

Notes from Jonathan Simonson's Message on 12-29-2013

We need to keep Perspective of the big picture...

we have a **NOW Picture** and an **ETERNAL Picture**

NOW Picture is = the Fads, seasons, News, on no the sky is falling?

Eternal Picture is = the Good news

If anything our current Situation makes the Eternal Picture Relevant!!!

..... Unpack

2 Cor 4 **18** while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

- **Open your Bibles to (Colossians 2:8 NASB)** See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ. (Colossians 2:8 NASB)

Note: the first line = "See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of **men**, according to the elementary principles of **the world**,"

- No one
- tradition of men, principles of the world Selfish Dog eat Dog world.

= "rather than according to Christ."

- philosophy is not bad if it is According to Christ. Deep thinkers of our day?
- the World and Mans way -vs- According to Christ

Col 3:1 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2 [a]** Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth

- **Now turn in your Bibles to (James 1:2-8 NASB)** Consider it all joy, my brethren, *when you* encounter various trials, **knowing** that the testing of your **faith** produces endurance.

And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

But he must ask in **faith** without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. (James 1:2-8 NASB)

- Consider it all joy, my brethren, **when you encounter various trials.. not if you**

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- **knowing** that the testing of your **faith** produces endurance. **Faith is ??**
FAITH is spelled R I S K
- **Hebrews 11:1 (NASB)** 1 Now faith is the assurance of *things* hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 For by it the men of old[d]gained approval.
- **Hebrews 11 The Message** 11 1-2 The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living. It's our handle on what we can't see. The act of faith is what distinguished our ancestors, set them above the crowd.
- And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

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Open your Bibles to Jeremiah 29:13 (NASB)

13 You will seek Me and find *Me* when you search for Me with all your heart.

MSG says it this way..... "When you come looking for me, you'll find me." "Yes, when you get serious about finding me and want it more than anything else, I'll make sure you won't be disappointed."

The world says: God isn't PC. I SAY ... WHY TRY TO BE POLITICALLY CORECT WHEN YOU CAN BE RIGHT... God is Right

New Years?

Psalm 34:14 and 1 Peter 3:11 (NIV) Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

Repentance = to turn away from! To think again

James 4: 7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

In The Message 7-10 So let God work his will in you. Yell a loud no to the Devil and watch him scamper. Say a quiet yes to God and he'll be there in no time. Quit dabbling in sin. Purify your inner life. Quit playing the field. Hit bottom, and cry your eyes out. The fun and games are over. Get serious, really serious. Get down on your knees before the Master; it's the only way you'll get on your feet.

Stop thinking the worlds way... Gods way is the Best and that is the plan he has for you... The Best.