



It has often been said that as far as mankind is concerned, the clock is at

## One Minute to Midnight

**E**cologists now say that it is almost too late to repair the damage we have done to our world. Population explosions come with the attendant horrors of disease and starvation. The natural disasters seem to arrive more and more often. Nationalism and "ethnic cleansing" stalk the globe, and there is still the threat of "weapons of mass destruction" whether from the thousands of nuclear missiles and chemical and biological agents still held by nations across the world, or from those held by so called "rogue states".

**L**ife is very uncertain; Time is certainly running out.

**I**s there no solution to the problem? Must it always be a case that *"the courage of many people will falter because of the fearful fate they see coming upon the earth"* (1). If we only look to man, then the answer must be yes. We have failed, and everyday our televisions and newspapers emphasize how we have lost our way.

**H**owever there is a wonderful alternative for those who are prepared to look. If you only stop pursuing

the time worn and hopeless course of looking to improve yourself from within. Instead you need to *"set their hope in God"* (2). For despite world unrest, He has not abdicated His authority; He is still in complete control.

Not only God's power, but also His love is made available to anyone who will admit that they are powerless to help themselves.

**T**hat love is summed up in *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish, but have eternal life"* (3)

**T**he most dramatic event in anyone's life is when they turn from themselves, admit that they are sorry for what they have done in the past, and accept that only Jesus Christ can help them live a better life

**D**o this right now, and you need have no more fear of what the future will bring, for your life will be in the loving hands of the one who holds, and is, the future

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### Bible References

(1) Luke 21:26 (2) Psalm 78:7 (3) John 3:16

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