



# BIBLE NUGGETS

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## A Bible Nugget Special Addition

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### A Biblical Perspective On CIVID-19 -2

**“You Have Not Yet Resisted Unto Blood, Striving Against Sin” Hebrew 12:4.**

#### **Our Watchmen Have Fallen Asleep:**

“If thou has run with footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how can thou contend with horses?” (Jer. 12:5). If Covid-19 wearied you, then how can you American Christians grapple with Marxism? **Believers are growing weary because our watchmen are asleep to the challenges.** Our weary souls long for our fellow Christians to wake out of sleep. Loneliness in this challenge, and in this Christian journey, only feeds our weariness. “And let us not grow weary of well doing, for in due season we will reap, if we faint not” (Gal. 6:9).

#### **There is a Pandemic in the Spiritual Order:**

Up to 25% of churches have closed for good. Less than 20% of professing Christians attend church on a regular basis. This shouldn't be a shocking revelation to mature believers. The Apostle Paul makes it clear in 2 Thess. 2:3, that the Day of the Lord, at the time of worldwide judgment (Isa. 13:6; Obad. 1:15), will not transpire until two things happen. First, the falling away, or great apostasy, must occur. Second, the “man of sin” (lawlessness) must be revealed, he who is called the “son of perdition,” also known as the Antichrist. Just prior to this the rapture will occur. “Seeing all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of people ought you to be in all holy conversation (conduct) and godliness” (2 Pet. 3:11).

#### **Suffering For Righteousness:**

Suffering is an expected element in Christian living (John 15:18-21; 16:33; 2 Tim. 2:3). The actual “persecution” may be less when there has been more Christian influence on the laws and cultural values of our nation, but the unbelieving world will always remain deeply hostile to the gospel. Christians should not be surprised that unbelievers in the world hate them. It follows a pattern seen in the world since Cain murdered Abel (Gen. 4:8; Heb. 11:4; 1 John 3:12), and it is seen in the world's reaction to Christ himself (John 15:18). “Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” (Mat. 5:10).

## **Remember Those In Bondage:**

“Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them who suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body” (Heb. 13:3).

## **North Korea The Worse of The Worse:**

Behind the news headlines, a massive underground church of an estimated 200,000 to 400,000 believers is growing in North Korea. And tens of thousands of secret believers are held concentration camps. It is a miracle that this underground in North Korea is able to exist. But more than that, it is growing. One Christian has shared: “One day the borders will open and we will unite with the South Korean and the Chinese church to bring the gospel to some of the darkest places on this earth.”

## **Afghanistan: Second Worse:**

Afghanistan is once again only a point behind North Korea’s ranking on 2020 World Watch List. An Islamic state by constitution, the country does not permit any faith other than Islam to exist; it’s illegal to convert. To convert to a faith outside Islam is tantamount to treason because it’s seem as a betrayal of the family, the tribe and country. Afghanistan is where Christianity can only exists in secret. If the new convert to Christianity is discovered either they have to flee the country or they will be killed. Despise the harsh treatment, many sources claim that there is a secret underground church of Afghan-Christians numbering from 500 to 8000.

## **Somalia: Third Worse:**

Estimates suggest that 99 percent of Somali citizens are Muslims, and any minority religions are heavily persecuted. The violent extremist group, al-Shabab, which subscribes to the ultra-strict Islamic doctrine of Wahhabism, advocates Shariah law as the basis for regulating all aspects all aspects of life in Somalia. This group has repeatedly expressed its desire to eradicate Christians from the country. Being exposed as a Christian in Somalia means life-threatening danger, often leading to on the spot execution. As a result, most Somalia Christians keep their faith completely secret. But despite the risks, Somali people are coming to faith in the Lord Jesus.

## **Libya: Fourth Worse:**

**After the ouster of former dictator Muammar Gaddafi, Libya plunged into chaos and anarchy. The continued absence of a single central government to uphold law and order has enabled various Islamic militant groups to control parts of the country. There is no freedom for Christians in Libya. Christians are at risk all over the country. Libyan converts to Christianity face abuse and violence for their decision to follow Christ. Other Christians are directly delivered into the hands of criminal officials or in the hands of human traffickers.**

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