

Letter from Anne Graham Lotz

Spring 2014

"They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other."-- Matthew 24:30-31

efore an orchestra strikes the first note of the symphony, the musicians begin to tune their various instruments. The sounds are very discordant as the strings or horns or trumpets are taken up and down the musical scale to make sure all is ready for the performance. This AnGeL can almost hear the Last Trumpet being tuned. It's almost time for the performance of the ages as one blast will announce the Beginning of the End.

The apostle Paul echoed what Jesus predicted in Matthew 24 when he explained, For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

From my understanding of Scripture, there is no prophecy that yet needs to be fulfilled before the Trumpet sounds, and we...followers of Jesus who have put our faith and trust in Him...are caught up to meet Jesus in the air. I believe His coming is imminent. At any given moment, we will hear that Trumpet blast that our spirits will instinctively recognize as an authoritative call to leave the harvest fields and come Home. Faster than we can blink our eyes, our bodies will have chemical changes that will suit them to live in eternity, and we will find ourselves in the stratosphere where angels will gather us together with our loved ones who have preceded us in death. I will see my mother! And my beloved grandparents! And other family members, friends, and those who were followers of Jesus during their lifetimes, but have died. And I will see Jesus!



Anne's premium channel on iDisciple gives subscribers access to fresh Bible studies, inspirational blogs, and compelling radio and video messages not available anywhere else. All are designed to challenge and encourage subscribers to draw closer to the heart of God and grow stronger in faith.

he *Left Behind* series of novels popularized the theme of the return of Jesus, selling over 75 million copies. The very first novel in the 12-book series describes the moment when the Trumpet sounds... heard by followers of Jesus, but not others. Suddenly, in a nanosecond of time, millions of people disappear to meet the Lord in the air, while the rest of the world is left to wonder, where did all the people go?



After a very successful interview for a television program, Without Shackles, that targets Arabic speaking women in the Middle East, the interviewer came to our office and filmed another two hours with Anne. The questions were asked in Arabic, then in English, challenging Anne to stay focused. The result, once again, was a powerful, Spirit-led interaction that we pray will help set women free through faith in Jesus Christ.

his past Spring we had a dramatic illustration of what that day may be like. On March 8 a Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777, on its way from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing, vanished over the South China Sea. Without a trace. And with 239 people on board. It was described as an "unprecedented mystery."

The pictures of distraught friends and family members of those who were missing were heart-wrenching as they were played and replayed on television and online, then saturated the newspapers and magazines. As we all prayed for God's peace and comfort for those who were grieving, as well as God's direction of the search and rescue teams who desperately looked for clues that would solve the mystery, the unanswered questions kept coming...How could a modern airliner drop out of sight so quickly and completely? What happened to the plane itself? Where were all the people?

As I prayerfully pondered the incomprehensible, I began to wonder... Was the worldwide sense of shock and helplessness, of questions and confusion, of fear and grief, a glimpse of things to come? Was it a small snapshot of what the entire world will experience the day after the Trumpet sounds and we are caught up in the air to be with our Lord forever? Because the Bible is clear. There is coming a moment in time when Jesus will come back to gather to Himself all those—dead and alive—who have put their trust in Him. And on that day, the world will be asking, Where have all the people gone? Not just 239 of us in the South China Sea, but millions of us worldwide.

On that day, with millions of people directly impacted by their own missing friends and family members...in the midst of overwhelming shock and helplessness, of questions and confusion, of fear and grief...when the world searches for clues, how easily will they find The Answer in what I leave behind? Will they find, not an oil slick or random debris, but traces of God's truth and grace and glory? Will they find the Gospel?

To this day, I have not been able to shake this thought... Will my life be a light to the world (Matthew 5:14) that points people to Jesus...after the Trumpet sounds and I am gone?

There is still time to get right with God, and to get right with others. There is still time to grow in my own reflection of Him. There is still time to tell others about Him. There is still time to serve Him. There is still time... But it's borrowed time. Don't waste it. Redeem it...

For His Glory,



Anne Graham Lotz



... like Habakkuk, I will rejoice in the Lord as I let go of what I want, when I want it, how I want it, and I lie down in the arms of my heavenly Father. http://ow.ly/udRHQ



Resting In the Will of God

Have you ever felt torn between what is and what should have been, could have been or would have been if such-and-such had not taken place? Have...

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"Just what I needed for today!" - M.

"This was so timely for me right now. Every day I struggle with turning it over to the Lord. He always answers in ways we don't expect. This was one of them. Thank you." - S.

"Thank you, Anne! You bringing the Lord's word to us each day is a blessing!" - C.

Bible Study: Are You Ready?

Jesus is coming! How do you react to that statement of truth? Some people wring their hands in fear. Or roll their eyes in skepticism. Or yawn with disinterest. Or jump up and down with excitement. How should we react to that statement? While no one knows the day or the hour of His return, Jesus Himself instructed His disciples repeatedly to be ready (Luke 12:35, 38, 40, 47). And the Bible tells us exactly how.

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 and Matthew 5:1-13

I. BY BEING FOCUSED ON THE FUTURE

- **In your own words, describe the event Paul is referring to in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.
- **Do you think this event is symbolic, spiritual, or a literal event that will take place in human history? Give Biblical reasons for your answer.
- **What additional information about this future event do you learn from 1 Corinthians 15:51-57? Matthew 24:36-42? Matthew 25:1-13?
- **How are we encouraged to use this information? 1 Thessalonians 4:18; 5:11; John 14:1-3.
- **If Jesus returns tomorrow, what will you wish you had done differently today?

