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# Scott's Thoughts



*“Crash follows hard on crash; the whole land is laid waste. Suddenly my tents are laid waste, my curtains in a moment. How long must I see the standard and hear the sound of the*

*trumpet?” (Jeremiah 4:19–21, ESV)*

The last month of this year, 2020 is upon us. This year has been a period of time many would like to be able to forget. Covin19 has become a new word in not only our language but worldwide. It's a disease that has impacted the lives of people worldwide. Even for those who have not contacted the virus it has still had a tremendous impact on them, some for good some for the worse.

It started with a voluntary nationwide lock down. Although we started together as a nation, the lock downs soon became a problem for many people. Some businesses have not recovered from this measure and this problem continues to happen. We dislike being told how many can gather and disagree with the list of what can be open and what can't. I am ready to get back to normal

The availability of a vaccine has been promised and may happen before the end of the year. It remains to be seen how quickly we will be able to get treatment. Some will resist getting the vaccine others, like myself, will get

in line just as soon as possible. I have never understood the hesitation to get a vaccine. My mind goes back to some point in my childhood when the polio vaccine first came out. I remember Mom taking all five of us children to receive our dose. I did not know exactly what polio was, but I understood it was bad. Strange isn't it how people resist doing what is good for them. N o t

everything has been bad this year. As I think back to the start of the lock down, I think about the fact that we were slowly trying to get Live Streaming of our services, but it was slow going and frustrating. The lock down brought about a real need for us to get our problems resolved and we did. Live Stream has helped our members stay in touch with each other and stay informed. Our trip to Ukraine that was, originally, scheduled for April did not happen until October. However, it was the best trip Ava and I have ever made to Ukraine. We've made several other trips this past summer and fall. We recently celebrated our 50 years of marriage with family and friends. All this makes it hard to sit back and really trash this year. It has been an unusual year, but God is still in control and still has His plan.

*“O Jerusalem, wash your heart from evil, that you may be saved. How long shall your wicked thoughts lodge within you?” (Jeremiah 4:14, ESV)*

Thanks for listening and keep on shining.

—Scott