

Greetings from Tyler,

There is no way we could be sounding the alarm any more urgently than the headlines are. Even in the wake of the passage of the \$700 billion taxpayer funded "bailout" bill today, we are being warned that the system that generated this catastrophe has not been fixed! In fact this money and the power that accompanies it is being placed into the hands of those who have been up to their eyeballs, even benefiting personally in some cases, from their participation in the corruption that spawned the crisis.

Even some of the politicians who wrote and rammed this bill down the throats of taxpaying, bill-paying Americans are lamenting the fact that it is a poor and inadequate attempt to solve the mess the financial sector is in, but are saying they had no choice but to pass it to avoid a complete economic meltdown.

It is only a temporary measure! They've pumped more helium into this over-inflated balloon without addressing the underlying problem. In the name of social equity, "fairness" if you will, they've pressured lending institutions to make terrible loans, and packaged them into the federally chartered mortgage institutions, Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae.

Having failed to democratically institute socialism as the American system of government, a situation has been created that forces income redistribution on a massive scale in the name of saving capitalism. And it will not change, for all the talk of change. In the current presidential election we've got a choice between bad and worse. We grow weary, maybe even angry as we watch as our politicians cave in to "save" a system that has brought the American economy to the brink of ruin. And the problems don't stop at the water's edge.

Europe is feeling the pressure as well. France's Sarkozy and other European officials are arguing over whether a "bailout fund" should be created to deal with the banking crisis that exists on their continent. French Prime Minister Francois Fillon is quoted as saying the world stands at the "edge of the abyss." Of course, the Europeans are all in favor of our government's bailout boondoggle, because they fear their economies are in mortal danger.

As I wrote last week, GTA often proposed that a global economic collapse might well be the trigger that would bring about an entirely new economic and political order. And we're talking now about that end-time scenario where no man might buy or sell unless he paid allegiance to that new order and economic system. Is that where all this is taking us?

I can tell you that patriots in this nation are disgusted. Rather than returning to the sound principals that built this nation, our leaders are determined to prop up a "politically correct," or more accurately, socialist redistribution scheme that is destroying our very foundations. Is there any hope left for setting this nation right and avoiding the collapse that has just been temporarily delayed? Is there any sign that America will turn to God in this time of crisis? You can answer that one.

God promises that He will respond to those who seek Him in times of despair. But He expects respect and yes, obedience. That's a concept that is totally foreign within the realm of mainstream Christianity! Nope. It's going to take a lot more than frightening headlines and hand-wringing politicians to shake up this people.

It's a good thing we've got something else to look toward, beyond the disingenuous politics, greed and corruption of this doomed age. Otherwise, we might really get ourselves into a bad mood.

The Garner Ted Armstrong program this week was back on the full ION network. It offered the very wide-ranging booklet, The Answer to Unanswered Prayer. The phones are still ringing, and we've tabulated 606 responses, with three hundred fifty six first time contacts. That booklet is

thought by many to be one of the most profound they've ever read, and it does contain the essence of the whole plan of God. The work is being done, and we're doing it together!

Thanks, everybody.

Mark Armstrong

P.S. Here's a report from Cindy Hunter on the condition of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ham:

"I got some good news on both Robert and Charlotte today. Charles and Betty Gulley, from our congregation, and long-time friends of the Ham's, went to visit them yesterday. They said Charlotte cracked a big smile when they walked in the room. She told them she was going to be just fine. Robert is still having difficulty talking, but they have removed the feeding tube. His throat is sore from that. They've also got his neck restricted with an "insurance collar" due to the damaged vertebrae, I imagine. Charles had a hard time understanding his speech due to so many constraints. They had a good visit and hope to return one more time before the Feast. It looks like these prayers are paying off. Charles and Betty let them know just how many were praying for their full recovery. Both are grateful. I'll keep you posted as I learn more first hand news."

From Cindy Hunter, Atlanta, GA