

# FAQ 24

## Speaking His Truths In Love, Even Though His Truths Divide

**Q #24** Why do you insist upon pressing this topic in light of all the controversy it brings? Doesn't Scripture speak against sowing discord among the brethren?

Scripture speaks to both the error of divisiveness AND sound doctrine. Because the Word clearly outlines the Truth of our Lord's return, we persist in the appeal that we obey that which He has called us to: ready expectancy. As a result, we offer the following with humble concern for the welfare of God's people who are increasingly growing impatient concerning (and apathetic toward) our blessed hope.

Do you recall the old moral story of the boy who cried "wolf"?

Allow me to tell the story in such a way as to better fit—from a biblical perspective—our current cultural context, one which especially addresses the dangerous view: *It will all pan out in the end ... so don't concern yourself with biblical data on this topic of "end times."*

Once upon a time, certain prophetic shepherds kept watch over the flock of God. Trained in sundry end-time perspectives, they, on various occasions, over a course of many centuries, emphatically declared the end of the age. Included in their mantras were some which we find especially familiar—even in our day: "Jesus is coming!" "The end is near!" "The Kingdom of God has arrived!"

As decades of false announcement fostered *n u m b e s s* to their cries, one day it finally did take place. One day, as truly declared by the Shepherd, the end did indeed come. But a profound piece of the cultural puzzle brought great sadness to the Shepherd. Because His flock had grown so used to the familiar appeals—"Jesus is coming!" "The end is near!" "The Kingdom of God is present!"—the people stopped looking for the signs foretelling the Shepherd's soon return. Great sorrow unfolded as the Shepherd's people rejected signs preceding that for which they longed—the Shepherd's glorious return ... or was it actually not so important to them after all? The Shepherd, too, was grieving, for some of those who were waiting did not, in utter shock and amazement, make it to the Great Reunion feast.

In relationship to the story of the boy who cried wolf, we live in a day where many *global villagers* are no longer heeding the Counsel of the soon-returning Lord. (Mark 13:28-37; Phil. 3:20, 21; II Peter 3:3-9) Frankly, having become embarrassed by the many failed declarations of the false prophets, some act as if they now scorn the fact that one day the Lord will indeed return. They have allowed the charges of the anti-God culture to turn them in a direction where they are no longer: 1. interested in biblically discerning the day; 2. eagerly awaiting the return of the Savior; or, 3. modeling the patient enduring of the saints.

Please embrace wisdom and say "NO" to the many poor reasons the deceivers are giving the world to disregard the posture the Lord has called His end-time people to take: **ready expectancy**. Please heed the counsel of our Lord by staying true to this

fact: Our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. As we see end-time themes begin to unfold, may we look up, yes, let's lift up our heads, because our redemption draws near!

A Question: Are you finding yourself quickly rejecting the main emphasis of this simple appeal? Had you already begun *deconstructing* this message even before you finished reading the short address above? If so, why? Is it possible we have been so conditioned to reject the Truth that we run into a defensive posture against what could possibly be a warning from Almighty God—one most consistent with His revelation to us?

A Request: Please lay aside for just a moment the uncalled-for rejection of this appeal in order to give it fair consideration. Ponder, for just a bit, the possibility of one who, in a very different way than the *shepherd-boys* who preceded him, shouts an *in-fact* warning concerning eschatological wolves in our midst ... ones immediately preceding the return of the Great Shepherd and Overseer of our souls. Try to avoid what may be a faulty association with the false prophetic *shepherd-boys* of the past who have incorrectly cried, “*Wolf! Wolf!*”

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