

Articles and Sermons :: WHO DREAMED UP THIS PLAN FOR SURVIVAL? by David Wilkerson**WHO DREAMED UP THIS PLAN FOR SURVIVAL? by David Wilkerson - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2009/3/10 10:53****WHO DREAMED UP THIS PLAN FOR SURVIVAL?**

“And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying, Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan” (1 Kings 17: 2-3).

As Elijah looked ahead to the coming crisis, things must have looked absolutely hopeless to him. But God had a specific survival plan in mind for his faithful servant. He instructed the prophet, “Go east to the Jordan River, and there you will find Cherith, a little tributary that runs off. You can get all the drinking water you need from that brook. In addition, I’ve arranged for food to be delivered to you daily, by my courier ravens!”

How could any person, in a million years, ever dream up this kind of a plan for survival? How could Elijah ever have imagined he’d be sent to a hidden brook to find water to drink, when there was nothing but drought everywhere else in the land? How could he ever have thought a daily supply of bread would be brought to him by ravenous birds that ate everything they sank their beaks into?

Later, times got hard for Elijah, because the brook finally dried up. But God stepped in again, giving the prophet another fresh word of direction. He said, “Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow there to sustain thee” (v. 9). Again, I have to ask—how could anyone ever think a poor widow woman, in the midst of a depression, could feed a man for days, weeks, months on end? But the fact is, God uses the most despised, insignificant things of the world for his glory. And he told Elijah, “If you’ll go to her and do what I tell you, you’ll survive. Listen to me—heed my direction—and you’ll make it through!”

The evidence is overwhelming: God—our adviser, counselor and survival expert—has a detailed plan for every one of his children, to help us face the worst of times!

Re: WHO DREAMED UP THIS PLAN FOR SURVIVAL? by David Wilkerson, on: 2009/3/10 11:21

Greg, is there a date as to when this was written?

Thanks.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2009/3/10 12:06

It was written today on his blog:
<http://davidwilkersonstoday.blogspot.com/>

You can sign up for email updates on his blog also.

Re: , on: 2009/3/10 12:36

Thanks. The reason I was asking was I wanted to discern if he sensed some criticism about his message and give a non-specific (in terms of audience) response.

To me, this seems to be directed at those who have questioned biblical prophecies that included specific information such as food storage etc...

In light of all the differing scriptural views on this, it seems that time will bear this out.

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2009/3/10 13:20

It is not so much about who is right, and who is wrong, for that is the way of the world. It is about the Spirit of God, speaking through His servants, being heard of His children, that they may be made aware of that which is to be done.

If our focus is on who is saying what, rather than on what the Lord is putting forth, and what He would have us to receive, we will miss that which we need to know.

Re: WHO DREAMED UP THIS PLAN FOR SURVIVAL? by David Wilkerson - posted by RobertW (), on: 2009/3/10 14:29

Quote:
-----The evidence is overwhelming: God—our adviser, counselor and survival expert—has a detailed plan for every one of his children, to help us face the worst of times!

I told someone yesterday that if these events take place we will have to TRUST God as we *already* should be doing. If we store up goods then we have a problem. We cannot square an abundance of goods with the Christian life in times of famine. Christians would have to shut the bowels of their compassion against those in need to maintain their stocks. That would be sin. We would also need the protection of God or a gun to keep thieves from breaking in and stealing. People do unfathomably radical things when they are starving.

So we need to be trusting God now as a matter of course in our lives so that in times of trouble we don't shift our trust from what we 'were' trusting to God- but we just keep on doing what we already do as if it were any other day. You may have a good job now- but you still should be consciously trusting God for direction and provision. Jehovah Jireh- my provider. God is directing our steps. The battle may be fierce. Take no thought- but trust in the God that clothes the fields and feeds the sparrows.

Re: , on: 2009/3/10 14:53

"If our focus is on who is saying what, rather than on what the Lord is putting forth, and what He would have us to receive, we will miss that which we need to know."

