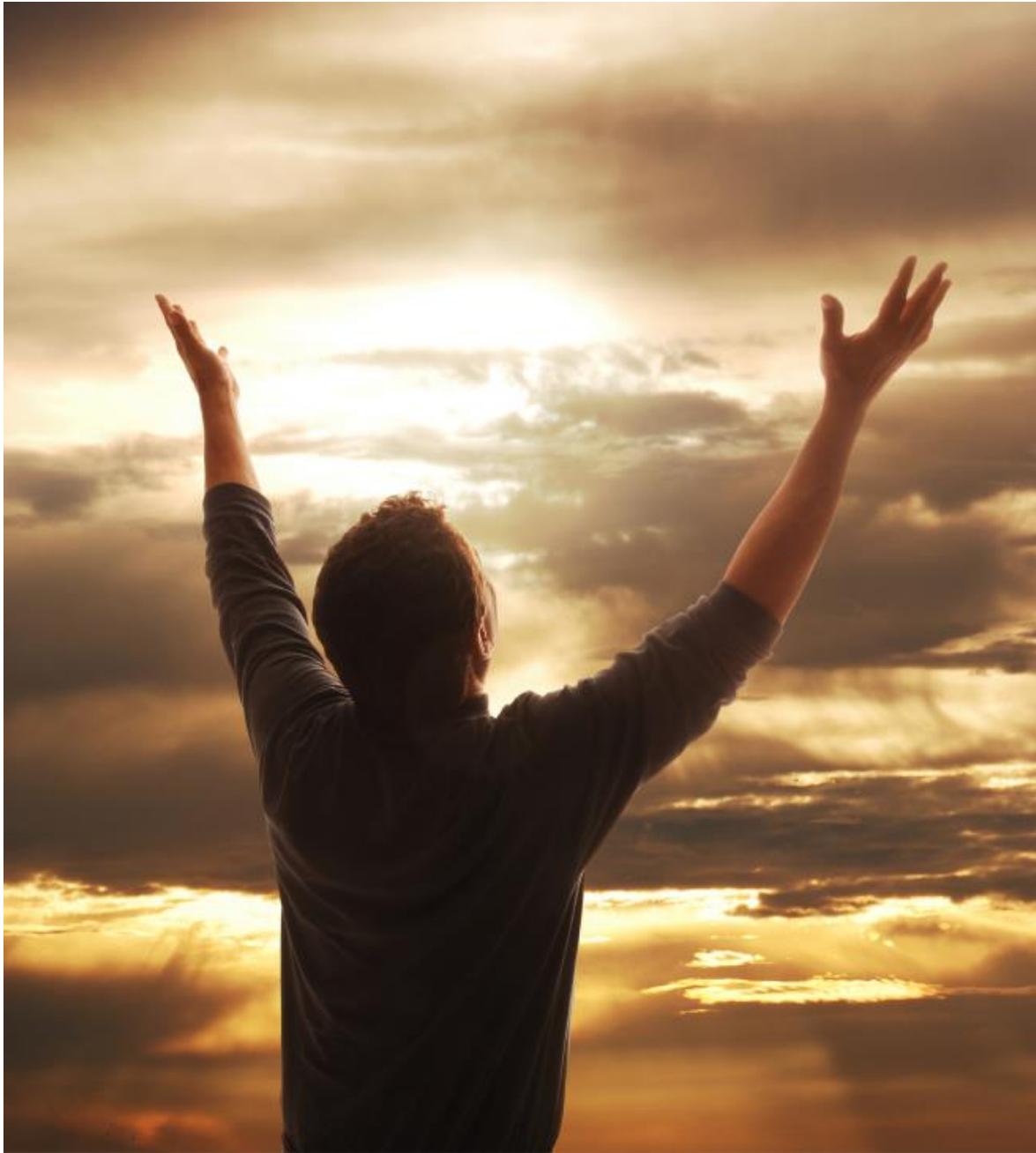


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Forward

America's traditional values and Judeo-Christian heritage has indeed been attacked in our beloved United States of America. This country is racing at an unprecedented rate down a slippery slope toward destruction. Over the years, God has blessed America and flooded this nation with the gospel light – more than any other country on the face of the earth. Yet she continues head-long into ever increasing degrees of violence, crime, riots, drunkenness, drug abuse, adultery, flaunting of homosexuality, occult practices, abortion, and all manner of evil and sin against God. Can God Jehovah ignore this blatant blasphemy and refrain from judgement? No, He cannot. Christians pray!

