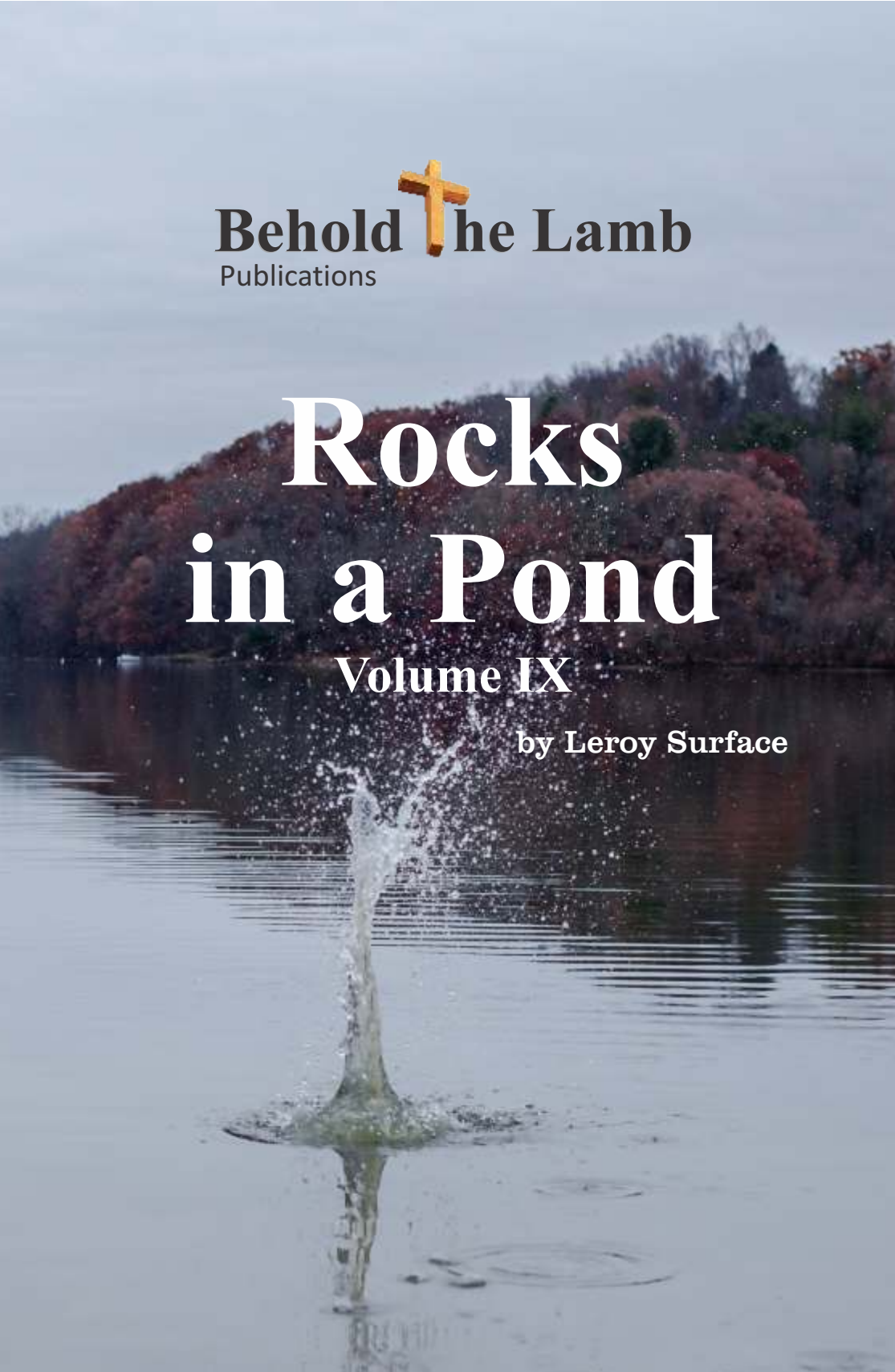




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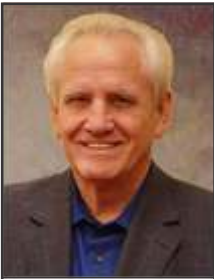
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“If you will say what I say, one day you will throw a rock into a pond, and the ripples will wash up on the shores of every nation.”

I was saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost March 9, 1958. I was called to preach in a vision from God in 1962. I became the pastor of a small full gospel church in March, 1964. In September 1966 I received from God a vision of the end of the world and the great white throne judgment. I saw men and women at that judgment rejected by God for no other reason than they had the blood of lost souls on their hands. These were the souls of their children, family, and friends they could have won. In the vision, God spoke to me; *“I have set you to be a watchman to my people. If you see the enemy and fail to warn them, I will require their blood at your hands.”* I began to receive the visions of a watchman from that same day. I saw the scandals in the television ministries before they happened. I warned people through the means of my “Watchman” publication, as well as numerous radio stations across the south. When the two largest television ministries in the world fell to sex scandals in 1987/1988, I told the Lord, *“I can’t do this anymore. I cannot continue to condemn others for the same sins that are in my heart.”* I said to God, *“If you don’t give me the answer to the sin problem that is in the heart of man, I will close my bible and never preach again.”*



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God took me at my word. After seeking diligently for almost three years, I found the answer in the blood of Jesus Christ. With that answer, He washed me in a moment of time, and I was clean inside and out. Sin was gone from my heart. It was then God spoke to me in yet another vision. *“Say what I say...”* I understood! No longer



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would I say what God said to me in visions, but I would say exactly what God says in the King James version of the bible, and the people who believe what God says will go free from sin to serve God in *“righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost”* Romans 14:17

“Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God.” I John 5:1

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“I Will Restore Your Judges”

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Many theologians tell us the first chapter of Romans was written to show why the heathen nations are “*without excuse*” for not knowing and worshipping the true God. According to their argument, if a heathen could see the sun, the moon, and the stars, they must know there is a creator, and therefore they are “*without excuse*” Romans 1:20. The truth is, however, those who have no excuse are those who have received the word of God, but have ignored it. The Apostle Paul said “*the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness*” Romans 1:18. It was against Jerusalem that the “*wrath of God*” was revealed when God called for the armies of Babylon to destroy her. Paul explained why in his epistle to the Romans.