I respectfully disagree. A prophecy was put forth and what that prophecy said was important. And I'm sure Wilkerson would believe it was important, otherwise it wouldn't have been written. Likewise, it was challenged by two respected brethren in Christ and posted here. Zac Poonen and John Piper both weighed in and both probably felt it important enough to do so. These aren't disagreements between three egotistical bloggers, they are respected men of God who are not trying to start controversy but are writing out of their own convictions. I have listened to many Poonen and Wilkerson sermons so for this not to be of interest would be disingenuous.

I'm not worried about what they said as to frame it as some sort of 'secular tiff' but I will take note that "something was said" here. And what is being put forth thus far are words from Godly men who probably believe they speak for the Lord or, should I say, that the Lord is speaking through them in some way.

I don't put my eggs in their basket, my relationship with God and His word to me is paramount, but I'll recognize that there are eggs present in the form of prophecy and Biblical discernment to it. What the Lord puts forth remains to be seen, what is received by me or any other Christian, the same. I'm not choosing sides, I'm taking heed in compassion to all of them.

Re: , on: 2009/3/10 15:22

"If we store up goods then we have a problem." Robert W

I disagree. The storing up of goods in selfishness is a problem... yes. But if I store up to give away to others in time of famine and need, then this can glorify God. If I feel led to store up then that is what I must do. God provides now which I'm thankful for and I trust that He will always provide. But I'm not going to tempt God by waiving off current provision for 'future faith'. If I'm drowning in the ocean and ask God to save me, then tell the fishing boat He sent my way to "just go ahead, I'm waiting on God", I could have just missed His answer to prayer and an opportunity to witness His provision for me. Who knows, they may say that a mysterious wind knocked them off course in my direction. So we must be careful in our absolutes.

As a Christian if you store up, I believe you store up to give it all away, for the Glory of God and not shut off anything to anyone (as rightly eluded to by you). If there was a stipulation somewhere that said we were to hoard the provision for ourselves then I missed it. That's not why I show up to work everyday. If you're not willing to give it all up, then there's no reason to store it in the first place. The storing isn't the problem, it's our attitude to what we have in Christ. No provision is ours whether stored up, consumed instantly, or given away. God won't just test our faith but our heart. Faith isn't just about God's provision in times of trouble but a heart of giving when supply is limited.

Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2009/3/10 16:08

Quote:
-----I disagree. The storing up of goods in selfishness is a problem... yes. But if I store up to give away to others in time of famine and need, then this can glorify God.

My main point is focused on personal survival. If individuals store up goods for 'personal' survival they have 2 problems.

1. Hoarding those good for personal survival
2. *Protecting* those goods from robbers.

During the First Jewish revolt the people became so desperate that the Zealots would break into homes threatening and beating people until they told them where their hidden food was. They would snatch the food from the throats of those as they rushed into the homes before the people could swallow. Horrific accounts abound of these things. A mother that said to her infant child, "Be food for me" and then cooked and ate her own offspring. Again the Zealots smelled the 'food' cooking and came running- only to be grossed out utterly when they opened the pan.

In times of starvation and survival man stoops to the lowest of lows. There is an account of settlers crossing through Nevada getting caught in a snow storm and a woman ate the tongue and heart of her own husband. This is what starvation does to some people. If we go into a mass famine it will be a warzone in the streets. Looters will be desperate and if history repeats itself those with goods will be the first targets. You would be safer with 1000 tons of Gold in your possession than 1000 tons of food.

Re: , on: 2009/3/10 16:40

This same debate is going on everywhere now - "To store up or not to store up".

Only the leading of The Holy Spirit can answer that for each individually - and this topic of storing-up has been going on since Long before David Wilkerson's blog/email.

Quote:
----- . And he told Elijah, "If you'll go to her and do what I tell you, you'll survive. Listen to me—heed my direction—and you'll make it through!"