Christianity is under attack. It has come to the point that one must risk ridicule and possible repercussions in the workplace when proclaiming the name of Jesus Christ. It is no longer popular to be an Evangelical Pentecostal Christian anymore. It is no longer popular to preach the infallible Word of God anymore. Christians, must proclaim Him anyway!

America's only hope is Jesus. Our only hope is Jesus. Good news! Jesus is more than enough. Nothing is too hard for Him. But, we must be obedient and do our part. "If my people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray

and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7: 14

In conclusion, Psalm 107: 8 says, “Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!” One thing there is much too little of giving thanks. Too often, we look to our government for the answers and fail to understand that God is the one who will never leave us or forsake us. Through all the problems in our world, God in His goodness will take care of us. We should learn in all things to give thanks.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

In the 1960s, America began its current decline down the rocky road of economic and cultural failure. Correspondingly, America's religious fervor began to decline, too. In other words, as Americans turned their back on the God of the Founding Fathers and turned to other strange gods for their guidance, God opened the door for economic and cultural demoralization, along with terrorist activities that undermine the safety of the American populace. This is the reason that America is cracking up from within and seemingly there is no solution to prevent America's demise as the world's greatest democracy. Simply speaking, America as a nation no longer sacrifices to the Lord God Jehovah and His Son Jesus Christ through continual praise, but, instead, it bows down to the pagan gods of human secularism and political correctness, and the idol gods of false religions that promise no hope on the earth now or in the hereafter.

But, oh that men would praise the Lord God Jehovah and His Only Begotten Son Jesus Christ again, since this is the only cure for America's steady downward spiral. Of course, in order for this to happen, a Great Spiritual Awakening must infiltrate every institution of the American society. More importantly, Americans must realize the long lasting personal advantages that come to a people and a nation that

praise the Lord God Jehovah and His Son Jesus Christ. In fact, God promises all kinds of blessing to those people and nations that do praise Him and these blessings can be seen throughout the Holy Scriptures, especially in the book of Psalms.

Therefore, it is vital to the recovery of a sick America that all Americans take part in the recovery process as outlined so specifically in His Holy Word, which is the Truth, the Whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth.

Now, let's begin with Psalms 1, which explicitly explains the difference between those that follow God and those who do not follow Him. It reads,

1 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.

2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

3 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.

4 The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

6For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Ultimately, according to Wikipedia, Psalms 1 contrasts the “righteous” person to the “wicked” or “ungodly” or the “sinner. The righteous person is one who takes care to know the laws of God and so has good judgment and avoids bad company. The result is the ability to withstand difficult times in life supported by God's protection. On the other hand, the wicked person's behavior makes them vulnerable to disaster. This is the underlying problem that America has today. Too many Americans, and especially America's leaders, have chosen a course in life that leads them down a road that is filled with potentially dangerous curves and time-consuming detours. As a result, the citizens and politicians who have chosen this sinful road that leads them away from praising and worshiping God would eventually find themselves encountering obstacles that might just lead to death and destruction for themselves and their nation. As stated in Proverbs 14:34, “Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any nation.” Also, in Psalms 9:17, “The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.”

However, since some of America's citizens and politicians have chosen to forget God, it has caused America to face many consequences from God, as implied in Psalms 2:1-5. It reads,

1Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

2The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying,

3Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

4He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

5Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.

But, how can the verses in Psalm 2: 1-5 come alive today in the lives of sinful Americans and the less than honorable politicians who have been elected to run the United States government? First, in Psalms 2, verse 1, why have those who have turned their backs to God become so violent in their nature and, as a result, image evil things continually against godly Americans? The answer can be found in John 15:18, 19, 20 and 21. It states,

18If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

19If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

20Remember the word that I said unto you. The servant is not greater than his lord.

If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

21But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.

