

Chapter 7

Walking In The Real World

where Red Sea parts, manna falls from heaven and the lame get up and walk

The spiritual realm is the source of the visible realm, and therefore is the real world, and what we see around us expresses it. As believers, we have entered the real world of divine purpose through the door carved into eternity by Jesus.

Application time

It's time to go beyond contemplating all those beautiful theories that have inspired and enlightened us over the years and put them into practice. Do they actually work? It's time to find out. All that grand and glorious advice we've given to others; is it for real?

We have in fact seen God move miraculously in our own lives, in the lives of others, and throughout history. But now it's payday; what about right now – for us?

If not, the only missing link is our own disobedience and lack of faith. This is not a blind faith. God has proven himself over and over. It is faith in a proven, trusted friend. Allow him to lead us forward into new lands of faith and promise we have not seen before.

Impossibility never slowed God down, and he will always always make a way for anything he calls us to do. We must dare to open the door of our hearts to God's most intimate snooping and cleansing. Three verses after John wrote this in Revelation 3:20, he saw a door open to the throne room of God. We open our door, and God opens His Door.

Consider a brief review of the previous chapters:

[The Outlaw Universe](#) declared the infinite wonder of God, and showed how this wonder flows through and beyond the framework of mankind. May our reverence be total. May it be greater than life or death, and greater than all the brief history of mankind.

[Introduction to Christianity](#) confronted the most profound decision that every human makes – consciously or otherwise. It provides basic guidance into a path of purpose for those who would choose to serve God. May we tremble at this privilege of walking with our Creator, and and share it with others at every opportunity.

[The World Until Now](#) gives us a historical overview humanity's interactions with God, and his underlying stage of human governance upon which it is being played out. May we appreciate God's wisdom in maintaining some level of protection from ourselves in the otherwise self-destructing world of fallen mankind.

[The Church Until Now](#) describes the birth of the church, and chronicles its infancy and path to maturity. Herein we unlock the critical wisdom provided through the letters to the seven churches in the book of Revelation. These reveal the consistent patterns of spiritual growth as taught by the tabernacle and the feasts of Israel. They they explain categories of challenges and solutions to problems we encounter in churches and in our individual walks.

[Welcome To The Stone Age](#) refers to the time when the fifth and final empire of Daniel chapter 2 reaches its tipping point of corruption, and disintegrates from within. In response to persecuted believers crying out for justice, God will remove his authority from the global government and allow human nature to take its course. It calls to mind historic patterns of lesser scale throughout the Bible that serve as dress rehearsals of prophesied events, and it reassures us of God's purpose and control.

[The Rogue Empire](#) reveals areas of contradiction and inconsistency in the swarm of divisive end-times dogmas. It specifically zeros in of the final 3-1/2 years before the return of Christ.

A good place to begin walking in the real world is to consider the question posed by Peter in **2 Pete.3:11 *Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conduct and godliness,***

Did you notice that Peter didn't ask what you are going to do, but rather what you are going to be? He then recommends holy conduct and godliness. But what we are does translate into action – beginning as noted by living lives of holy conduct and godliness.

The next verse speaks of additional details of posture.

2 Pete.3:12 *Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?*

The phrase “looking for” in the Greek speaks of closely watching for an anticipated event, but the word “hasting” takes us a step farther. This has to do with actually calling forth this day of the Lord.

We as believers will not be the victims of the end times disasters, we will be the instigators who call judgments forth.

Day of the Lord

The phrase “day of the Lord” is found in twenty one verses scattered throughout the Bible. Eighteen of them speak of various forms of destruction or stress, two speak of honoring the Sabbath, and only one might be construed as speaking of Christ's coming – but probably not.

Do you remember in Daniel 2 how this stone cut without hands represented the kingdom of God, and that it was this stone that would put a violent end to the age of empires? Well we as believers are a part of that stone, and therefore a part of the judgment it brings upon the world's system.

In Biblical history, we see the children of Israel living as a slave class within Egypt. During this period their population increased to where they were viewed as a potential threat the rest of Egypt. The tipping point came when a hostile king arose and began to instigate a program of extreme labor and genocide to reduce their number. The complaints of these people against the Pharaoh and his army were not ignored by God. It was their cries to God that brought about the season of plagues that freed them from their bondage and eventually forged them as a unique and godly nation.

When Jerusalem was being besieged by the Assyrian army, the pleas of king Hezekiah and the people brought a plague that killed 85,000 enemy warriors in a single night. When Israel was being bullied by the Moabites, God brought a plague of terror, whereby an army of only 300 warriors routed thousands, and purged Israel of them.

I won't continue to belabor this, but if you disagree, the Bible can provide you with plenty of additional reasons not to. The obvious consistent pattern is that it is the cries of God's people concerning the oppression of the world against them that brings them deliverance through God's judgments.

Recognize who you are

In the statue of Daniel 2, we see God's kingdom pictured as a stone of supernatural origin. This stone continues to grow, even as the materials of the statue deteriorate. We see these two themes repeatedly portrayed in Biblical prophecy as God's kingdom grows in power and spreads, while the morality and unity of the secular world continues to rot. There comes a time when these two kingdoms collide, and the era of these empires is ground to dust by the kingdom of God.

During his mock trial, Jesus declared that His kingdom (this continually growing stone) was not of this world.

Previously he had taught his followers (subjects of this kingdom) that we are likewise in the world, but not of it. Beyond this, we are called to be lights in this world, to not hide the fact that we belong to

Him. Paul explains our status in 2Cor 5 when he points out that Jesus was in the world reconciling it to Himself, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Finally, we are called to recognize the fact that the kingdoms of this world – blighted by Satan’s influence as they are, will generally hate us as does their master. We are not to resent this, but merely to recognize it as the way things are, and to look to God for protection and provision. This warning also helps us to walk in respectful wisdom in our interactions with the world, rather than in fear.

By having realistic and abysmal expectations of the world, we have no reason to take it personally when we see humans behaving like humans. Ironically, this realism that most would think of as pessimism, frees us to rejoice when people do something right.

And then there’s the supernatural equipment upon which we will increasingly depend. Get used to it; try it on; dare to do and say impossible things as the Holy Spirit prompts you to do and say them. God will provide the supernatural resources to back up whatever He calls us to do or say – from slaying a giant to parting a Red Sea.

Fear nothing.