From what I've heard and read for the last few years about National Emergencies - there is a chance that Martial Law will be called and folks removed from their homes.

ONLY GOD KNOWS - and John 16:13 was written for each & all of us, individually.

Re: , on: 2009/3/10 17:57

Robert,

Please consider my comments on Acts 11 at

(https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id27808&post_id214825&order1&viewmodeflat&pid214817&forum34#214825) https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=27808&post_id=214825&order=1&viewmode=flat&pid=214817&forum=34#214825

God bless you brother,

In Christ

-Jim

Re: , on: 2009/3/10 17:59

Also Robert, I want to make it clear that you are not suggesting this is what Wilkerson is talking about. He is talking about a similar scenario as if a hurricane hit, not an extended famine, just a few tough weeks.

In Christ - Jim

Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2009/3/11 7:19

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-----Also Robert, I want to make it clear that you are not suggesting this is what Wilkerson is talking about. He is talking about a similar scenario as if a hurricane hit, not an extended famine, just a few tough weeks.

Just to add couple of things, I think it is important to know that there is a lot of anxiety and unrest already among people that I talk to. Many are not buying food they are buying guns and ammunition. Truly we are living in a very dangerous time. As much as I respect and have enjoyed Dave Wilkerson, I do NOT believe we need a 'prophet' to warn us about common sense type things. I am already on high alert and so are many other people. Have been for a very long time.

Secondly, and as one other person posted, we need direction from God ourselves. When 911 hit it effected a few major areas, but for a time the whole nation was in panic and desperate fear. I DO NOT believe that God desires for His children to tremble. Did Paul tremble when the boat was near to sinking as the winds and waves pounded the ship and no one could see their hand in front of their faces? Did the Moravians tremble when their ship was near to go down? If they had Wesley may well have believed he was OK with God.

Believers need to be walking in faith with their face like a flint even in the face of the most fierce astonishments. What has a true believer to fear? Death? Hell? An angry God? We have to stop pulling our Old Testament concepts and applying them to New Testament scenarios. I DO NOT believe God's children are supposed to run and hide in their bedrooms as would a child in fear of a drunken father coming home in a tirade. We need to be rid of these false notions. God is our Father and if the godliest among us tremble- let them tremble for the lost sinners and not for personal fear.

Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2009/3/11 7:30

Quote:
-----Please consider my comments on Acts 11 at https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=27808&post_id=214825&order=1&viewmode=flat&pid=214817&forum=34#214825 God bless you brother,

I understand the point. The challenge is I am not sure what to make of what Dave Wilkerson has said. I am more troubled that he wrote it than I am about what he wrote. I do not feel compelled to fall in line with it. So I am not considering the words as oracles to me (God speaking towards 'me' or me-wards) at this point. If others do that is fine. I heard a lot of golly men make Y2K claims and I bought into them and so did many others.

However, it was then that I had to discern the difference between FEAR and the voice of God. Fear can make people think God is speaking when He is not. If believers are moved to action by Wilkerson's post, may it be by faith if they feel the witness of God and not because they read the post and are now afraid.

I do not believe God works in His children by scaring them. This is why I have such resentment for the whole Eschatological Pre-trib madness. I have been driven by fears since childhood waiting on things to happen that were concoctions of well-intending men. I say away with it all and let's hear from God's word and His Spirit being 'ready' for *whatever* happens.

Re: WHO DREAMED UP THIS PLAN FOR SURVIVAL? by David Wilkerson - posted by Lysa (), on: 2009/3/11 9:22

Quote:

ccrider wrote:

"If we store up goods then we have a problem." Robert W

I disagree. The storing up of goods in selfishness is a problem... yes. But if I store up to give away to others in time of famine and need, then this can glorify God.

I'm not trying to argue but I'd like to point out that someone in another discussion said that if we store up, then all of our food will be gone in one day and then where will we be? Right back where we started UNLESS like RobertW said you dole it out and shut up your bowels of compassion to make the food last. God forbid.