Therefore, as implied through these scriptures, ungodly American citizens and ungodly politicians hate Jesus Christ and those who follow His precepts. These unbelievers do not know Jesus Christ firsthand and, therefore, they desire to live a lustful life without any interference from Bible-believing Christians. Hence, they and their like-believing politicians are promoting any type legislation that could be used to eliminate Christianity in America, just as Jesus Christ prophesied two thousand years ago. Ultimately, if the New World Order is to appear on the scene, those in high governmental offices must eliminate the Spirit of Christ and Christianity from being prevalent in America, which is one of the main reasons that the True Meaning of Christmas and America's Judeo-Christian heritage is denied by such a secular nation that America has become. As a result, secularism and the Rage of the Heathen are at fault for America's current internal deterioration and demoralization.

Second, in Psalms 2, verses 2-3, the kings and rulers of the world take counsel against the Lord and His anointed and attempt to destroy them from off the face of the earth. Unfortunately, this is the scenario that is playing out in postmodern America today. America's leaders are attempting to annihilate the Word of God and the Truths contained with it and to openly persecute those who attempt to live by these very truths. Basically, America's leaders who have rejected God have labeled any followers of Christ or any followers of Conservatism as Potential Terrorists. Also, as has been in the news for the past two years, the Internal Revenue Service has attempted to deny all conservative groups from obtaining tax-exempt status, just because of their religious or political beliefs that are basically contrary to the current Democratic administration. As a result, it is obvious that too many members of the current Democratic administration are anti-God, anti-Christian, and anti-Constitution in their left-wing, socialist, progressive belief system. This is the reason Americans are having freedoms taken away from them regularly through the crushing blows of legislation earmarked to persecute the followers of Jesus Christ. Their ultimate goal is to force Christians and conservatives to bow down to the dictates of those who control the government, such as it was during ancient times in Egypt when Pharaoh made slaves out of the Hebrews and made them dependent on him.

Third, in Psalms 2, verses 4-5, the Lord sees what evil men are doing unto His people. Of course, this does not worry God. In fact, He sits in Heaven and laughs at the calamities of these men. He also brings these same evil men into derision, that is, ridicule and mockery. While, at the same time, God shows His wrath by vexing them with sore displeasure, that is, discomfort, pain, or uneasiness. In other words, those who persecute and or hurt God's Children could possibly face some type of painful consequences, just like the plagues that Pharaoh and the ancient Egyptians encountered when they mistreated the Hebrews, God's chosen people. As most people know, there were ten plagues that eventually made Pharaoh treat the Hebrews fairly and release them from their slavery. But, will God have to do something similar today to America in order to show His sore displeasure toward America and its leaders for persecuting His followers and rebelling against Him?

Fourth, in Psalms 2, verses 8-9, the Lord offers victory over a person's enemies, if they would just ask Him and then praise Him. In the chaotic world that exists today, man's only hope of existence lies in the hands of the Lord God Jehovah. With terrorists everywhere, including inside the United States, there are no safe enclaves as far as man is concerned. However, according to the Twenty-Third Psalm, there is a way of escape during troublesome times. It reads,

1The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Therefore, if a child of God puts his faith in the Lord, He will cover them with a bubble of safety that no enemy can penetrate. As a result, when the world is falling apart like Humpty Dumpty, God's Children can live safe, secure, and sustaining lives in the midst of the fire, just like three young Hebrew boys, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, were put in a literal fire several thousand years ago.

As recorded in Daniel 3: 1-29, King Nebuchadnezzar made a sixty cubits high and six cubits wide golden image and had it located on the Plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. He then commanded all the people of the realm to bow down and worship the golden image at the sound of the myriad of musical instruments.

However, if anyone failed to bow down to the golden image, he or she would be placed in a blazing furnace. Of course, as expected, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Lord God Jehovah, did not bow down to the idol god of Nebuchadnezzar. Therefore, King Nebuchadnezzar had them thrown into a fiery furnace that was heated seven times hotter than normal. When they entered the Furnace, they had on their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, along with having their hands tied.

However, when King Nebuchadnezzar looked into the blazing furnace, he was amazed to see them four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looked like the Son of God. As a result, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were removed from the furnace and the King's officials were extremely amazed that the fire had not harmed their bodies, not a single hair of their heads were singed, their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them. Ultimately, Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god, except their own God. Fortunately, this is the type protection that the Lord God Jehovah has always provided for His Children who worship Him

faithfully. Oh, that men would praise the Lord God Jehovah for His goodness to all
mankind!

