

Greetings from Tyler,

This morning we sent an urgent e-mail requesting prayer for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ham. Their son Bobby was killed instantly in a violent car crash on Tuesday that also grievously injured Mr. and Mrs. Ham. Though their injuries were not thought to be life-threatening, both have had additional complications and their condition is now critical. We can only pray that God will intervene on behalf of these wonderful, faithful friends.

All of us are watching in agony as the President, Congress and top Fed and Treasury officials grapple in a near panic as to how or whether the economic crisis can be remedied. You may be a little sick of the lectures we're getting from some of the very people who've benefited and been personally involved in corruption so massive that it threatens to bankrupt the entire system. But there they are, pointing fingers in all directions and demanding that we agree with this or that position on the massive "bailout" proposal, or else!

On the one hand we're told that \$700 billion must be allocated now or our entire economic infrastructure will collapse and cease to operate. On the other hand we're told that it is a grab for government ownership, the nationalization of key sectors of the economy, a socialist move worthy of the Soviet Union. Who do you believe? Can you trust politicians who've been part and parcel with this massive train wreck?

We thought the war on terror might be the issue on which the presidential election hinged. Iran's nuclear ambitions, the threat they pose to Israel, to the U.S. and ultimately the entire world has also loomed over the election. Then the energy crisis took front and center, and until last week was the hot topic and top concern. Now we're focused almost exclusively on the worst economic crisis since the great Depression and watching as our top officials wring their hands over the prospects of survival for our economic infrastructure!

Is this the crisis that will bring about a global financial system that will "solve" all these problems? We don't see it yet, thankfully. But you can't help but wonder when you see our leaders so visibly shaken in the throes of near panic.

We've posted two commentaries on the financial morass in the last forty-eight hours, and there will be more as events warrant.

There are many other subjects that are pressing, and important to the prophetic scenario. Last week British courts decided that Sharia law will be recognized as binding in England. This week a bill has been introduced in Congress that would ban the practice of Sharia in the United States, and calls for deportation of any who would promote its practice. Europe is appeasing Muslim culture, and the stage is set for major upheaval.

Are we ready for any "worst case scenario" on any of these fronts! Clearly, the nation is not ready. Is the church ready? That's a question we each have to ask of ourselves. These are frightening times in which we live. We can only do our part and ask God's guidance

and protection.

The GTA program this week pulled 331 requests, with one hundred sixty four first time callers. The subject was the upcoming pagan holiday, Halloween. We timed it so that the callers might receive the material prior to the event itself. Thanks to everybody.

Sincerely,

Mark Armstrong