I agree with both men. How much will you have to have to store up to feed a neighborhood??? And for every day??? It is endless. Years ago when I was heavily into post-trib (I ran with a bunch of survivalist type people! Yes, another band wagon!! lol) but my point is... the focus was not on being ready for Christ's return spiritually, it was on what "self" could do in the natural to prepare... and no matter what the explanations were, it was based on self-preservation; period. Jesus said, we are to lose our life, not save it and in the process of dying, we live!!

This is not for you personally, ccrider, but those who deceive themselves into thinking they can or will be the ones to help everyone. It will not be so. It will be God alone.

My question to anyone who is storing up... how can you apply this and where Jesus fed up to 10,000 with one fish and two loaves? Do we not read our Bibles and believe that HE is the same yesterday, today and forever?? Yes, we will hear the spoon scrape the bottom of the meal barrel but God will bless it!

To God alone be all the glory!! Forever and ever, amen!!!

Re: , on: 2009/3/11 15:37

Quote:

-----To God alone be all the glory!! Forever and ever, amen!!!

Amen! We used to sing, "Send Judah First" - the Praise Team that marches ahead of the others.

As the bag-pipers would march in the lead of the troops - playing their songs as the frontline to the battle.

I don't see it as a marching army per say - but that the Praise Gang will march ahead of the more timid and help them to get *through*.

1 Thess 5:11-28 Amen!

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Re: Storing Up Food - posted by scotsbaker (), on: 2009/3/11 16:33

Back in October 2008, a lady in my church in England, UK received these words which were read out in church by the Pastor:

"PREPARE!

You, my Church are the custodians of this land. I have given you the keys to unlock this nation from its bondage. This is a great responsibility as well as a great joy. NOW is the time to prepare. NOW is the time, like Noah, to listen to my voice, even though England is unaware of the great trauma that is ahead. NOW is the time to plan. How is My Church going to save the widows and orphans, the elderly and infirm? How will you put to work the hands of the unemployed and feed the refugee?

I am poised to glorify Myself through My Church in this land. I am ready to do great wonders and miracles through My People. The high of this nation are going to be brought low. My Church will become the rock on to which people cling in the storm. I will be among you; My Presence will be strong. Those who consider themselves the lowest of the low, like Gideon, will achieve great things through Me.

You MUST prepare, do not be caught unaware. The judgement I am sending upon this country will be lessened because of you. Through you, I am answering the prayers of those who have gone before. Do not lie idle or you will not see my power. Fast and pray, seek My face. Prepare and plan. What are you going to do for the broken hearted, the children, the fatherless? How are you going to feed the hungry and clothe those who are naked? When all is crumbling away, the people of this land will see My Church is still solid, and still faithful to Me. My Name will be glorified, My Holy Spirit will be let loose to work in the hearts of millions.

But time is slipping away, My Church. You must understand this is no word to cheer you up. Now is the time for urgent action, there is not long before the storm will hit and I do not want My People to be found wanting. Start looking outwards from your base. I will reveal the needs of your communities and you will meet those needs in My Strength. I will not abandon you in this time of trial. I will not leave you without resources. The time is coming when there will be nothing to rely upon but Me. George Muller understood this. Did I leave My Children to wander in the desert for 40 years without feeding them? You are My Children; keep your eyes fixed upon Me. The challenges I am sending you are hard, but I will give you strength and you will shine out in the darkness that is to fall, as beacons of hope. Those who are lost will come to you.

You must work alongside those of my people who worship in different buildings. Pool your resources, share your skills and knowledge. Do not let historic differences come between you, for this will hinder you in meeting the needs of the suffering.

ring. For I am the God of the poor and the lowly, and you will need to be united to meet their needs.

Leaders, I have bestowed upon you skills and knowledge; I will send you my people to carry out my will and the finances to do so. The work is not just yours; many hands are needed to carry out the work you all have to do. I will provide. I will not see My Children put to shame when they are eager to do My Will. You will see how I will provide and be amazed!

