An Overview of "The Christian Perspective of the Coronavirus Pandemic and Biblically Related Themes Examined"

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Introduction:

All over the world 2020 was a difficult year for many. Some people lost their loved ones and some people lost their jobs, business or their livelihood. The whole world was filled with fear and distress because of the possible spread of Covid-19 throughout the year. However, the Christian perspective is totally different from the worldly view as we noted in the content of this book as "we walk by faith not by sight" (2 Cor 5:7).

I'd like to thank God for the laudable efforts of Rev Jack & Mrs Angie Sin and for their timely exhortation to counsel, comfort and encourage the brethren throughout the world by writing this book called "The Christian Perspective of the Coronavirus Pandemic and Biblically related themes examined which is relevant for all of us. I have learned some important lessons by reading this book from a Biblical perspective and here are some of them as given below.

- 1. We need to ponder the Truth and to take the right precautions, understanding the seriousness of this Pandemic, overcoming or avoiding unreasonable fears. "You will know the Truth and the Truth will set you free" (John 8:32).
- 2. As believers we are not to be the victims of this pandemic; rather we have a grave duty to show the love of Christ to our fellow humans by praying for them and by sharing the message of hope and salvation.
- 3. Suffering during the pandemic is not meant to put us down; but to build up our faith and to grow in deeper communion with Christ.
- 4. As believers we know nothing happens by chance but by the choice of God in our lives "All these are the beginning of sorrows" and this gives us peace and comfort in this crisis (Mat24:1-24).
- 5. This Pandemic reminds us that we cannot live for nor rely on the temporal pleasures of this world, but we look forward to God for the eternal Salvation for our Souls.
- 6. Our priorities must be put on high above and we should keep up our spiritual and mental health by trusting in the Lord as a covenant family in the midst of this health crisis.
- 7. Nature declares the glory of God and we need to study the Bible deeper during the pandemic, which explains God's plan for His covenant people even in the midst of the pandemic.
- 8. We need to distinguish the fear of God and the terror of death because the fear of the Lord leads to life –Proverbs 19:23.
- 9. We need to seek what is the will of God or the purpose of our lives during this Pandemic. Certainly, God has a purpose for everything, even in trying times.
- 10. Finally, we need to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. This would be a needful, practical aspect for every human, for our lives are in the hands of God.

Conclusion:

The book of Exodus recorded 10 plagues sent by the Lord to Egypt. Those plagues had a purpose to warn and to redeem the people of Israel from the hands of Pharaoh. This Covid-19 Pandemic (and this timely book written on it) could be a similar spiritual reminder, to help us to turn back to the Lord in faith and repentance of sins and to seek his grace in eternal Salvation. I would heartily recommend this book to everyone to read it.

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