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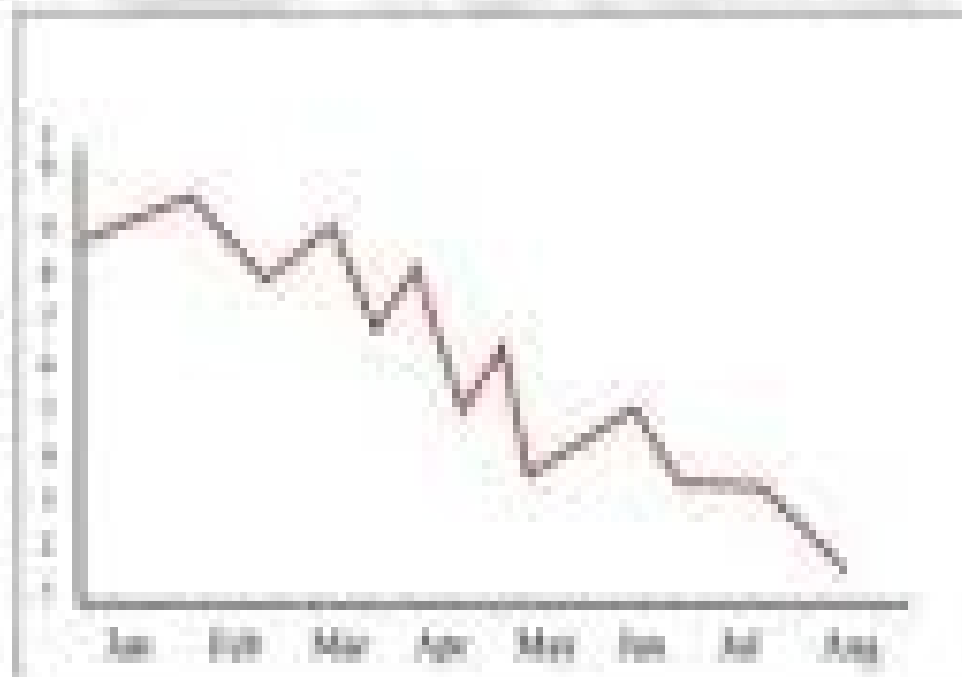
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# DOOM and GLOOM!

## No End in Sight!

Financial indicators all agree for the 11th straight month in a row. Experts fear that if there's no turn around soon we could go even lower. All sectors are down. Housing rates are still high with sales remaining flat and slow in spite of all efforts to keep things around. So what does it all mean? It means... **DOOM!**



## Job Market Shrinks

The job market continues to collapse as companies try to save their cash. Sales are being slashed, the rough economy. More and more jobs are being eliminated by the cost-cutting. The second quarter did not show the growth people were hoping for. So what does this all mean? It means... **DOOM!**

# INTRODUCTION

- Some never see the good
- All they see is gloom and doom
- Many live a life filled with these thoughts
- Say something positive or good – they will counter with – but it will get worse.

# INTRODUCTION

- I know there is bad, evil things in our world
- **Job 14:1** Man who is born of woman Is of few days and full of trouble.
- There are good things to think about

# INTRODUCTION

- **Philippians 4:8** Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy--meditate on these things.

# DOOM & GLOOM

- Many Christians fail to focus on the promises of God found in the Bible.
- Many are like the 10 spies with a doom and gloom report. (See Numbers 13:33)
- WHAT ARE SOME OF THE CAUSES OF THE “DOOM AND GLOOM” ATTITUDE?

# 1 – WRONG FOCUS

- Some have lost their spiritual eyesight
- The world has blinded them
- They focus on the present, temporary, world.
- If you dwell on the evening news – you will see all the gloom in our world

## 2 - FORGETFULNESS

- **Numbers 13:30-32** 30 Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it." 31 But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we." 32 And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature.

# 2 - FORGETFULNESS

- We must never forget how greatly we have been blessed by God.
- We must not lose sight of the fact that God is still in control.
- We must remember that this world is not our permanent home



# 3 – FARFETCHED GOALS

- Some are expecting sinless perfection
  - Church members are not
  - Preachers, elders, deacons are not
- Unrealistic goals set us up for disappointment
- Our goal is to please God, live in heaven

# 4 – DESTRUCTIVE WORDS

- Many children grow up hearing:
- Dumb, Stupid, Never amount to anything
- You are a loser, no chance for you
- You will never make it in this world
- Clumsy, Failure
- **THESE BECOME SELF-FULFILLING PROPHECIES!**

# HOW TO CONQUOR

- Commit the Scripture to our life
- Overcome Satan's attacks
- Never forget the Saints of old
- Quit listening to man more than God

# HOW TO CONQUOR

- Understand the special power of prayer
- Follow the example of Jesus
- Rely on the Lord to keep His Word