The sin that brought the wrath of God against Jerusalem was twofold. First, they “*changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things*” Romans 1:23. King David explained exactly how they did this; “*They made a calf in Horeb, and worshipped the molten image. Thus they changed their glory into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass*” Psalms 106:19-20.

It was a spiritual sin Israel committed. Aaron, who became their high priest, built for them a golden calf, and called the congregation to worship the calf as “*the god which hath brought you out of Egypt*” Exodus 32:4-6. Notice, the sin was in “*the church*” (the church in the wilderness Acts 7:38), but it was the nation that suffered the consequences. Paul said, “*Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness ...to dishonour their own bodies between themselves.*” Romans 1:23-24. They worshiped a false image of God, so God let them become slaves to sexual immorality.

The second step in their decline toward a reprobate mind Romans 1:28 was they *“changed the truth of God into a lie”* Romans 1:25. The Greek text says they *“exchanged the truth for a lie.”* They believed the false prophets in their day and persecuted those who were sent by God. *“For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections.”* Romans 1:25-27.

The Bible describes these *“vile affections”* as being the same abominations that caused God to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah. In fact, God said, just before calling for their destruction, that Jerusalem was more corrupt than Sodom Ezekiel 16:46-48. The prophet Isaiah said of the nation of Israel, *“From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment. Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers”* Isaiah 1:6-7.

God addressed Jerusalem with a question of amazement. He asked, *“How is the faithful city become an harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers”* Isaiah 1:21. Through the prophet Jeremiah, God again questioned Jerusalem; *“I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed: **how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant** of a strange vine unto me?”* Jeremiah 2:21. Today, we must ask, *“**How has America fallen into her present estate?**”* The Bible answers both questions and lets us know that, to our shame, we have followed in the steps of Old Testament Israel.

Jeremiah defined the problem and warned the nation early in his ministry. He said, *“The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?”* Jeremiah 5:31. Jeremiah lived the see *“the end thereof.”* In his “Book of Lamentations,” he looked upon Jerusalem after the destruction by Babylon, and wrote these words; *“The kings of the earth, and all the inhabitants of the world, would not have believed that the adversary and the enemy should have entered into the gates of Jerusalem. For the sins of her prophets,*

and the iniquities of her priests... ” Lamentations 4:12-13. He laid the responsibility for the desolation at the feet of the prophets and priests of Jerusalem.

“O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me is thine help.”

Hosea 13:9

Hosea was actually a prophet to the northern kingdom of Israel in the years before Assyria took them into captivity. His words were true for Israel in his day, and for America in our day. America is destroyed, and she has destroyed herself. Actually, it was unrighteous judges who destroyed America, and we let it happen. In 1963, the Supreme Court ruled against school sponsored Christian prayers and bible reading in public schools. In 1973, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of abortion on demand, which resulted in the murder of sixty-three million babies, one of the greatest crimes against humanity in the history of the world. Sometime later, they ruled in favor of “freedom of expression” for pornographers, which resulted in polluting the minds of America’s children. In 2015, the Supreme Court redefined marriage and forced America to allow men to marry men, and women to marry women. The result of these decisions has given us a culture that would make Sodom and Gomorrah blush with shame. Never in the history of the world has there been a culture which would seek to change little boys into girls, and little girls into boys. Over sixty years ago, Nikita Khrushchev, the premier of the Soviet Union, said communism would take over America “without firing a shot.” He warned that our freedoms would destroy us, and we would fall into the hands of communism “like an overripe apple.” The “Iron Curtain” of communism collapsed over the Soviet Union, but less than a generation later our nation is in “freefall.” There is hope for our nation, however, which has arisen *“from another place”* Esther 4:14.

I was awakened early the morning after Election Day, 2016. I had fallen asleep, knowing Donald Trump would be our next president, and I awoke hearing these words from the Spirit of God; *“I will restore thy judges **as at the first.**”* I recognized these words from the

prophecies of Isaiah concerning the restoration of Jerusalem. He continued in the scripture, “...*afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city*” Isaiah 1:26. Perhaps this was the purpose and chief accomplishment of the Trump presidency. I immediately wrote an open letter to the President-elect, asking him to appoint righteous judges, and they would “make America righteous again.” I do not know if he received the letter or not, but during his tenure in office, Donald Trump appointed 226 judges to the federal courts, and three justices to the Supreme Court. His one requirement in his appointments was that they would be “originalists,” which means they would interpret the Constitution of the United States of America as it was originally meant to be, or “**as at the first**”. For the first time in my life we have a “righteous majority” on the Supreme Court, which will restore righteous judgement to America. Just last week as I write this, the Supreme Court overturned the “abortion on demand” ruling from 1973, the first step in many that will restore righteousness to our nation. It took two generations to destroy America, and it may take another generation to restore her. Those who fought to take school sponsored prayer and bible readings out of the public schools sixty years ago had a long-term plan, which they have successfully executed.

America at this present time has reached her lowest moral ebb ever. As God said of Jerusalem before us, America was “...*full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers*” Isaiah 1:21. The words used to describe Jerusalem in the generation just before she was destroyed by Babylon also describe America in our generation perfectly. Our nation is “**Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, and maliciousness Full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful**” Romans 29-31.

The last words of the Old Testament are “*And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse*” Malachi 4:6. This was the issue that caused Jesus in Gethsemane to pray “*in agony*” until “*His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground*” Luke 22:44. If He did not reconcile the world, He must destroy the world, because that was the promise of the Law. He chose to take the curse of the Law upon Himself Galatians 3:13 and redeem us who would believe. America has been “weighed in the balance, and found wanting.” What will God do? Will He restore America, or will He destroy America? There is no other choice.

When I see the “*children of Belial*” II Samuel 23:6, II Corinthians 6:15 rioting in the streets, burning, looting, and murdering, it seems impossible that America can be saved, but when I hear God say “*I will restore thy judges as at the first,*” I have hope. When God restored our Supreme Court with originalist Judges, I know His purpose is to restore our nation. The four men and one woman on the court who ruled against abortion on demand did so after receiving death threats, a planned assassination threat, and continuous demonstrations outside their private dwellings. These were chosen by God for the task set before them, and they will do it if we who believe and trust in Jesus Christ will hold up their hands to strengthen them with our prayers.

