

A Place of Safety
“The Truth As We Know It”
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This week I want to talk about the judgment of God that is sure to come upon America as a result of the National sins of abortion and now Same Sex marriages declared legal and proper nation wide by our supreme court. When we as a nation accept open sin as sanctioned and right we place ourselves in serious jeopardy of God's judgment upon us. Only true national repentance will change the course that we are on.

There are a number of scriptures that warn us of God's displeasure and judgment, God allowing men to believe a lie because men refused to acknowledge God's truth so they could continue to live their ungodly lives. We read in Rom 1:26-28, "For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was proper. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;"

Notice it is God who gives them over to a reprobate mind. They would believe a lie and be damned!

Believing something sincerely does not make it true!
It matters not how many of our friends agree with us!

Also in 2Thes. 2:10-12 we read, "With all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." They refused to acknowledge the truth. Therefore God sends them strong delusion. The deception of Sin, of unrighteousness.

Notice Paul tells us in this scripture that God would send them strong delusion so that they would believe a lie and be damned! They had pleasure in unrighteous living! They were Christian in name only, not living a victorious, sin free life and content to live that way. Once again it is because the people rejected God's truth and accepted the works of the flesh as normal acceptable lifestyles.

And in Eph 5:3-6 we read, "But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as become saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you

with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience." God says that because of Sexual immorality the wrath of God would be brought upon them.

God expects us as Christians to overcome our natural human impulses and resist the Devil in our own lives. Just because we have the urges to fulfill the natural desires of our body does not mean it is ok to act on them. There is a proper use for every urge that we deal with. But when we misuse anything, we commit sin. God tells us to kill the desires of our natural bodies, We read in Col 3:5-7 in the NLT, "So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. Because of these sins, the anger of God is coming. You used to do these things when your life was still part of this world."

I don't know what God has in store for America, but I'm sure it will affect all of us in one form or another.

When the people of Israel were taken captive to Babylon Jeremiah told them to pray for Babylon so that their lives would also be blessed. This is found in Jeremiah 29:4-7 where we read, "Thus said the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, unto all that are carried away captives, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem unto Babylon; Build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them;

Take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; that ye may be increased there, and not diminished. And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.

The Apostle Paul tells us the same thing in 1Timothy 2:1-3 where we read, "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior;"

One thing we can depend on is that for the righteous, the promises of God are yes and amen. I love Psalms 91:1-6 where we read, "He that dwells in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shall thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shall not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flies by day; Nor for the pestilence that walks in darkness; nor for the destruction that wastes at noonday." And in verses 10-12 he continues, "There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague

come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone."

Regardless what happens to the wicked around us, God's grace is sufficient for us. He will see the righteous through the fire. We have His promise in Psa 18:2-3, "The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, *and* my high tower. I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies."

Only right living based on biblical truth will protect the righteous from the judgment of God. In Deut 33:27-29 from the NLT we read, "The eternal God is your refuge, and His everlasting arms are under you. He drives out the enemy before you; He cries out, 'Destroy them!' So Israel will live in safety, prosperous Jacob in security, in a land of grain and new wine, while the heavens drop down dew. How blessed you are, O Israel! Who else is like you, a people saved by the LORD? He is your protecting shield and your triumphant sword! Your enemies will cringe before you, and you will stomp on their backs!" What a promise!

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.