Now is the time to get ready, like a soldier going into battle, an army going to war. Have everything to hand so that when the enemy strikes you are not crushed. I am and will be all that you need. Seek after my wisdom, bring to Me your requests and I will answer them beyond your wildest imaginings."

Re: , on: 2009/3/11 18:14

I think David Wilkerson can be trusted when he gives a warning, after all he has been proven that he is a prophet. Has anyone not read his book the Vision, which was written back in 1973 and contains the very events and conditions we are living in today?

I take what this prophet says carefully. I hope and pray that I will stand in the evil day. It's going to take 30 days to restore order and keeping your basic needs in stock is not too much to ask. This may be common sense, but there is a lot of people out there that don't know how to respond to common sense.

Re: - posted by theopenlife, on: 2009/3/11 19:41

Regarding RobertW's and ccrider's words, I feel personally compelled to store up for the sake of blessing others if and when any calamity comes. Imagine an earthquake hitting your town, and being able to say to a needy person, "friend, take this meal and these clothes." "How did you know to prepare? Why are you being so generous at a time like this?" "I only knew I wanted to help others in the name of Christ, as His word has said."

In Romans, Paul remind the believers to "distribute to the necessity of the saints." We should be forward thinking to help other locales of the body, regardless of the situation.

Re: - posted by Lysa (), on: 2009/3/11 20:34

Quote:

-----DeepThinker wrote:

I think David Wilkerson can be trusted when he gives a warning, after all he has been proven that he is a prophet.

DeepThinker,

I really enjoy Conlon's and Wilkerson's sermons but I need to ask you how "we" know he is a proven prophet. I'm not trying to set you up or anything or be a smart alec. I've never considered him one and I don't think he is just being humble when he himself says that he isn't one.

Secondly, it took way more than 30 days to get order in New Orleans. If it is the WHOLE country, it would probably be way more than 30 months to get even a semblance of order.

#3... When I talked about not storing up food, I wasn't talking about the people who garden and lay up for the winter. If you thought I meant you, I'm sorry. It's just hard to type ALL your beliefs!! I used to be able to garden and I 'ALWAYS' loved my own fresh green beans, corn and beets during the winter months! If you garden and have extra that is great; keep doing what you are doing!

God bless,

Re: , on: 2009/3/11 20:54

Hey Lysa, Actually I was responding to the whole thread, not one in particular. Actually I read your post before I posted and I enjoyed what you wrote. In regards to Brother Wilkerson's being a proven prophet, have you read his book the Vision? It's an eye opener, everything that is happening today is in that book that was given to him back in 1973.

As for him denying that he is a prophet, he really should stop doing that, his humility only confuses the matter. I have a brother in Christ here who is a prophet, he does the same thing. And the reason why he does it because he sees himself as not fit for the kingdom of God, or called to that office. And I know what they mean. In the revival that comes the LORD told me that I will bless many with my singing. But because I have been put down everytime I open my mouth to sing, I feel that perhaps that I wasn't called into this. And that is basically what we are saying, so we need to stop doing that and just accept the call to whatever God has called us into regardless of what we think about ourselves.

I hope that makes some sense.

Re: , on: 2009/3/11 21:47

Quote:

-----I feel personally compelled to store up for the sake of blessing others if and when any calamity comes.

Amen brother. There is a false idea going around that it is a sin to do so.

Surely there are also hypocrites who will store up food under the reasoning you have given here. They will be exposed as goats at the time of trouble when they come up with a reason not to share it. A good self check for us all is to see if we are doing anything to help others out of our abundance, if not, we surely will NOT help others when we are in need. I would recommend anyone who hasn't listened to this short message to do so as a means of examining your heart in this area. (<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid16428&commentViewitemComments>) Sheep and Goats - David Servant

I can guarantee that those you help will not be calling you names like "selfish" and "ungodly" as you meet their need (and glorify Christ in doing so).

In Him - Jim