Satan's Strongholds

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“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.” II Corinthians 10:3-6

Many years ago, I was called to the mental ward of the Methodist hospital in Houston Texas to pray for a lady. She was tormented by visions of snakes and spiders, and every kind of creeping creatures. These were continually before her both day and night. The doctors had found nothing to help her, nor had the prayers of others ministers. I also prayed for her without any result. After that first prayer, I questioned her about the things she was seeing. She described them to me, and added, *“If it weren’t for the face of Jesus, I believe I would go crazy.”* I asked what she meant by *“the face of Jesus.”* She said the face of Jesus also would appear to her in the midst of the snakes and spiders, with a smile for her. She said, *“I just love when Jesus smiles at me.”* I asked what the face of Jesus looked like, and she told me it was the same face she saw *“on the screen door”* in Port Neches Texas. In 1969, there was the phenomenon of a face that appeared to be Jesus on the screen door of a woman’s house. Thousands of people came from everywhere to see this. I asked, did you go to Port Neches to see this *“face of Jesus,”* and she said she went several times. Suddenly I knew why no one could help this lady. Satan had established his stronghold, and no one could help her if they did not discover and pull down the stronghold.

In the many years since that time, I have ministered to many people who were held captive in Satan’s stronghold. I could help all those who received what I told them about Satan’s stronghold in their life, but neither I nor any other man of God could help those who refused. The greatest stronghold the adversary can have in any person is to give them something they believe is from God, but is not. I explained to the lady in the mental ward that the *“face of Jesus”* she so loved was not Jesus, but was actually the stronghold from which the demon spirits could not be cast out as long as she believed it was Jesus. I told her, *“If you will let me pray again, I will rebuke the false face of Jesus, and the snakes and spiders that torment you will have no place to hide.”* Incredibly, a very simple prayer, against what she had believed to be the *“face of Jesus,”* and the lady was instantly free, never to be tormented again.

Another lady called me a number of years ago. She had been referred to me by one who believed I could help her. She went in great detail telling how an unclean spirit would take total possession of her body. During these times she would use filthy four-letter words and vulgar hand signs against the Holy Ghost. She asked me if I could help her. What she described to me was total demon possession, so I asked her if she had ever been saved or filled with the Holy Ghost. Her answer floored me. *"I am saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. In fact most people tell me I have the most wonderful gift of prophecy they have ever heard."* She told me how words of prophecy were continually flowing in the background of her mind, and all she had to do was open her mouth for those words to pour forth. Immediately I saw the stronghold Satan had in her life. I told her I could definitely help her if she would receive what I would tell her. The stronghold Satan had in this woman was her *"gift of prophecy."* I said to her, *"The spirit in you that curses God is the same spirit that blesses people."* The scripture tells us both bitter and sweet water cannot come out of the same fountain James 3:11. I asked her how she received her "gift." She was a member of the largest charismatic church in Houston at the time. A famous visiting preacher gave her instructions to *"practice prophesying,"* and when she obeyed, her *"gift"* came to her. She was totally convinced it was of God because of the amazing things she had foretold in the lives of people. She had visited several famous healing ministries seeking deliverance from the filth, and they all assured her that her gift was real, but none could help her. She wanted to prophesy to me so I would also know it was a gift of God. I said to her, *"I do not have to hear you prophesy to know your gift is not of God. Any spirit that blesses men and curses God cannot be of God."* Finally, she said to me, *"I perceive you do not believe in the gifts of God,"* and hung the phone up on me. Unless this lady came to a place to reject and denounce her "gift of prophecy," she would never be free.

I preached a revival in Albany Georgia. One night a lady came forward with a similar problem. When she would pray at home, filthy words would come out of her mouth, and she could not stop

them. Could I help her? I asked her if she had ever received the Holy Ghost, and she said, *“Yes, it is when I am praying in my prayer language that the filthy words come out.”* I told her I could help her *“If you will receive what I tell you. The spirit that is in you is not the Holy Ghost.”* She was somewhat indignant. *“Oh no, my pastor has heard me speak in tongues, and he assures me that I have the Holy Ghost.”* I could do nothing for that lady because she held to the stronghold which Satan had established in her life.

I was preaching a special one-night service in North Little Rock Arkansas. I had finished my service and was leaving the building while people were still worshipping in the altar. I noticed a young man stand up from the altar and began to sing in tongues. I had heard the old saints of God do this many times, but something was very wrong in what I was hearing. I put my overcoat on and walked out into the cold night, saying to myself, *“This is the pastor’s problem.”* The Spirit of God stopped me and said, *“No! It’s your problem. The pastor doesn’t even know what this is.”* The spirit the young man yielded to was not the Holy Ghost. I returned to the service. By this time the entire congregation seemed enraptured by what they were seeing and hearing. I said to God, *“If you have ever been with me, be with me now.”* I laid my hand on the young man’s shoulder. He turned away, and continued singing. I shook his shoulder until he stopped singing and began speaking in tongues in a rebuking form. Now I really shook him and made him face me. I said to him, *“I believe you are very sincere. I believe you love God with all your heart, but did you know that the spirit that is in you is not the Holy Ghost?”* He hung his head, and said, *“All I know is there is something wrong inside of me.”* I asked him if he wanted to be free, and he said yes. At that moment, I touched him on the forehead and commanded the *“filthy religious demon”* to *“come out of him in the name of Jesus Christ.”* He fell backwards, roaring like a lion. That “lion’s roar” seemed to fill the entire building. Lying on his back as stiff as a board, the roaring continued until the blood vessels in his face were bulging. I kept my hand on his forehead until the roaring stopped, and out of his mouth gushed pure blood upon the floor. I

remembered the scripture where Jesus cast a “dumb and deaf spirit” out of a man, and *“the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead...”* Mark 9:26. After a moment he sat up and with many tears began thanking Jesus for setting him free. Within ten minutes, the Holy Ghost did fall upon this young man, and he began speaking in other tongues as on the Day of Pentecost. It was obvious to all who heard, it was different than before; a different language, and a different presence, because it was the presence of God Himself.

