

# Divine Perspective: What's Happening and What's Coming?

Final part of the series, "Onward: Essentials for Moving Forward"

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## **God wants us to seek Him, refrain from evil and stay CLOSE to Him.**

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*"When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit."* (Psalm 34:17-18 ESV)

## **God's thoughts and ways are vastly DIFFERENT from our own.**

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*"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, <sup>3</sup>for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. <sup>4</sup>And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing... <sup>12</sup>Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him."* (James 1:2-4, 12 ESV)

## **Believe what God has said through His PROPHETIC word.**

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*"...Believe in the LORD your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper."* (2 Chronicles 20:20 NKJV)