II. BY BEING FAITHFUL IN THE PRESENT

- **How should our focus on the future impact the way we live today? 1 John 2:28-3:3.
- **According to the following verses, in what other ways are we to be faithful in the present?

 Matthew 24:42-44; 25:13.
- **What do you think it means practically to "watch?"
- **Why do we need to be intentional about watching? 1 Thessalonians 5:1-4; 2 Peter 3:10; Luke 12:38-40; Revelation 16:15.
- **What are some of the consequences of not watching? Matthew 24:48-51; 25:1-13.
- **What is another way we can we be faithful at present? Matthew 24:45-47; John 9:4; Luke 12:35-38.
- **If Jesus returns tomorrow, what will you be glad you did today?

III. BY BEING FILLED EVERY MOMENT

- **Re-read Matthew 25:1-13.
- **What did all 10 of the virgins have in common?
- **How are all 10 virgins representative of the organized church today?
- **What was the primary difference between the two groups of five?
- **What do you think the oil represents?
- **How does this difference also exist in the church today?
- **In light of 1 Thessalonians 4:16, what do you think the midnight cry represents?
- **What was the reason the bridegroom didn't let the foolish virgins into the wedding banquet?
- **Relate this to Matthew 7:21-23; John 3:5-6; Romans 8:9; 2 Corinthians 1:21-22.
- **Give one action item from each pair of verses that, taken together, insure you are one of the wise virgins: Romans 3:23 with 1 John 1:9; Acts 2:38 with Acts 3:19; John 3:16 with Romans 10:9-10; Revelation 3:20 with John 1:12; John 14:16-17 with Ephesians 1:13-14; Ephesians 5:15-18 with 2 Peter 3:14.
- **If Jesus returns at midnight, are you ready?

If you are ready, what will you do to help others get ready? And if you are not ready, what will you do to get ready yourself? Do it now.



In a small, upstairs studio that was filled with not only great equipment but with the Spirit of God, Anne recorded the audio version of Wounded by God's People. Dana Dixon, who heads up our audio/video area, worked with the sound engineer, Eric, as they both listened to voice inflections and word pronunciations so that hopefully what was finalized will be very compelling. The audio book is available now.

"Wounded by God's People is like a long cool drink after years in the desert. It's changing me by healing the hurts I've carried for years, while making me even more compassionate towards others." - M.

"Your book encouraged me to go deeper in being able to forgive. I am asking the Lord to show me a new ministry and ways to embrace the pain." - G.

Resources

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PRAISE

- **For the expansion of our social media through Facebook and Pinterest that has been very encouraging.
- **For the tens of thousands who have responded to our blogs and other postings, indicating God is using this medium to connect with His people.
- **For our new 30-minute, weekly radio program, *Living* in the *Light*, now heard on almost 100 outlets.
- **For His leadership in directing us to specific vendors, companies, publishers, and other friends who have enabled us to expand our ministry.
- **For the inspiration He gave Anne to revise her book, Heaven: My Father's House.
- **For the increasing strength of Anne's husband, Danny, and the stability of her father.

PRAYER

- **For Anne's participation as the Honorary Chair of the National Day of Prayer to bear much eternal fruit; that as her messages continue to go out, people will turn to God in repentance of their own sin as they pray for our nation to turn back to Him.
- **For wisdom to know how best to communicate the messages via our website that God puts on Anne's heart.
- **For an increasing online presence that will enable the messages to reach a broad, international spectrum of people.
- **For each of us individually and all of us collectively at AnGeL Ministries to be ready for His return, whenever it is.



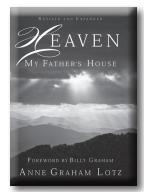
Find Anne on Pinterest and be inspired by a variety of resources including videos, writings and beautiful pictures that capture the heart of her message. Her Pinterest Boards include God's Word, Quotes, Lessons from the Fig Tree, Family and much more!

"How wonderful! I didn't know that you were on Pinterest. God carries the Graham family on into the next generation for His work. Thank you Lord!" - W.C.

"Anne Graham Lotz speaks around the globe with the wisdom and authority of years spent studying God's Word." - J.M.

"I love Anne's books, blog and Bible studies." - J.D.

Heaven: My Father's House



Combining the apostle John's glorious description of Heaven from Revelation with heart-touching reflections on her own father's charming mountain home, Anne weaves a tapestry of truth that will take away your fear of death and fill you with hope for the future. With her mother now gone and her husband and father both in failing health, Heaven has been on Anne's mind, inspiring her to add and revise 40 percent of the content to her classic book, *Heaven: My Father's House*. She beautifully shares her own vulnerability and stories to offer encouragement for this journey all believers are on as we head toward *Heaven: My Father's House*. **Available June 2014 - Now taking pre-orders.**

Wounded by God's People Audio

Listen as Anne reads her latest book, *Wounded by God's People*. The emotion and warmth of her voice bring the words to life, making it even more personal. Perhaps you are among those who have been so deeply hurt that you have confused God's imperfect people with God. Maybe you have even run away from God as a result. Or perhaps you have been a wounder to the extent that you are living in a self-imposed exile, believing you are unworthy to be restored to a warm, loving relationship with God or with God's people. Whatever your hurts may be, *Wounded by God's People* helps you to begin a healing journey---one that enables you to reclaim the joy of God's presence and all the blessings

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