For the past fifty to sixth years, many in the charismatic movement have believed they could *“teach you how to speak in tongues, how to prophesy, and how to operate all the spiritual gifts.”* At the same time, the church has become filled with “gifted people” who cannot live for God. Through trying to do what only the Holy Ghost can do, they have opened themselves up to unclean religious spirits. Consider during this time how many of the largest ministries have fallen to sex scandals. These were not evil people. They did not set out to deceive, but Satan established a stronghold in their life. The “stronghold” is never sin; it is rather something they believe to be of God in which sin can revive. How could a man who preached to hundreds of thousands in his crusades also hire a prostitute at the same time? He believed that God told him he was the one chosen to reach the entire world. *“Don’t fail me; you are the only one who can do it.”* The brother believed a lie, and it became a stronghold in his life. We saw the prosperity revival in the 1980’s, the “laughing revival” in the 1990’s, and numerous other fad revivals in the 2000’s. All these ended in shame, but today may be the worst of all; the *“company of prophets”* who have been *“taught how to prophesy.”* They think they can *“speak a thing into existence in the spirit world,”* and it is our fault if we do not believe enough to bring it to pass. Oh church! How far we have fallen. As Jesus said, we *“strain out the gnat, and swallow the camel”* Matthew 23-24.

“Fake it till you make it” was a term coined in the charismatic movement by one of the faith teachers of that day. The scripture says

of the gifts of the Spirit, *“all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit”* I Corinthians 12:11. Those who seek to “learn how” to do things only the Holy Ghost can do open themselves up to other spirits. Often an unclean religious demon will find occasion to pretend to be the Holy Ghost, and the one who *“faked it”* will think they have *“made it.”* The lady in the example I used *“practiced prophecy”* until her anointing came. Her *“anointing,”* however was not the Holy Ghost, as proven by the filthiness that also came out of her mouth. God chose King Saul when he was “little” in his own sight,” and the Holy Ghost came upon Him to prophesy I Samuel 10:6. When Saul became “big” in his own sight, God rejected him, but he continued to prophesy by an evil spirit that came to him I Samuel 18:10. The “strongholds” are many, but the gospel of *“Jesus Christ, and Him crucified”* I Corinthians 2:2 is greater. The true gospel of Christ is the weapon God has given to *“pull down strongholds”* and *“cast down imaginations.”*

“And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.” II Timothy 2:24-26

Where is God?

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“Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.” Hosea 6:1

I graduated from high school in 1957. In those days, we began every school day by repeating the Lord’s Prayer, and pledging allegiance “to the flag of the United States of America, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.” This morning exercise was concluded by a scripture reading from the King James Version of the bible over the P.A. system. Sixty five years later, I can still

hear the voice of the young lady who read the scriptures every day. This particular morning she read from the first Psalm; *“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper”* Psalms 1:1-3. It is the next verse, however, that I remember so clearly; *“The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away”* Psalms 1:4. I cannot explain the impact those words have had on me in my lifetime.

In those days there was a small minority of people who hated Jesus Christ and every mention of God. They believed the influence of God in the public schools was unconstitutional, and began to bring lawsuits against the public schools. The Supreme Court in the 1960’s agreed, and ruled against school sponsored prayer and bible readings, and thus the “war against God” in the schools began. It continued until the Ten Commandments were forbidden to the schools, and in effect the great majority of our children have received no moral or spiritual influence toward godliness in the public school systems in America. Fifty years have passed since school sponsored prayers and bible readings were taken away, and the result is a nation that is no longer “under God,” and is deeply divided. In our public schools, our children are still morally influenced, but not by God. Where is God? He has been “cast out.” In many schools today, the student reading from the bible has been replaced by a “drag queen story hour,” designed to glamorize the LGBTQ lifestyle to our innocent children. Some in our elementary schools claim a right to teach the children about sex change and alternative lifestyles as early as kindergarten.

“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” Galatians 6:7

America is even now reaping the harvest from the seeds which were planted over a generation ago. We have succeeded in destroying ourselves. The Supreme Court took school sponsored prayer, bible reading, and the Ten Commandments out of the public schools. The court approved abortion on demand in 1973, and later approved the pornographers “freedom of expression,” which polluted the minds of our youth. In 2015, they approved “gay marriage, which also paved the way for the forced acceptance of the LGBTQ lifestyle. Meanwhile, in the “church,” surveys show 68% of the men, and 54% of the pastors regularly consume pornography. As one who has preached the gospel of Christ for 58 years, my judgment is that the modern church has utterly failed to “keep” America, and as *“the salt that lost its savor,”* it has been “trodden under foot of men” Matthew 5:13.

“Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward. Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment. Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers.” Isaiah 1:4-7

These verses describe perfectly the present condition of America. These were written about a hundred years before Jerusalem was destroyed and left desolate for 70 years in captivity. Yet, God gave a promise of restoration. He said, *“I will restore thy judges as at the first ...afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city”* Isaiah 1:26.

The morning after Donald Trump was elected president I awoke from sleep hearing these words; *“I will restore thy judges as at the first.”* I recognized these words from the scripture concerning

Jerusalem, but now God promised restoration to America through the righteous judges He would give to us. When I heard these words, I knew God had given us president Trump for this purpose, to appoint righteous judges to our courts. During his administration, he succeeded in appointing 226 federal judges, as well as 3 Supreme Court justices. His criteria for choosing judges was that they must be “*originalists*,” which is what God called “as at the first.” For the first time in my life we have a “righteous majority” on the Supreme Court. God will work to restore America through the same “court” that destroyed America. Those who “hate God” are rioting in the streets, but if we who believe will hold our peace, vote our Christian conscience, and pray for the justices God has given us, we will live to see a much better day.

True Freedom

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“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

John 8:32

The words above, which were spoken by Jesus Christ to some who doubted who He was, have been borrowed by almost everyone, whether liberal or conservative, to promote their particular philosophy. To one, these words mean they are “free” from all boundaries; free to follow their basest instincts, while to another, they are free to pursue happiness within the boundaries of law. Jesus, however, spoke of being made “*free from sin*” through the “*knowledge of the truth*.” Those He spoke to that day responded, “***What do you mean, make us free? We have never been in bondage to any man***” John 8:33. Jesus answered, “*He that commits sin is the slave to sin... If the Son therefore shall make you free (from sin), ye shall be free indeed*” John 8:34, 36.

