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The Gathering Series: The Time Is Now – Session 2

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The Series:	The Time Is Now – This is Session 2 is titled: Beware of Believing the Lies!
The Reason for our name: The Gathering	Hebrews 10:25 NLT: <i>(And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.)</i> Matthew 18:20 NLT: <i>For where two or three are gathered (drawn together as my followers) in My name, there I AM is the midst of them.</i>
Introduction:	Scripture speaks about believers getting misled, believing more in what they see or hear from man than what God tells us in His Word or from His prophets, teachers, or pastors/ministers. Scripture warns us repeatedly, especially in the last days, that many will be deceived and fall away. We know that evil has taken hold of our country in government, education, business, financial, and even some of the churches and we must be diligent, and steadfast in our faith to stand against and not allow the lies, the evil reports, to infiltrate our thoughts and change our heart. We must fight with our spiritual weapons to protect ourselves, our families, friends, and associates to keep speaking the truth, because the truth is what will set us free, amen!
Today's Scriptures:	Galatians 6:7-8 AMPC <i>⁷ Do not be deceived and deluded and misled; God will not allow Himself to be sneered at (scorned, disdained, or mocked ^[a] by mere pretensions or professions, or by His precepts being set aside.) [He inevitably deludes himself who attempts to delude God.] For whatever a man sows, that and ^[b] that only is what he will reap.</i> <i>⁸ For he who sows to his own flesh (lower nature, sensuality) will from the flesh reap decay and ruin and destruction, but he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.</i>
Luke 18:7 -8 AMPC	In the first place, we must understand how much God loves His people – this message permeates throughout the Bible's Old and New Testament alike. Even when they disobeyed and their love for Him grew cold, callous, or apathetic He still loved them enough to pursue them, send messengers to

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	<p>correct them, sent judgements to discipline them, to bring them back to Him and His protection. God is the same today. Even though as a country in general we have become lax in our attention to God, or even pushed Him out of our lives, He still wants that real relationship with each one of us to help us, guide us, protect us, and grow His Kingdom on this earth and for eternity. Our country was established by God and our forefathers knew that when they set up our form of government, a government for and by the people, one nation under God. For our country to thrive, prosper against all enemies spiritual or otherwise, God needed to be at the center of everything.</p> <p>However, God is also just, and He cannot condone evil, or injustice done to His people, and he will restore all things to how they were designed to be in His timing. He does not wish anyone to perish so He gives them time to repent, change their ways and come to Him. This is why we pray for them.</p> <p>The question for us is... will we be faithful to believe and trust in His Word and not become complacent, careless, or become like the world while we wait?</p>
<p>Luke 21:34-36 NIV</p> <p>Romans 13:11-12 NIV</p>	<p>I am not saying this is easy when we see and hear day after day how evil seems to be running rampant. Criminals not being held accountable, good people, even our children being hurt and abused, and our leaders caring more for the criminal than the person that was harmed. Like we have heard before, the times are here when "they call evil good and good evil." This is no time to let up, get depressed, hide, nor join the other side. We must fight back with the spiritual weapons God gave us.</p>
<p>Luke 21:8 AMPC</p> <p>2 Peter 2:12 NLT</p> <p>Matthew 24:4-6 NKJV</p>	<p>We are also instructed to be on guard and be careful, so we are not led astray during this time. There will be those that may appear to be good, say that they believe in Jesus, yet their words or actions do not align with the Word of God. They do not appear to care about the destruction and harm their words or deeds are causing.</p>
<p>1 Corinthians 6:9-11 AMPC</p>	<p>So how do we know what is true or not – we must go to the Word of God. Everything must line up with scripture. If the Word says it is good, then it is good. If the Word says it is evil, then it is evil. It is not difficult; mankind makes it difficult. Often the blurriness comes from people trying to justify their lusts or desires that they "know" are not in God's will for them.</p> <p>No longer can we afford a couple hours a week to spend time with God. We must press in daily reading His word, spending time with Him praying and</p>

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<p>2 Corinthians 6:14-16 NLT</p>	<p>seeking His guidance. There is no other way to grow and mature as a disciple of Jesus and to fulfill our mission and purpose for this time. Things are speeding up and we must change, get serious, and step up our game if we are to thrive during this time. Remember we are on the winning side, but we must do our part.</p> <p>The truth is the unrighteous will not inherit the Kingdom. They must repent, ask Jesus in their heart, and turn from their old ways, otherwise their future will be eternity without God. They will face His judgement.</p> <p>And he states as God said:</p> <p><i>"I will live in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people.^[e] ¹⁷ Therefore, come out from among unbelievers, and separate yourselves from them, says the LORD. Don't touch their filthy things, and I will welcome you.^[f] ¹⁸ And I will be your Father, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty.^[g]"</i></p>
<p>1 John 2:15-17 NLT</p>	<p>We are to separate ourselves from their actions, their influences and things that would contaminate our relationship with God. We are told not to love the things of this world but love the things of God that are eternal. We are still called to love the person, pray for them, help where we can show them the ways of God, but not participate in their sinful behavior.</p>
<p>Galatians 6:9 AMPC Isaiah 40:31 NKJV</p>	<p>Again, we must guard our hearts and minds so that we do not grow weary in the fight or become callous in thinking that things are never going to change. Just say NO to these thoughts – cast them out immediately! Such thoughts cannot be entertained for even a moment. Because if these thoughts are allowed to stay in our minds, then they will get down in our hearts and we will begin to believe that God is never going to do anything to fix the situation. Heaven forbid! Our adversary, the devil understands that the battlefield is in our minds. If he can get us to doubt God's willingness to help us, rescue us, or provide for us then he wins. However, this is not what the Word tells us. God is willing and He will do all that He said in His Word.</p>

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	<p>Giving up or giving in are not options for us, His children. We must have faith and believe in who He is.</p>
1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 ASV	<p>I have heard some believers say they believe we are in the tribulation and that is why things are so dark, and that there is nothing that can be done. This is part of the deception that Satan is known for. The Church is still here, and we still have a job to do before the tribulation comes – and it will after the Church is taken up to meet Jesus in the heavens. As for now this is the time for His glory to spread around the earth for the great harvest of souls. We are to be sharing the glory of the Lord with all that are being called and whose hearts are ready to receive the Good News.</p>
2 Timothy 3:13-14 AMPC	<p>Then, once the Church is raptured and the Holy Spirit that lives within each of us is gone from the earth, the seven years of the Great Tribulation can begin. The Holy Spirit is the restrainer against evil having its way on earth.</p> <p>In the meantime, Satan knows his time is short and he is doing all that he can to influence and manipulate those that have denied Christ because of their own superficial desires to do evil things against God's elect.</p>
Closing:	<p>Remember dear sisters, the God we serve and why we can live without fear. God is Jehovah Rapha (our Healer), Jehovah Nissi (our Banner of Victory), Jehovah Jirah (our Provider), Jehovah Shalom (the Lord our Peace) El Shaddai (God Almighty). He is everything we need when we need it. Amen!</p>