jesus, circumstances will overwhelm us.

What is your response when hardships arise? Consider accepting difficulty as a blessing, and let it deepen your relationship with Christ. Whether your current circumstances are good or painful, remember that a time is coming when God will bring all disasters and wars to an end. In the meantime, He is our stronghold in times of trouble.



Senior Pastor – Rev. Paul T. Harrington
Choir Director – Scott Bradshaw
Organist – B.J. Lyle
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