The Bible records when God sent the angel Gabriel to the prophet Daniel with an important message. At an appointed time, God would send one called “*The Messiah the Prince*” (The Christ, the Son of

God) into the world to “*make an end of sins*” and “*bring in everlasting righteousness*” Daniel 9:24-25. The simple truth Jesus said would make them free from sin, is to believe that “*Jesus is the Christ*” whom God sent into the world to “*make an end of sin*” in you. Jesus told those who doubted Him that day, “*If ye believe not that I am He (the Christ), ye shall die in your sins*” John 8:24. The Apostle John wrote, “*Whosoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God*” I John 5:1. This, and this alone is the truth a person must believe that will make them free “*from sin to serve the living God.*”

Our great nation is dying in sin. The Bible records what Jerusalem's condition was for a generation before being destroyed by the Babylonian army, and the same words describe America in our generation. Our nation is “***Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, and maliciousness. Full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful***” Romans 29-31. The Bible puts forth the question as to how Jerusalem fell into such a depraved condition, asking, “*How is the faithful city become an harlot!*” Isaiah 1:21. Today, we must ask, “How did America fall into her present estate?” The Bible answers both questions, saying, they “*changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man... Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness ...to dishonour their own bodies between themselves.*” Romans 1:23-24. Their “sin” was to change their image of God, and their “punishment” was that Jerusalem's sons and daughters were given over to sexual immorality.

The second step in their decline to debauchery was they “*changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator... For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections.*” Romans 1:25-27. The Bible describes these “vile affections” as sexual perversions which the sons and daughters of Jerusalem were given up to. Will God punish America for these lifestyles? The

fact is, these things which the “sons and daughters of America” have been given over to are our punishment for exchanging the truth of God for a lie.

While I will gladly cast my vote in November for moral conservatives, I know the answer for America is not to be found in politics. The only answer is spiritual, and the responsibility lies not in congress, but in the pulpits of America. Too many have identified with the world instead of with Jesus Christ. “We are all sinners, we sin every day,” they say. Until the truth of the gospel that makes people free from sin is preached in the churches once more, there will be no hope for our nation.

Five National Sins

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“And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.” Revelation 9:20-21

According to the prophecies of the scripture, we believe the restoration of Israel as a nation and the return of Jerusalem to Jewish control on June 6, 1967 signaled the beginning of the last generation to live on earth before the return of Jesus Christ to earth. This means that among those born in or after June 1967 there will some who will live to see the glorious return of Christ. The prophecies also foretell many things which we have seen in this generation and the most horrible events yet to come. I could speak of September 11, 2001 and the prophetic swarming of the locust army that began on that date Revelation 9:1-3. I could speak of the war in Iraq, and the loosening of the forces of Babylon Revelation 9:13-14, which had been bound for thousands of years, but were *“loosened...to slay the third part of men”* Revelation 9:15. Rather than going into detail about the horrible worldwide

conflict that is rushing upon us, I will instead reveal by the scriptures the five sins which have brought these things upon our nation.

1. The first among these sins is “idolatry.” For the first two hundred years of our nation’s existence, we were a monotheistic nation, which means we worshiped only one God; the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and the Father of Jesus Christ. In fact, on February 9, 1892, the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of *“The Church of the Holy Trinity vs The United States”* declared in the majority opinion that *“America is a Christian nation.”* It was not until 1965 that Congress changed our immigration laws in such a way that the result was an influx into America of those who worship other gods. These brought their gods with them and America became an idolatrous nation for the first time in history.

2. Murders: The second great sin of America is our murders. On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court decided on the case of *Roe v Wade* that abortion on demand was a right of every woman. Since that time over sixty three million babies have been murdered in their mother’s womb. This is the American holocaust! There is nothing in the history of the world to equal this in number. King Pharaoh of Egypt had children thrown to the crocodiles; King Herod had all the babies under two years of age murdered in Bethlehem, but nothing has rivaled abortion. While it is true that the Supreme Court has recently overturned *Roe v Wade*, their decision does nothing to end abortion. We will be judged by God for our murders.

3. Sorceries: The Greek word which was translated as *“sorceries”* is *“pharmakeia,”* which refers to our “drug culture.” According to the CDC (Center for Disease Control), 107,622 people died from drug overdose in 2021, up 15% from 2020, yet we seen many states legalizing their use. The result has been the murder and mayhem we see in the streets of America’s largest cities.

4. Fornication: Merriam-Webster dictionary defines “fornication” as; *“consensual sexual intercourse between two persons not married to each other.”* According to recent statistics, over 40% of babies born in America are born “out of wedlock.” That number

indicates “fornication” is a huge problem in America, but it is just the tip of the iceberg. The Greek word which was translated as “fornication” is “*porneia*,” which refers to all sexual sins, including adultery, fornication, homosexual and lesbian, incest, and pornography. The Supreme Court decision to legalize gay marriage was a slap in the face of God, who defined marriage as being a sacred covenant between one man and one woman.

5. Thefts: The theft problem in the large cities of our nation is obvious. The no bail release and those city prosecutors who refuse to prosecute criminals have given us the roving bands of thugs that invade retail stores in broad daylight to rob them of their merchandize. These things will only increase unless there is a mass return to faith in Jesus Christ and biblical morality by those who profess to “believe in Jesus.”

These five sins, according to the prophecies of the scriptures, will bring World War III and the loss of one third of the population on earth. There is no hiding place on earth, but there is a “secret place” of rest in Christ for those know and believe the truth of the gospel. God has always forgiven the sins of those who repent and turn to Him. Christ did not die on the cross to forgive sin. Instead, He died “*to make an end of sin*” Daniel 9:24-25, John 1:29, I John 3:5. Let me send you my free book titled “The Reality of the Cross.” It explains in detail exactly why Christ died on the cross and arose again the third day.

