

**A MESSAGE FROM DR LI WEN LIANG,  
A TRUE BELIEVER WHO DIED OF CORONAVIRUS IN WUHAN.**

12/2/20. All across China, people are talking about Dr Li Wen Liang. He was the doctor, who discovered the novel coronavirus. In the early morning of 7 Feb. 2020, he was promoted into glory and went home to be with our Father in heaven. He was 34 years.

Back in December last year, he was arrested for being a whistle blower 'spreading rumors' about a mysterious pneumonia like virus. This morning we found out he was in fact a fellow brother in Christ. Our hearts are deeply moved by his sacrificial choice to spread awareness about the virus despite the risks he faced, especially to his reputation and to his own health.

He continued to care for patients up until he himself was infected himself. What a legacy to leave behind of what it means to be like Jesus to those hurting in a time of crisis.

He chose to be an example of Immanuel, 'God with us' to the people of Wuhan. Can you imagine the joy he must have felt as he entered into eternity and heard the words, "Well done, my good and faithful servant"?

So today, please pray for his family, especially his wife who is also infected and 8 months pregnant with their second child. May God heal them super-naturally and give them grace, peace, strength and comfort during this time.

Dr Li Wen Liang penned a deeply touching Chinese poem below, of how he would miss his family, his beloved Wuhan and quoted 2 Tim 4:7-8. " I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing."

**"THE HERO WHO TOLD THE TRUTH"**

Here is a captivating, heart-touching Chinese poem translated into English. It was written in memory of Mr Li Wenliang, a Christian doctor and whistle-blower who died from the coronavirus himself after being punished for issuing the first warning about the deadly coronavirus outbreak.

"I don't want to be a hero. I still have my parents, and my children, and my pregnant wife who's about to give birth, and many of my patients in the ward.

Though my integrity cannot be exchanged for the goodness of others, Despite my loss and confusion, I should proceed anyway. Who let me choose this country and this family?

How many grievances do I have? When this battle is over, I will look up to the sky, With tears like rain." "I don't want to be a hero. But as a doctor, I cannot just see this unknown virus Hurting my peers and so many innocent people. Though they are dying, They are always looking at me in their eyes, with their hope of life."

"Who would have ever realised that I was going to die? My soul is in heaven, Looking at the white bed, on which lies my own body, with the same familiar face. Where are my parents? and my dear wife, the lady I once had a hard time chasing?"

"There is a light in the sky! At the end of that light is the heaven that people often talk about. But I'd rather not go there. I'd rather go back to my hometown in Wuhan. I have my new house there, for which I still have to pay off the loan every month.

“How can I give up? How can I give up? For my parents without their son, how sad must it be? For my sweetheart without her husband, How can she face the vicissitudes in her future? I am already gone. I see them taking my body, putting it into a bag, with which lie many compatriots

“Gone like me, Being pushed into the fire in the hearth at dawn.” “Goodbye, my dear ones. Farewell, Wuhan, my hometown. Hopefully, after the disaster, You’ll remember someone once I tried to let you know the truth as soon as possible.

Hopefully, after the disaster, you’ll learn what it means to be righteous. No more good people should suffer from endless fear, and helpless sadness.”

“I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness.” (2 Timothy 4:7 Holy Bible.)

## **THE NUMBER OF CORONAVIRUS CASES IS EXPLODING**

14 Feb 2020. Just as the mainstream media was starting to speculate that China could be getting this outbreak under control, a dramatic spike in the numbers has changed everything. All of a sudden people are freaking out again, global financial markets are gyrating all over the place and medical experts all over the world are making bold pronouncements of doom. Hubei province has reported **14,840** new infections and **242** more deaths from this virus. But the biggest reason why there was such a jump in the numbers is because a decision was made to reclassify patients that had been “clinically diagnosed” but up until now had not been counted as “confirmed cases”. The following comes from CNBC...

Overall, there are now 59,805 confirmed cases inside China, and another 13,000 outside China. The **death toll** has now passed the **1,500** mark. **Outside** of China, and now there are **524**. The figures are growing extensively every day.

It has become exceedingly apparent that this virus can be transmitted from person to person with extreme ease, and the Chinese need to settle in for a very long battle with this virus.