Chapter 2

The Sanctity of Life

If God has put some plagues on America as a result of His sore displeasure toward a rebellious nation, what might be some possible examples? The first possible plague against America might be the manner in which Americans treat the sanctity of life. The phrase “sanctity of life” refers to the idea that human life is sacred and holy. In Western thought, no human has the right to take the life of another person, except in self-defense. Human acts, such as abortion, euthanasia, and assisted suicide, are not ordained of God, the Creator of all mankind. However, in Eastern thought, all animal life is considered to be sacred and holy. Of course, it is this belief that is causing millions of people in these Eastern nations to starve to death for lack of food from animals that actually roam the streets under a protected status. But, in Genesis 1: 28-30, God clearly states that man should have dominion over animals, which are to provide food for mankind. It reads,

28And God blessed them, and God said unto them, be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

29And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

30And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to everything that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

Unfortunately, though, more and more Americans are more concerned about protecting animal life than human life. A person may get a short time in prison for murdering a human, but, if you kill an animal that humans consider to be a pet, the court system would put that person away in incarceration for an extended time. Of course, God did not intend for animals who did not have a “soul” to have a free ride and have humans who were created in the image of God and do have a “soul” to be considered less important than animals and be killed at will. As a result, Americans have accepted the lie of Satan and have placed more value on animal life than human life. In doing so, many of the people who attempt to prevent any suffering of animals fail to support the suffering of humans by promoting abortion.

But, why would anyone support the abortion of helpless, unborn babies?

Superficially, the main reason would be convenience of stopping the birth of an unwanted baby, despite the torture and death that is part of the abortion process.

However, the root reason for abortion relates to the ritualistic worship of the idol god Baal, which is the pagan god of child sacrifice and sexual perversion that is worshipped by too many Americans today, especially those Americans that promote pro-choice over pro-life. Of course, the United States government is at fault as much as anyone for attempting to change America from a Judeo-Christian society that worships the Lord God Jehovah to a godless, immoral society that worships the idol god Baal, which puts sexual immorality and human sacrifice at the center of its worship.

Unfortunately, the worship of the idol god Baal is not something new to mankind.

In fact, throughout the Bible, God's prophets condemned the worship of Baal, especially the prophet Elijah, as seen in I Kings 18: 21-40. It reads,

21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? If the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

22 Then said Elijah unto the people, I, even I only, remain a prophet of the LORD;

but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men.

23 Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under: and I will dress the other bullock, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under:

24 And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken.

25 And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress it first; for ye are many; and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire under.

26 And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made.

27 And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked.

28 And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and

lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them.

29 And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.

30 And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down.

31 And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Israel shall be thy name:

32 And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed.

33 And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid him on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood.

34 And he said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time.

35 And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water.

36 And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that

Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.

37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.

38 Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

39 And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God.

40 And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.

Therefore, based on these scriptures, what happened between Elijah and the prophets of Baal? Basically, Elijah challenged the 450 prophets of Baal to a “Who Is the Best God” competition on Mt. Carmel. The competition centered on which god, the Lord God Jehovah or Baal, could send supernatural fire to burn up a bullock that would be sacrificed to each god. The prophets of Baal prayed to Baal until the evening sacrifice to no avail. However, after rebuilding the altar of the

Lord God Jehovah and then pouring twelve barrels of water on the altar, which filled a trench that had been dug around the altar, Elijah prayed a short faith-filled prayer. Then, within seconds, the Lord God Jehovah answered Elijah and “consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.”

Ultimately, as a result of God winning the “Who is the Best God “competition, the people fell on their faces and praised the Lord God Jehovah. Then, Elijah took all the prophets of Baal to the brook Kishon and slew all of them. Of course, as a result of God's supernatural intervention on Mt. Carmel, His chosen people once again “fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God.” Therefore, it took a complete cleansing of the Baal mindset with its worship of death in order to get the Children of God to return to the worship of the Lord God Jehovah. As a result, some type of Mt. Carmel confrontation is needed today in order to get America's Baal-worshippers to once again fall on their faces and recognize that the Lord God Jehovah is the only True and Living God to be worshipped and that desensitizing the sanctity of life cannot be part of that worship? However, only God has the solution to eliminate Baal worship in America. Of course, if this is true, why hasn't God brought forth that solution? But, possibly the

solution lies in the hands of a specific man or woman and their praise to God. In fact, during ancient times, God always had someone to do His bidding, such as Elijah, Moses, Joshua, and many more. Therefore, America needs that man to step forth and lead the necessary cleansing of America's Christian Church of all its similarities of Baal worship, since the root problem is inside the Christian Church, not the United States government. As a result, the solution to America's Baal worship lies in one simple scripture. That scripture is II Chronicles 7:14. It reads, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Now, let's look II Chronicles 7:14, as it is discussed by Mike Genung in his 2 Chronicles 7:14 Project. In his articles, he gives a solution to America's fallen spiritual state. That is America's Baal worship.