Say what God Says

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I am a preacher who “backslid” for several years during the 1970s. After being restored, I preached so very hard against sin in the church throughout the decade of the 1980s. Perhaps I was seeking to prove my own righteousness through such preaching, but when the two largest ministries in the world fell to sex scandals in 1987-1988, I came to a place I could not continue. I felt like one of Job’s comforters, of whom the young man Elihu said, “...*have found no*

answer, yet have condemned Job... ” Job 32:3. I had condemned men greater than myself, but had no answer to offer them. I shut down my radio ministry, stopped publishing books, and said to God, *“If you can’t give me the answer for the sin problem that is in the heart of man, I will close my bible and never preach again.”* Almost immediately, every door of ministry closed to me.

For the next two years in my studies, I was continually drawn to scriptures that spoke of the blood of Jesus. One day in the spring of 1991, I came to a comparison of the blood of Christ with the blood of animals in the book of Hebrews. The apostle wrote, *“For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh...”* Hebrews 9:13. It is easy to see how the Old Covenant Law of Moses, using the threat of death, could control every aspect of a person’s life, and in every respect make them appear to be righteous before men. There is one thing, however, that the Law of Moses and its sacrifices could not do; it could not cleanse the heart of a person. The next verse finishes this comparison, saying, *“**How much more shall the blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, **purge your conscience** from dead works to serve the living God?”* Hebrews 9:14

A brief study of the word “*conscience*” in this verse revealed this to speak of “*the innermost thoughts and feelings of man, including the imagination.*” I was shocked! This was my problem, not something I was doing, but something in my heart that kept me in a continual warfare against sin. Suddenly, my eyes were opened to the truth. I lifted my hands to the Lord and cried, *“Thank you Jesus for shedding your blood to wash me inside, where I could never wash myself.”*

In an instant the filth in my thoughts and imaginations turned off, just like turning a water faucet off. I was freed from the sin that reigns in the heart of man. When I told my minister friends what Christ had done for me, no one rejoiced with me, but said, *“God just doesn’t do that.”* I had received something wonderful that no one

wanted me to preach in their churches. I told the Lord, *“I am willing to go anywhere and preach anything you want me to preach, but you must pay for it.”* I refused to become a beggar, not even to preach the gospel. The Lord said to me, *“If you will **say what I say**, I will put your ministry on television, and it will cost you nothing.”* Within a month, I was contacted by the owner of channel 22 in Houston, Texas who had heard about the message of the blood of Christ I was preaching and wanted it on his station. He televised the Behold the Lamb broadcast for the next eight years without charge.

The next thing the Lord spoke to me was in a dream. In the dream, I was throwing rocks in a pond to see the ripples in the water. The Lord spoke to me in the dream and said, *“If you will **say what I say**, one day you will throw a rock into a pond, and the ripples will wash up on the shores of every nation.”* I told this promise everywhere I went, but it was over twenty years before it began to happen. It started when I purchased a full page in a national magazine to share the truth about “freedom from sin” through Jesus Christ. Seven years later our books are going into 160 nations of the world without charge to anyone. We have never sold anything, never asked for donations, have not preached a “prosperity gospel,” or even passed an offering plate for over thirty years. God has abundantly supplied every need. The “ripples” from this ministry are now in almost every nation on earth.

What God has said, He has said in His word, the Bible. I use only the KJV Bible, because it is the only bible that uses absolute language and leaves no “loopholes.” For example, the KJV speaks of *“us which **are saved**...”* I Corinthians 1:18, while every modern version speaks of *“we who **are being saved**.”* If we trust in a bible that teaches a “process” for salvation, we will never know in this life that we *“**are saved**.”*

Our entire nation is perishing in a moral freefall because of religion that refuses to preach the biblical truth that Christ came to make us free from sin. Romans 6:22. Instead, we are fed a steady diet of “unlimited forgiveness.” Jesus Christ did not shed His precious

blood just to forgive and cover your sinfulness, but He died as “*the Lamb of God*” to “*take away your sin*” John 1:29. This is what God said in His word and this is what we must also believe.

“And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not:

I John 3:5-6

Who is “Righteous?”

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“Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart....”

Psalms 24:33-4

The Psalmist David understood what righteousness is. His only problem was, he could not attain to righteousness. After his affair with Bathsheba and the murder of her husband, Uriah, David repented before God. In his repentance, he begged God, “*Create in me a clean heart*” Psalms 51:10. David also understood the sacrifice of another animal’s blood was not the answer. He said to God, “*For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering*” Psalms 51:16. In the case of David, he could not come before God with “clean hands and a pure heart,” so he came with what he had; a broken and contrite heart because of his sin. He said, “*a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise*” Psalms 51:17.

Almost every religion concerns itself with “cleansing the hands” of sinners, that is, how to live a decent and moral life. The modern Christian community has, for example, been inundated with what I call “How-to books;” how to overcome addictions...how to be faithful to your wife, and such like. The literal “washing of hands” is an important tradition in Judaism and the eastern religions. Obviously, this tradition began for health reasons, but in time took on other meanings. Under the Law of Moses, the ceremonial “washing of hands” was a declaration of innocence. Even Pontius

Pilate, after he presided over the trial of Jesus, “...took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it” Matthew 22:27.

Job said, “If I wash myself with snow water, and make my hands never so clean; yet shalt thou plunge me in the ditch, and mine own clothes shall abhor me” Job 9:30-31. Job understood that washing hands did nothing at all for him spiritually, because God required a “clean heart.” If he came before God with hands he had ever so diligently cleansed, yet God would cast him down to show how dirty he really was. Does this seem hard? No, because God requires a “pure heart,” and while man may wash his entire body outwardly, he can never cleanse his heart. Jesus told the most religious among the people in His day, “...ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity” Matthew 23:28. “...cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also” Matthew 23:26.

I heard a famous evangelist recently say a righteous man could “...tell a lie at the moment Jesus returned, and he would be received into heaven.” The same minister had previously said a person could be in the act of adultery at the return of Christ, and he would be received “if his faith was in Christ and the cross.” Oh people! Let no man deceive you! “Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor **adulterers**, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God” I Corinthians 6:9-10. Who then can be saved? Paul answers in the next verse; “And such were some of you: but ye are washed Revelation 5:1, but ye are sanctified Hebrews 13:12, but ye are justified Romans 5:9 in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God” I Corinthians 6:11.

