

# Spiritual Assessment

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From a *big picture* perspective, using the rubric of Bible Truth, how would YOU assess the state of our global culture today? In light of the full Counsel of the Word of God, we still find ourselves *in the days of Lot and Noah*. Recall: Lot was removed from the object of wrath – Sodom (Genesis 19) – BEFORE the wrath of God was unleashed. See Mt. 24 & Luke 17 where the tie to end-time living is made. As Noah and Lot were delivered by the mercy and grace of God, so too will God’s Church in Jesus Christ be gloriously delivered from the eschatological bowls of wrath (Rev. 15, 16). Our Lord’s teaching is clear: Those who are taken up (one of the two in bed; one of the two grinding; one of the two field workers) MISS the wrath of God. See Luke 17:22-37 (especially verses 33-36). Those who are rapture-gathered before God’s bowls of wrath are poured out are those who continue in enduring faith. They are lifted out of harm’s way just like Noah (who was lifted up through the instrument of the ark) and Lot (who was taken out of Sodom by God’s deliverers). Luke 17 **denies** the false teaching which heralds just the opposite – that it is the godly who are left and the wicked who are taken. Lot’s experience is clear, as is Noah’s.

So how is this related to “assessment” today? We’re at a place in history when Jesus Christ’s (2<sup>nd</sup> Coming) **initial appearing** (Mt. 24:30 ; Rev. 6:14-17) is close. We are called by our Savior to be willing to lose our lives so that we may enjoy eternal life with God. (Luke 17:32, 33 ; Mt. 24:13) The culture of the earth today is such that the time is ripe for the AX (the antichrist) to come on the world scene at any time. His *début* and global following will fulfill many prophecies God has given about this time we’ve been calling *the end of days*. As we “assess,” we ask this pressing question: Is the Church of God ready & watching as our Lord has so clearly mandated? Are we discerning our time – early eschatological tribulation? Are we prepared, mentally and spiritually, for the period of time the Word of God calls *the war against the Saints* ? (coming soon) Many don’t think so today. See our articles, “[Now The Rapture? Part 1](#)” and “[Now the Rapture? Part 2](#)” for insight affirming God’s Counsel on these eternally binding matters.

One more assessment: As the battles continue internal to the Republican Party, so (too) are the spiritual battles raging on internal to the church. As the Republican *RINOs* vie for position to impede efforts of national healing and correction under the new administration, so too do false teachers and false prophets within the church continue their efforts to deceive. Indeed: There are many *wolves in sheep clothing* today, ones within many local churches. Beware. Be discerning. God’s explicit Word rules!

In our partial assessment above, we believe a most precious 2025 ministry emphasis has surfaced, one which Endurance Ministries will be highlighting this next year. Lord willing, we’ll be promoting [gratitude | a grateful heart](#) (see the bottom of the page where our annual emphases are posted) in order to foster godly perspective in the setting of unrest & major cultural change. Join us as we magnify our Lord together ... as we exalt His name together, especially through – as outlined in God’s Word – regular THANKSGIVING to our kind, loving, generous-in-extending-blessings Most High God. As a result of this 2025 focus, the Psalms will be one key part of our messages encouraging gratitude.

As we close this article, please don’t forget that which drives our ministry efforts: Having been graciously given **the love of Christ for His Church and for the world**, we care enough to speak out on pressing cultural issues, ones most threatening today as darkness makes its move to rule the world – Daniel 2, 7.

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