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Introduction:

The people of the world are losing their minds! But we are not of this world. Everybody is going crazy, don't go with them! The Bible predicts that it will get worse for those who reject God, but better for those who surrender their life to God.

In this message I'm going to reveal to you how easy it is to lose our mental health in this hour. If your mind is not clear and healthy you could fall fast into mental disease. I pray you understand the seriousness of this!

I'm also going to encourage you to be diligent to align with God's heart so that you and your family will have peace (mental health) in this anxiety-ridden, depressed, panic-stricken, sociopathic, narcissistic generation!

Anxiety & depression is up 93% since Covid emerged in the U.S. (According to MHA.) In all my years of pastoring I have never seen anything like this.

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So many people have begun taking anxiety and psychiatric medication and many doctors are giving it out like candy! What is God saying?

Why is everybody going crazy? How can we help them? Where is God in this global crisis of emotional & mental health? It is not just a U.S. thing! Did you know that thousands of years ago this was prophesied to happen?

The Bible reminds us that these are the days of God’s last great revival harvest & His final judgment. The good news is that these are also the days of the last great healing and deliverance awakening! You are not left without a comforting guide.

The Spirit of God wants to help you and your loved ones stay mentally healthy or become mentally healthy if you have been diseased.

Of course, we know there are many other factors contributing to the deterioration of our mental health including family breakdown, racism, riots, political division and the deception of conspiracy theories. We have fully developed those points in previous sermons, and we will do it again as the Lord leads.

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1. God is The Only Hope of The World

Yes, the world is mentally ill, but God loves us so much He still heals and delivers us.

Mt 4:24

Then His (Jesus') fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with **various diseases and torments**, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them.

Ps 103:3

(We serve a God) Who **forgives all your iniquities**, Who heals all your diseases...

2. Human Nurture Heals Mental Illness

The Lord once told me that a mentally ill man will be healed when he starts feeling accepted.

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1 Thessalonians 5:9

11 Therefore **encourage** (admonish, exhort) one another and edify (**strengthen and build up**) one another, just as you are doing.

3. Why You Need a New Prophet

The Lord is raising a new breed of preachers and prophets. These ones will love you enough to teach you the truth. Then you will be guaranteed peace and joy to the fullest!

1 Peter 2:1-3

1 So be done with every trace of wickedness (depravity, malignity) and all deceit and insincerity (pretense, hypocrisy) and grudges (envy, jealousy) and slander and evil speaking of every kind.

2 Like newborn babies you should crave (thirst for, earnestly desire) the pure (unadulterated) spiritual milk, that by it you may be nurtured and grow unto [completed] salvation,

3 Since you have [already] tasted the goodness and kindness of the Lord.

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Lamentations 2:14

14 Your prophets have predicted for you falsehood and delusion and foolish things; and **they have not exposed your iniquity** and guilt **to avert your captivity** [by causing you to repent].

But they have divined and declared to you false and deceptive prophecies, worthless and misleading.

4. How Sin Causes Mental Illness

Jn 5:14

Afterward (when Jesus healed him) Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, “See, **you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you.**”

Deuteronomy 28:15,28

15 “But it shall come to pass, **if you do not obey** the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments...these curses will come upon you:

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28 **The Lord will strike you with madness** and blindness and confusion of heart.

5. How Unforgiveness Torments Our Minds

Matthew 18:32-35

32 Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me.

33 Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?’

34 And his master was angry, and **delivered him to the torturers** until he should pay all that was due to him.

35 “So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does **not forgive** his brother his trespasses.”

6. How Do God’s Faithful Ministers Keep You Mentally Healthy?

1 “They Establish You in a Culture of Honor”

~ Husbands Love Your Wives

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- ~ Wives Honor & Submit to Your Husbands
- ~ Children Honor Your Mother & Father

2 “They Keep You in Spiritual Order”

- ~ Read Your Bible Daily
- ~ Abide in The Father
- ~ Don’t Forsake the Assembling on Sunday & Thursday
- ~ Enjoy Daily Christian Fellowship
- ~ Love God & Love People
- ~ Watch & Pray Always
- ~ Separate From the World
- ~ Live a Holy Life