Three things happen when you trust in Jesus Christ as your savior: **1.** You are washed (in the blood of Jesus Christ Revelations 1:5); **2.** You are sanctified (made holy, according to the Greek text); **3.** You are justified (rendered or made just, according to the Greek text). The modern church has accepted as truth numerous doctrines and

traditions which have made the Word of God to be without effect to those who believe the traditions Mark 7:13. I can hear the response; *“But these things are only received by faith!”* Absolutely, *“by grace alone, through faith alone”* Ephesians 2:8. Salvation is a free gift! Oh, so wonderful and so true, but is it any less “salvation” because it is a free gift? Is holiness received through faith in Jesus Christ any less holy? Why would “justification by faith” be invisible to all but God who gave it? The apostle Paul warned of such a time as this we live in.

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.” II Timothy 4:3-4

If the children of God are still sinners, there can be no limits on the sin they may commit and still be received by God. If this were true, every person in America could be “saved,” and “on their way to heaven,” yet nothing would be changed. The prisons would still be full, violence would continue in our streets, immorality and perversion would be flaunted, but we would all be “forgiven...without change.” Jesus Christ did not suffer and die on the cross to only “forgive our sins.” He is “the Christ” of eternity, who came into the world as a man to *“make an end of sins”* according to the prophet Daniel Daniel 9:24-25. He died on the cross as *“the Lamb of God,”* to *“take away our sin”* John 1:29, which means to take sin out of our heart and nature. Only those who “trust in Jesus Christ” will stand before God with “clean hands and a pure heart.” Those whose heart is not pure have not trusted in Jesus Christ for who He is, and what He came to do.

The Handwriting on the Wall

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I am writing this on December 14, 2022, the morning after the president of the United States held a party in the White House in celebration of the “Respect for Marriage Act,” which he signed into law. The White House was lit up outside with the LGBTQ rainbow colors, and inside the politicians were entertained by drag queens. As I saw this report on Newsmax TV, I was reminded of the drunken party which King Belshazzar of Babylon held, which signaled the end of the great Babylonian empire. The Bible describes the party as follows; *“Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand”* Daniel 5:1. This was no small event, with a thousand of his “lords” in attendance, and with all his princes, wives, and concubines present as guests of honor. During the drunken party, Belshazzar commanded that the golden vessels from the Temple of God in Jerusalem be brought to him. These vessels had been sanctified and set apart for the worship of the true God in Jerusalem, but now the wicked king, his princes, and all his wives and concubines drank from them and *“praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone”*

Daniel 5:4.

Suddenly, there appeared the fingers of a man’s hand, and it was writing words on the wall in sight of the king. “MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN,” the hand wrote. Just as suddenly the roar of the drunken celebration hushed, and the king’s countenance changed. The scripture says *“the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another”* Daniel 5:6. The king called for the astrologers, the soothsayers, and all the wise men of his kingdom, but none could read or understand what was written. Finally, the queen remembered Daniel, *“in whom,”* she said, *“is the spirit of the holy god,”* who had also interpreted dreams for king Nebuchadnezzar. Daniel was brought before the king and he read the handwriting on the wall as follows.

MENE: *“God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.”*

TEKEL: *“Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.”*

PERES: *“Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.”*

God is longsuffering, but His judgement is swift when it comes. That same night, the armies of the Medes and Persians dammed up the river Euphrates, came under the wall of the city in the river bed, and violently overthrew Babylon and killed Belshazzar the king.

The “Defense of Marriage Act” which was passed into law in 1996, defined marriage as between one man and one woman. The “Respect for Marriage Act,” is actually a defense of gay marriage. It was passed out of fear the Supreme Court would overturn its 2015 decision which forced every state to authorize and recognize same sex marriages. That ruling opened the floodgates for the intrusion of the LGBTQ agenda into every area of American life. The “Respect for Marriage Act will likewise pave the way for widespread persecution of the church through litigation and governmental intimidation.

The passage of this law mocks and repudiates the historic and biblical view of marriage and morality. It is amazing that those who “love God, and keep His commandments” are labeled as the “haters” and “bigots” in twenty-first century America. The prophet Isaiah in his indictment of Jerusalem, seemed to describe America under this present administration;

*“**Judgment** is turned away backward, and **justice** standeth afar off: for **truth** is fallen in the street, and **equity** cannot enter. Yea, truth faileth; and **he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey**”* Isaiah 59:14-15.

Our God is merciful, gracious, longsuffering, and forgiving through our Lord Jesus Christ. The apostle Peter acknowledges this, saying, *“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance”* II Peter 3:9.

Peter's next words, ***“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night...”*** II Peter 3:10. If there is no repentance, there will be no mercy in that day.

The handwriting is on the wall. This administration has despised and rejected the word of God, which our parents and grandparents believed and trusted, and they openly mock those who believe upon God's Son, Jesus Christ.

Every president in my lifetime has had godly men to advise them until this administration. Billy Graham was an advisor and counselor to every president from Harry Truman to Barack Obama. President Trump surrounded himself with Christian advisors, including Franklin Graham and Robert Jeffries. I do not know of any Christian counsel President Joe Biden receives. He has publicly, in action if not in word, renounced every tenant of his “Catholic faith.” He has surrounded himself with the basest of people in our society. I do not know when this corrupt administration will be “finished,” but I do know, our entire nation is in grave danger. America has been weakened by this administration, to the point we will not stand against the nations of those who hate us.

Jesus Christ, the Same...

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“Jesus Christ the same, yesterday, today, and forever.”

Hebrews 13:8

Just three nights before our national election, I received a dream which I believe was from God which lasted for most of the night. Everything I saw would have been a “nightmare,” but the voice I heard in the dream gave me great hope. It began by bringing before me the great suffering and loss of life caused by the Coronavirus pandemic. While seeing this horrible scene, I heard the words *“But Jesus, the same....”* I saw the riots and the burning cities, and the violence in the streets; and again I heard *“But Jesus, the same....”* I tossed and turned in bed that night, troubled as I saw our little

children being “sexualized” by drag queens, seeking to bring them into the LGBTQ+ community. Yet, in the midst of all this, I heard the words “*But Jesus, the same....*” I call this a “dream,” but it would have been a “nightmare” if I had not been reassured over and over, “*But Jesus, the same....*”

There is much more to the horror I saw during that night, but in every case hearing, “*But Jesus, the same....*,” I actually woke up rejoicing, knowing that regardless of all that is going wrong in the world around us, there is an answer, and only one answer; “*Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever*” Hebrews 13:8. He was God’s answer “yesterday” while He was on earth, and He is God’s answer today as He sits at the Father’s right hand in heaven.

