

**“The Truth As We Know It”  
National Sin**

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Today I want to address several of the sins that affect our nation, the United States of America, the land we all love and that God has blessed ever since its beginning. This nation was founded on Biblical principles by God fearing men. We can clearly see that by the founding documents and the many symbols that decorate Washington, DC today.

But something has gone seriously wrong and we are falling farther and farther away from God and a godly standard. I believe it began in the early 60s with the removal of prayer and Bible reading from our public schools, followed by the Row V Wade court decision in 1973 that allowed abortion on demand. Under the guise that it would save the lives of mothers who were having illegal abortions.

But since that awful day, we have killed more than Fifty Six million people through legal abortions in the United States. What is so sad is that many of the young women that have their babies killed also claim to be Christian! How can that be? I have personally been standing at the local abortion clinic and seen cars with WWJD, (What would Jesus Do?) stickers on their cars. Often brought in by the young girl's mother. How can it be!? Though I surely do not agree, I can understand how a young girl might find herself in a serious situation, discovering that her infidelity has led to her being pregnant and not wanting to deal with her sin, but her mother is not in crisis! How can a mother or father take their grandchild in to be killed!? But I have personally seen them bring their daughters to the local abortion clinic with just that in mind!

The story of King Manasseh of Judah and the sins that he committed was, in affect, the straw that broke the camel's back in God' eyes. And brought about the exile of Judah into Babylon. This story is told in 2Ki 21:7-16, God had promised David, and Solomon, "In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever: Neither will I make the feet of Israel move any more out of the land which I gave their fathers; only if they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them,..." But they wouldn't obey, King Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than the nations did whom God destroyed before the children of Israel.

God said, "Behold, I am bringing such evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whosoever hears of it, both his ears shall tingle." And in verse 16 we read, "Moreover Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; beside his sin wherewith he made Judah to sin, in doing that which was evil in the sight of the LORD." God sent Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, and took them captive, The story continues in 2Ki 24:3-4 where we read, "Surely at the commandment of the LORD came this upon Judah, to remove them out of his sight, for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did; And also for the innocent blood that he shed: for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; which the LORD would not pardon."

Please hear the language that is in this scripture! "Manasseh filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; which the LORD would not pardon!" Think of all the innocent blood we have shed in America in the last forty years through legal abortion! What will be God's judgment for us?

While I believe legal abortion is the greater sin, another sin is also fast becoming common, that is the push to accept homosexuality and same sex marriage as a normal life style choice. Let us hear what God says in Lev 18:22, and in 24-28 and we read, "Thou shall not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination. ...Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you: And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomits out her inhabitants. Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations; neither any of your own nation, nor any stranger that lives among you. (For all these abominations have the men of the land done, which were before you, and the land is defiled;) That the land spew not you out also, when ye defile it, as it spewed out the nations that were before you."

Both of these issues are intended to destroy the family, the foundation of any civilized society. Almost all of America's ills, all sorts of crime, domestic violence, drug abuse, poor education can be traced to single parent households and fatherless homes. To the breakdown of the proper nuclear family of Mom and Dad and the kids. At some point judgment will surely come as result of our backsliding as a nation. In Psa 9:17 we read, "The

wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God."

When you or I commit some awful sin, God will forgive us if we truly repent and ask for His forgiveness. Or if we refuse to repent, we will face judgment when we face God on judgment day. But a nation will not get up in the resurrection, but will face judgment in real time. God will judge a nation by allowing it to be destroyed and brought down from within or from many other sources. We all want to believe that we Americans are special, but if God punished Israel and put them in exile for their sin, why do we suppose that God will excuse us. There are a number of scriptures that address this. One of them is Pro 14:34, "Righteousness exalts a nation; But sin is a reproach to any people." And in Pro 29:2 we read, "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked bear rule, the people mourn."

In my mind there is but one way that we as Christians can take to change the sure outcome of America's sin. We must do what we can to turn our nation around from its awful sin. If we as a nation continue on our present course, God will have to bring judgment upon us or He would have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah and the many other nations that have faced God's judgment in years gone by. God's promise is clear as is recorded in 2Chon 7:14 and we read, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." Notice, God is not asking the sinner to change his ways, but He is asking His people, the Christian, to step up and truly take our place as leaders in our culture.

God always gives a time to repent. I do trust that we still have time to turn things around in the US. But that will take a true revival in the order of the Great Awakening! A revival where the culture is brought back from the current trends to a more biblical stand. God is longsuffering and patient, but He will not wait forever. Listen to Rom 2:4-6 and we read, "Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leads thee to repentance? But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasures up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; Who will render to every man according to his deeds:"

Also Num 14:18 and we read, "The LORD is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation." This scripture tells us that our decisions as parents will affect generations yet unborn, both good and bad, and in particularly the future and our beloved country. Will they have the freedoms and God's blessing and we have enjoyed. If we as people do not repent, I seriously doubt that they will! This is a very serious subject, I hope you all hear my heart in this matter.

Listen again next week.

This we do know, The Bible is God's Word, God's word is true, Jesus Christ is God's son, Jesus died to save us from our sin, Without Jesus we are eternally lost. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we might be saved. Atheism is a temporary condition, for every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord! Jesus stands ready to save you now, Will you call on Him today?

Until next week, God bless.