If My People Who Are Called by My Name

God is calling us to humble ourselves, pray, seek Him, and turn from our sin. It is to be a special time where we make obedience to God's word the main focus of our lives. This is not sound-bite Christianity where we get a few polished, challenging words from the pulpit, and then move on. The Lord wants us to go deep. This will

require time and effort...and will force us out of the Comfort Zone. At this moment in history, the church will either shine like the brightest lighthouse in the darkest storm, or it will continue to allow itself to be worn down by the culture and fade away. (Mike Genung, 2chronicles7:14 Project, www.blazinggrace.org)

Will Humble Themselves

But if they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers, with their unfaithfulness in which they were unfaithful to Me, and that they also have walked contrary to Me, and that I also have walked contrary to them and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if their uncircumcised hearts are humbled, and they accept their guilt-then I will remember My covenant with Jacob, and My covenant with Isaac and My covenant with Abraham I will remember; I will remember the land. Leviticus 26: 40-42

Because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before God when you heard His words against this place and against its inhabitants, and you humbled yourself before Me, and you tore your clothes and wept before Me, I also have heard you, says the Lord. II Chronicles 34: 27

When I look at the verses above, I notice the following:

- 1.Often, the leaders and people of Israel chose to humble themselves because of a

direct, no-holds barred confrontation from God of their sin.

2. After two of the most wicked men in Scripture, Manasseh and Ahab, humbled themselves, they received mercy. (This gives us great hope!)

3. The consequences of the refusal to humble oneself are *severe*, especially after receiving God's warning.

4. God hears those who "bow the knee."

5. We must choose to humble ourselves. God doesn't force us.

6. The act of humbling includes:

*Confession of sin and unfaithfulness to the Lord, and acceptance of guilt

*Tearing clothes, wearing sackcloth, fasting, and mourning

*Agreement that God alone is righteous

*Prayer

*Tears and a tender heart (Mike Genung, 2chronicles7:14 Project,

www.blazinggrace.org)

And Pray

In Daniel 9: 3-19, God records a prayer the prophet Daniel offered that got God's attention. Please take the time to read through this prayer slowly:

3And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:

4And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;

5We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:

6Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

7O LORD, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee.

8O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee.

9To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against him;

10Neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

11Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him.

12And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem.

13As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth.

14Therefore hath the LORD watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the LORD our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice.

15And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly.

16O LORD, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us.

17Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake.

18O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousness, but for thy great mercies.

19O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.

In the prayer above, Daniel:

* Started with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes. He humbled himself.

* Is broken before God.

* Demonstrates his love for the nation of Israel by his passionate petitions in their behalf.

* Confesses his sins, and those of his countrymen.

* Admits that they have not listened to God.

* Ascribes “shame of face” to the nation of Israel.

* Implores God to relent of His “anger and fury,” forgive His people, and “take action” for them. (Mike Genung, 2chronicles7:14 Project, www.blazinggrace.org)

And Seek My Face

There is nothing like the intense joy of knowing God.

In Isaiah 6: 1-8, we’re given a picture of how an encounter with the Lord affected one man:

1 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the

whole earth is full of his glory.

4And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

5Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

6Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

7And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

8Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

I believe that seeking God is an integral part of the II Chronicles 7:14 process because the Lord wants to radically change our lives like He did Isaiah's. The most powerful, paradigm changing moments in my life have not been in church, a counselor's office, or when I achieved success, but when I was alone with the Lord.

Imagine a church full of Isaiahs who have truly “sought and found God.” A group like this would change the world.

No wonder the enemy does everything he can to stop us from going on an all-out search for God—we’d be too dangerous. He throws fear, anxiety, and doubt (“God won’t speak to you”), resistance from others (“uh... aren’t you being a fanatic?”), every lie in the book (God won’t listen to you after the mess you’ve made of your life...), and circumstantial obstacles in our way.