Many of those in this generation who profess to believe are actually worshipping a “generic god,” which is no god at all. During a Republican primary debate for 2000 presidential election, the candidates were asked which philosopher had influenced them most. George W. Bush answered “*Jesus Christ, because He changed my life.*” He went on to win the national election by only 537 votes in one Florida county. I believe God gave George W. Bush to be our president because of his profession of faith in Jesus Christ. As president, Mr. Bush chose John Ashcroft, a devout Christian, and a member of the Assemblies of God, to be his attorney General. For nine months, there were daily prayer meetings and bible studies in the White House, and President Bush was very vocal in his love for Jesus Christ, his savior. Then came 9/11, when the worshipers of “another god” flew two planes into the twin towers in New York City, and another into the Pentagon in Washington D.C. Almost three thousand American citizens were slain that same day. One of the first responses by the president was a prayer meeting in which representatives of almost every religion prayed to a “generic god.” The Buddhist, the Hindu, the Muslim, along with the Christian and the Jew, all prayed to the “universal god;” an assertion that there is only one god, and he is the same in every religion. There is one problem with this, however. The bible is the Word of God, and in

seven separate places, the “true God” is identified as “*the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,*” and also identifies Jesus as “*the Christ, the Son of the living God*” Matthew 16:16, John 11:27.

America has taken the same approach to the name of Jesus Christ that the Jewish Sanhedrin Council took in the early days of the church. After God gave Jesus to die on the cross as “*the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world*” John 1:29, He raised Him from the dead. Some fifty days later, on the Day of Pentecost, God “poured out His Spirit” upon a hundred and twenty of those Jews who believed Jesus was their Messiah. On that same day, the Apostle Peter preached the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and three thousand of those who had demanded the death of Jesus repented and were “*added to the church.*” A short time later, Peter healed a lame beggar at the gate of the temple, saying “*In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.*” Immediately, his feet and ankle bones received strength, “*and he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God*” Acts 3:8. So many were converted to Jesus that the high priest of the Jews felt threatened, and called a meeting to determine what to do, saying...

*“What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it. But **that it spread no further among the people,** let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name. And **they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.**”* Acts 4:16-18

Without Jesus Christ, America is doomed. Right now, it seems we live in a nation more influenced by demons than by God. There is only one answer; We must turn from the “generic god” and openly declare Jesus Christ to be “*the same, yesterday, today and forever.*” When He came into the Temple, the moneychangers were driven out. When He comes into a heart, sin and Satan are “cast out.” Do you want the “drag queens” out of our elementary schools? Bring

Jesus Christ in! I assure you; they will not share the same space, whether in a “heart,” or in a classroom.

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” Acts 4:12

JESUS SAVES

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“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” Acts 4:12

Today (as I write this article) it is being reported that a man was confronted by security guards at the Mall of America for wearing a t-shirt with “Jesus Saves” written upon it. “People are offended,” the security guards said, “So take it off, or leave the mall.” In the final outcome, the man was allowed to stay after the incident went viral on social media. As it turned out, more people were offended by the security guards than by the t-shirt.

Many years ago, I bought a thousand sign boards and began printing “Jesus Saves” on them with a message that led them to our web page. I posted them at intersections and along the highways wherever I found numerous “yard sale” signs posted, along with house sales and rental signs. I do not know of anyone offended by the yard sale signs, but there were certainly those who were offended when “Jesus Saves” signs began to appear in the same places.

The apostle Paul told the young man Timothy, “*God hath not given us the spirit of fear (timidity); but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. **Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner...***” II Timothy 1:7-8. Christian people have become so very timid and fearful that someone might be offended when we tell them the truth about Jesus Christ.

Christians often stand by as their friends and loved ones die in sin without the Savior, because they do not want to offend them. The sad truth is, all too often they are “ashamed” to speak of Jesus as the Savior from sin. The prophet Jeremiah dealt with the matter of “shame” in his writings to the people of Israel in his day.

“For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace. Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.”

Jeremiah 6:13-15

It seems the prophet and the priest were ashamed, but those who committed abominations were not ashamed. Such is the condition of present day America. The LGBTQ+ community are not ashamed to get in your face, while those who worship God are often hiding behind the four walls of the church building. Those who commit abominations have come out into the open, and we who profess to have the answer in Jesus Christ have retreated to the closets.

In the early days of our ministry, during the 1960s and 70s, we held street services in the parking lot of a Dunkin Donut store at a busy intersection in Houston, Texas. A woman was offended and would call out the police because we were “too loud and were disturbing her peace.” I visited her neighborhood which was a mile away and discovered that you could barely hear anything from our services. Her true offence was that we actually dared to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ outside the walls of the church.

Today, in many places across our nation, drag queens are brought in to read stories to our children and grandchildren at certain schools and libraries. Imagine the outcry in those same schools and libraries if someone would stand and begin to sing “*Jesus saves, Jesus saves,*” or to preach Jesus as the only savior from sin and the only

way to God. The outrage would include charges of “racism, bigotry, homophobia, and hate speech, all because someone loved the souls of people enough to speak the truth of Jesus Christ.

It is often said that God “loves the sinner, but hates their sin.” It is not only “their sin” God hates, but sin...period. Sin destroys souls, lives, families, nations, and civilizations. Sin is the venom of the “serpent” who visited humanity in the Garden of Eden and brought the whole world into darkness. Sin is the thing Jesus Christ came, suffered, and died to take away out of the heart of those who trust in him.

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life” John 3:16.

With God, there is no difference between a liar, a fornicator, or a drag queen, and I would be the chief of liars if I told you there was. Does that mean fornicators, liars, and drag queens will be in heaven? Such a thing will never be! That rather explains why God said, *“But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, **and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.**”* Revelation 21:8

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