

# ***Forerunners for Christ Los Angeles***

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**October 21, 2024 – The Forerunner Message in the End Times – Erlinda Cruz**

## ***Cultivate a Heart***

Knowing that the last days are defined as perilous times by the Apostle Paul, we see how he was not just helping Timothy during his time but most importantly we hear his instructions and warnings directed to us today! In our Sunday message we looked briefly at the exhortation of the Hebrew writer to have a hearing heart. In the NKJV:

“Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: ‘Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness, Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, And saw My works forty years. Therefore I was angry with that generation, And said, “They always go astray in their heart, And they have not known My ways.” So I swore in My wrath, “They shall not enter My rest.”’ Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called ‘Today,’ lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, while it is said: ‘Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.’”  
Hebrews 3:7-15 NKJV

Again, the Hebrew writer pressed on with this narrative:

“Since therefore it remains that some must enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience, again He designates a certain day, saying in David, ‘Today,’ after such a long time, as it has been said: ‘Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts.’ For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.”  
Hebrews 4:6-10 NKJV

The generation we are in will be the generation to see the return of Jesus and as such we see the signs of the times as real and as close to the advent of the return of Jesus! We rejoice and we expect if we know the significance of His return! Meantime let us be strengthened in our faith. Let us allow our hearts to hear what God is saying; let’s heed!

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Here's an article of Francis Frangipane:

## **Embracing the Fight of Faith—Pt. 1 By Francis Frangipane**

In spite of worldwide conflicts, the Holy Spirit is guiding the church into its greatest season of transformation.

We must not look at the pressures of our times as though they were obstacles set to restrict us.

For in the hands of the Almighty, these are the very tools He is using to perfect us.

One of the problems of interpreting end time events is the tendency to focus only upon one set of conditions.

If we only look at the fact that Satan will be raging or that there will be lawlessness, wars, earthquakes and famines, we might conclude that difficulties and darkness is all that we have awaiting us until the rapture.

Yet, the same Spirit that predicted the perilous conditions at the end of the age, also forecasts that, in spite of difficulties and battle, the gospel of the kingdom of heaven will be proclaimed worldwide to all nations (Matt. 24:14).

The Lord also said that the “crop” of last days Christians will reach full stature (Mk. 4:29), and those who know their God will be strong, do exploits, shine like the stars and lead multitudes to righteousness (Dan. 11:32; 12:3).

Our focus must remain riveted upon becoming like Christ in all things.

One might argue, “But the world around me is full of sin and wickedness – and it is getting worse!” Yes, but the Bible tells us that where sin abounds, the grace of God abounds more so (Rom. 5:20).

We might be overwhelmed by the flood of evil storming against our societies.

Yet, the promise of God is that, when the enemy comes in like a flood, God shall raise a standard against him (Isa. 59:19).

(To be continued!)

*Please read Hebrews 3*