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Signs of the Times: Shining Bible Light on Current Events

The Lord has wrought many blessed judgments in the world this week. The Word of the Lord provides an appropriate standard through which we may view them from a proper perspective:

Super Bowl LVIII is an event capturing the attention of millions across the world to see which team will be handed the Lombardi trophy for the next year. A fleeting treasure if you even want to call it that. **“Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.”** (1 Corinthians 9:24-27) Also see **Matthew 6:19-24**, **Matthew 19:16-22**, and **Luke 12:22-40**. “What’s wrong with enjoying a bit of football?” you may ask, seeking to justify and dissimulate. Not much by itself. However, when you start placing more significance on, giving more attention to, or attributing more prominence towards a sporting event than you do towards serving your Creator, it has become an idol to you. Flee from idolatry. **1 Corinthians 10:14**.

“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;” (Titus 2:11-12) Redeem the time and use what God has given to you to worship and serve Him.

“See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;” (Ephesians 5:15-18)

King Charles III, the 75-year-old current sitting monarch of the United Kingdom, was diagnosed with cancer this week. The type of cancer and current prognosis are unknown, but King Charles started treatment and took time to visit with his family about his condition. **“See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.”** (Deuteronomy 32:39) The Lord controls all matters of this world, including your life and will. **“The king’s heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.”** (Proverbs 21:1) Now, as the prognosis has not been shared, it could be the Lord will deliver you from this condition, King Charles. Praise Him. You should remember how King Hezekiah reacted when he was sick unto death. **“In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not live. Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, And said, Remember now, O LORD, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.”** (Isaiah 38:1-4) Then, read Hezekiah’s response upon recovery starting at **Isaiah 38:9**. Don’t forget God. Turn from your wickedness and humble yourself before Him.

“The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.” (Psalm 9:17)