

A story to start

The Wicker Basket

**What is
happening?
Is the end of the
world coming?
What do we do?**

A world in chaos, how can we survive?



Financial crisis



Global warming



Oil prices



Natural disasters



■ Matthew 24:3-8

- As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" And Jesus answered and said to them, "See to it that no one misleads you. "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many. "You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. "But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs

The world groans waiting

- Romans 8:19-22
- For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.

We were given responsibility

- Genesis 1:27-28
- God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

We were given rules

- Genesis 2:15-17
- Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it. The LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."

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NO OTHER GODS
BEFORE ME

II THOU SHALT NOT
MAKE UNTO THEE
ANY GRAVEN IMAGE

III THOU SHALT NOT
TAKE THE NAME
OF THE LORD THY
GOD IN VAIN

IV REMEMBER THE
SABBATH DAY,
TO KEEP IT HOLY

V HONOUR THY FATHER
AND THY MOTHER

VI THOU SHALT
NOT KILL

VII THOU SHALT NOT
COMMIT ADULTERY

VIII THOU SHALT
NOT STEAL

IX THOU SHALT NOT
BEAR FALSE
WITNESS AGAINST
THY NEIGHBOUR

X THOU SHALT
NOT COVET



- Leviticus 26:3-4
- `If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments so as to carry them out, then I shall give you rains in their season, so that the land will yield its produce and the trees of the field will bear their fruit.
- Deuteronomy 5:33
- "You shall walk in all the way which the LORD your God has commanded you, that you may live and that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which you will possess.

His intention is to bless us

- Deuteronomy 6:3-5
- "O Israel, you should listen and be careful to do it, that it may be well with you and that you may multiply greatly, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey. "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

It is not too hard!

- Deuteronomy 30:9-11
- "Then the LORD your God will prosper you abundantly in all the work of your hand, in the offspring of your body and in the offspring of your cattle and in the produce of your ground, for the LORD will again rejoice over you for good, just as He rejoiced over your fathers; if you obey the LORD your God to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this book of the law, if you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and soul. "For this commandment which I command you today is not too difficult for you, nor is it out of reach.

Salvation is by His hand

- Psalm 62:1-2
- My soul waits in silence for God only; From Him is my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation, My stronghold; I shall not be greatly shaken.
- 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14
- But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth. It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Acts 4:12 "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."

The safest place – in Christ

- Romans 8:35
- Who will separate us from the love of Christ?
Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or
famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
- Romans 8:38-39
- For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present,
nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor
depth, nor any other created thing, will be able
to separate us from the love of God, which is in
Christ Jesus our Lord.

■ **Rom 15:13**

■ **Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**