At this point, this virus is spreading very rapidly **even among the police and the military**. A staff member at the Central Theatre General Hospital (Hankou Hospital) in Wuhan confirmed **armed police officers were hospitalized**.

**Among them, 1,500 Chinese soldiers and 1,000 armed police are being quarantined**, and China Human Rights and Democracy Information Centre, headquartered in Hong Kong, reported on February 10 that **10 CCP soldiers and 15 armed police have been diagnosed with the new virus** in Hubei province.

As this crisis continues to intensify, experts all over the planet are fearing the worst. Neil Ferguson of Imperial College London says that the death rate among those that have the virus in Wuhan could ultimately go as high as 18%, and Hong Kong epidemiologist Gabriel Leung is warning that **most of the population of the globe** could end up being infected if dramatic action is not taken. In fact, many experts believe that we will now be dealing with this coronavirus year after year for the foreseeable future.

Hopefully that is not true, but without a doubt our world is getting **a little bit crazier with each passing day**.

## **WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT PANDEMIC DISEASES/SICKNESSES?**

Various outbreaks of pandemic diseases, such as Ebola or the coronavirus, have prompted many to ask why God allows — or even causes — pandemic diseases and whether such illnesses are a sign of the end times. The Bible, particularly the Old Testament, describes numerous occasions when God brought plagues and diseases on His people and on His enemies “to make you see my power” (Exodus 9:14, 16). He used **plagues on Egypt** to force Pharaoh to free the Israelites from bondage, while sparing His people from being affected by them (Exodus 12:13; 15:26), thus indicating His sovereign control over diseases and other afflictions.

God also warned His people of the consequences of disobedience, including plagues (Leviticus 26:21, 25). On two occasions, God destroyed 14,700 people and 24,000 people for various acts of disobedience (Numbers 16:49 and 25:9). After giving the Mosaic Law, God commanded the people to obey it or suffer many evils, including something that sounds like Ebola: “The Lord will strike you with wasting disease, with fever and inflammation . . . which will plague you until you perish” (Deuteronomy 28:22). These are just a few examples of many plagues and diseases God caused.

It’s sometimes hard to imagine our loving and merciful God displaying such wrath and anger toward His people. But God’s punishments always have the goal of repentance and restoration. In 2 Chronicles 7:13–14, God said to Solomon,

“When I shut up the heavens so that there is no **rain**, or command **locusts** to devour the land or send a **plague** among My people, if My people, who are called by My Name, will **humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.**”

Here we see God using disaster to draw His people to Himself, to bring about **repentance** and the desire to come to Him as children to their heavenly Father.

In the New Testament, Jesus healed “every disease and every sickness,” as well as plagues in the areas He visited (Matthew 9:35; 10:1; Mark 3:10). Just as God chose to use plagues and disease to show His power to the Israelites, Jesus healed as an exhibition of the same power to verify that He was truly the Son of God.

He gave the same healing power to the disciples to verify their ministry (Luke 9:1). God still allows sickness for His own purposes, but sometimes disease, even worldwide pandemics, are simply the result of living in a fallen world. There is no way to determine whether or not a pandemic has a specific spiritual cause, but we do know that God has sovereign control over all things (Romans 11:36) and will work all things together for the good of those who know and love Him (Romans 8:28).

The spread of sicknesses such as Ebola and the Coronavirus is a foretaste of pandemics that will be part of the end times. Jesus referred to future plagues associated with the last days (Luke 21:11). The two witnesses of Revelation 11 will have power “to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want” (Revelation 11:6). Seven angels will wield seven plagues in a series of **final, severe judgments** described in Revelation 16.

The appearance of pandemic diseases may or may not be tied to God’s specific judgment of sin. It could also simply be the **result of living in a fallen world**. Since no one knows the time of Jesus’ return, we must be careful about saying global pandemics are proof that we are living in the end times.

For those who do not know Jesus Christ as Saviour, disease should be a reminder that life on this earth is tenuous and can be lost at any moment. As bad as pandemics are, hell

will be worse. The Christian, however, has the assurance of salvation and the hope of eternity because of the blood of Christ shed on the cross for us. (Isaiah 53:5; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 9:28).