Then there is the culture. Cell phones, email, and the demands of life suck us into a manic merry-go-round of insanity. We just *can’t* break off and seek God, there’s too much to do.

Or is it that we *won’t*?

The truth is if we’re that busy, we need solitude more than ever so we can reboot our priorities. Running the rat race without stopping to get our bearings makes us a burn out case in waiting; “depression and medication, here I come.” Better to come to the Kings of Kings now then wait until a crisis develops and we’re forced to.

For most of us, *we* are the biggest roadblock to seeking God.

We're afraid of silence... of what will happen when we start to feel our emotions and face what's going on in our heart. Our culture has taught us to anesthetize our feelings with noise, busyness, workaholicism, sex, drugs, food, hobbies, and electronic toys. Deep down we know that if we get alone with the Lord that He might put His finger on something we'll have to do something about.

But herein lies the beauty of seeking God. We can draw close to Him, knowing He won't get turned off by our sin. He can minister to us because we're no longer faking it. We can hear Him because we're truly listening. And He can touch our hearts and heal the wounds if we'll let Him in and cooperate with His treatment.

(Mike Genung, 2chronicles7:14 Project, www.blazinggrace.org)

And Turn from Their Wicked Ways

And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. **Joshua 24:15**

If we have humbled ourselves, prayed, and sought God's face with all our heart, God will open our eyes to our sin. (Although, some of us already know our sin, we

just haven't done anything about it.) Now we must choose which one we will serve.

There is no fence to ride, no legal loophole to thread. To "turn from our wicked ways" is to take unyielding, uncompromising action; anything less is playing games with God.

However, pride is always getting in the way of people turning from their wicked ways. But, how can a person get rid of pride? Ultimately, pride is eliminated by:

1. Deep conviction.

The cross puts us to shame. When we look on the Creator of the Universe, stripped and bleeding, as He asks the Father to forgive his captors, there's nothing left for us but to say "Jesus, forgive me for exalting myself when you gave me such a powerful example of sacrifice, humility, and love." Christ had no possessions when He died, not even His clothes. From man's perspective, the King of the Universe died as a failure. He modeled "obedience to the point of death."

When we look hard at Jesus, pride shrivels.

2. Suffering.

AW Tozer has written that "it's doubtful God can use any man greatly until He's

hurt him deeply.” The truth is that we *need* suffering. Suffering purifies us by spearing our pride and self-sufficiency. It crucifies our self-righteous, head-knowledge Christianity, and forces us to our knees so we can discover our utter dependency on God for *everything*.

Those who have been taught by suffering to live on their knees in humility have a far easier time rejecting their desire for glory than those who have not. Perhaps this is why James 1:2 says we are to “count it all joy when we fall into various trials.”

Humility is a gift that we must pray for every day. As soon as pride peaks its head around the corner and whispers “hey, a little recognition of how I awesome I am would be good now...” we must reject it. We refuse to make much of ourselves and ask the Lord to help us make glorifying and pleasing Him our new way of life.

We need God’s help to turn away from every sin mentioned above. The flesh doesn’t go down easily, and the enemy doesn’t give up until he’s driven off the territory we’ve given him. Prayer, consistent time in God’s word, and the support and prayer of others are a must. We’re not meant to fight our battles alone.

Taking action against our sin doesn’t mean that we suddenly achieve perfection, or that temptation stops. It does mean that we stop playing with it and burn our bridges behind us. (Mike Genung, 2chronicles7:14 Project, www.blazinggrace.org)

Then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

I believe we're in the last days; a period when Jesus said would include wars, famines, earthquakes, false prophets, an increase of wickedness, and "the love of many growing cold" (see Matthew 24). He also said that the gospel would be preached throughout the world right before the end. Today this is unfolding before our eyes.

I can only offer a guess of what the healing of our land might look like (disclaimer: I am not a prophet and make no pretense of speaking for God):

*Revival takes place in pockets of the church. Christians start making Jesus lord in waves.

*As more Christians spend less money on sin and themselves, "sin businesses" see their profits shrink. Some go out of business. *As churches catch fire, more are led to Christ.

*As we submit ourselves to God in obedience and humility, He uses more of us for His purposes. Some are sent to a mission field. ("A mission field" could be local; it doesn't have to be another country.)

