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Pastor's Perspective:



Greetings Cornerstone

Yesterday I spent a few moments with you addressing this issue we are experiencing right now, the Coronavirus. Obviously, this is a serious issue, but I fear it is being made more frightening to us by news outlets and political pundits. We certainly need to take the necessary precautions to not allow ourselves to become infected, but this panic buying we are seeing in stores is not the action that we should be taking. I received an article in the mail today that I am going to copy and paste for you at the end of my editorial that I encourage you to read and follow. I think it provides the proper perspective and actions we need to take.

If it becomes necessary for us to suspend regular worship service temporarily because of a local outbreak we will take appropriate action. With the platform of Facebook, I can still share messages with you and we can still interact via that platform plus through email and texting. I would encourage you to join me in praying specifically for the people who are working on finding treatments and vaccines for this virus. God has blessed some people with wonderful minds to figure these things out and we need to pray for God to open their eyes to see what they might have never seen before. I encourage you to put this at the top of your prayer list each day as you go before the Lord.

I believe that this coronavirus can be another opportunity for us to shine for Jesus and be the light that can help others find their way to him. If you remain calm and focused while so many around you are living in panic and fear you can be a great witness to God's power in your life. While we certainly want to keep living we also (as I have been preaching about for almost three months now) have a hope beyond this world. This fallen world with all its sin, sickness and disease will one day be resurrected to no longer be a place of sin, sickness, and disease. These things the Bible promises us WILL BE GONE FOREVER!! PRAISE THE LORD!

This Sunday I will speaking about "Ruling On The New Earth". I hope to see you then. For now, here is the article I mentioned.

Pastor Sheldon

Our Mission:

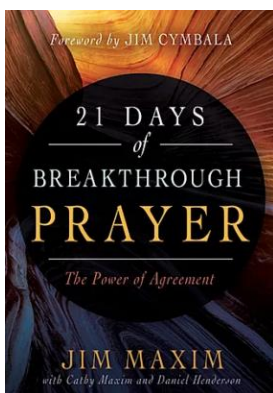
Passion For God's Purposes

Dr. James Robb, one of the first molecular virologists in the world to work on coronaviruses (SARS, MERS, etc in the 1970s) says contact is the issue – as opposed to airborne transmission. The only value of masks is to prevent you from touching your nose and/or mouth. We touch our nose/mouth 90X/day without knowing it! This is the only way this virus can infect you - it is lung-specific. The mask will not prevent the virus in a direct sneeze from getting into your nose or mouth - it is only to keep you from touching your nose or mouth.

This virus is spread in large droplets by coughing and sneezing. This means that the air will not infect you! BUT all the surfaces where these droplets land are infectious for about a week on average - everything that is associated with infected people will be contaminated and potentially infectious. The virus is on surfaces and you will not be infected unless your unprotected face is directly coughed or sneezed upon. This virus only has cell receptors for lung cells (it only infects your lungs). The only way for the virus to infect you is through your nose or mouth via your hands or an infected cough or sneeze onto or into your nose or mouth.

The most important item is disinfectant wipes with at least 60% alcohol. Stock up now with zinc lozenges. These lozenges have been proven to be effective in blocking coronavirus (and most other viruses) from multiplying in your throat and nasopharynx. Use as directed several times each day when you begin to feel ANY "cold-like" symptoms beginning. It is best to lie down and let the lozenge dissolve in the back of your throat and nasopharynx. NO HANDSHAKING! Use a fist bump, slight bow, elbow bump, etc. Use ONLY your knuckle to touch light switches, elevator buttons, etc. Lift the gasoline dispenser with a paper towel or use a disposable glove. Keep a bottle of sanitizer available at each of your home's entrances. AND in your car for use after getting gas or touching other contaminated objects when you can't immediately wash your hands.

If possible, cough or sneeze into a disposable tissue and discard. Use your elbow only if you have to. The clothing on your elbow will contain infectious virus that can be passed on for up to a week or more! Open doors with your closed fist or hip - do not grasp the handle with your hand, unless there is no other way to open the door. Especially important on bathroom and post office/commercial doors. Wash your hands with soap for 10-20 seconds and/or use a greater than 60% alcohol-based hand sanitizer whenever you return home from ANY activity that involves locations where other people have.



We are drawing closer to our special prayer emphasis leading us into Easter called 21 Days Of Prayer. I sincerely hope everyone will plan to be a part of this special prayer emphasis. We are focused on reaching out to our unsaved friends that we want to see come to Christ this Easter Sunday. Why not begin to pray now for those you want to see come to Christ this Easter? When we begin this 21-day emphasis we can then join together in prayer for these people.

Just A Thought

“Suffering has been stronger than all other teachings and has taught me to understand what your heart used to be. I have been bent and broken, but - I hope - into a better shape.”

— Charles Dickens, [Great Expectations](#)