* The church shines brighter than before and now becomes the lighthouse it is meant to be. (Mike Genung, 2chronicles7:14 Project, www.blazinggrace.org)

Therefore, when the church becomes the lighthouse that it is meant to be, the spirit of Baal would be eradicated from all church services in America and replaced once again by the Spirit of the Living God. As a result, great revivals would spread throughout America and ultimately drive Americans back to their Judeo-Christian roots, which gives eternal value to the sanctity of life. Oh, that men would praise the Lord God Jehovah for His goodness to all mankind!

Chapter 3

Reprobate Mind

A second possible plague on America might be a “Reprobate Mind,” that the Apostle Paul speaks about in Romans 1:28-32. It reads,

28And 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;

29Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

30Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

32Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Therefore, as is obvious from these scriptures, a “Reprobate Mind” leads people who do not recognize the Lord God Jehovah and praise Him to do all types of ungodly sins, just because these sins are convenient for them to do. For example,

the ancient Hebrews did all kinds of immoral actions while Moses was communicating with God on Mount Sinai (Exodus 32: 1-28). However, when Moses returned from Mt. Sinai, he was extremely angry at the people that he had led out of Egypt. As a result, God punished those in the Hebrew camp that had sinned against Him. In fact, Moses told the children of Levi to go through the camp and slay many of those who had sinned while he was on Mt. Sinai, which was about 3000 people. Sadly, though, it is the effects of a “Reprobate Mind” that have destroyed America's moral heritage, too. Ultimately, it has created a godless, immoral nation where Americans continually commit unimaginable acts contrary to God's dictates. As a nation's morals go, so goes the nation. This is one of the prime reasons that ancient Rome fell from within its borders, instead of without its borders. Also, if America continues to be a demoralized nation for another decade or two, will God do the same thing to America that He did to Sodom and Gomorrah? Needless to say, America's only hope is for Americans to once again “retain God in their knowledge,” and give Him praise that is due Him and His Only Begotten Son Jesus Christ for their goodness to mankind.

However, what has caused many Americans to be turned over to a “Reprobate Mind”? Simply speaking, too many Americans have become apostate in regard to

their faith in God and Jesus Christ. In essence, apostate people renounce and criticize their former religion. Then, as a result of denouncing their faith, they are then turned over to a “Reprobate Mind,” whereby they commit uncomely acts that do not mirror the direction God intended mankind to follow. Ultimately, this is the underlying reason that so many former Christians in America do not follow the teachings of God and Jesus Christ any longer. As a result of religious apostasy, America is no longer the spiritual or economic giant that it used to be.

But, what are some effects of Americans who have a reprobate mind? According to Don Koenig of The Prophecy Years. Com, there are fifty rhetorical questions that if answered would prove that too many Americans have a reprobate mind. Some of the more important questions are:

*Why do Americans elect and reelect a godless administration that is leading it to its destruction?

*Why do Americans have an unconstitutional tyrannical government in power and why are Americans allowing it?

*Why do Americans allow a government that pushes evil on our society and obstructs good?

*Why do Americans allow their government to continually spend much more than it has?

*Why do Americans allow their government to spy on everything that they do?

*Why do Americans allow their government to understate inflation to rob them and overstate employment to deceive them?

*Why does the American government prejudicially and selectively choose to enforce or not enforce laws?

*Why does the American government pretend that Islam is not a world threat?

*Why will our government not enforce our borders?

*Why do most Americans believe that homosexuality is a normal lifestyle when it is obviously abnormal and proves to be deadly?

*Why do woman in America choose to abort their babies?

*Why is most everything on TV about sex, violence and the abnormal?

*Why do most preachers in America not preach the gospel, and why do most Christians go to these churches?

*Why do Christian leaders teach works and humanism when the Bible teaches faith in Jesus Christ?

*Why do Christian leaders in America claim that unregenerate man is basically

good when God says that none are good?

*Why does America have the highest incarceration rate in the world?

*Why are inner cities in America controlled by gangs?

*Why do Americans allow their schools to indoctrinate their children in Humanism and Marxism?

*Why do Americans use more illegal drugs than any nation on earth?

Now, let's answer ten of the more important questions from the list of fifty questions that pertain to the United States government controlled by Democratic politicians in the Executive Branch.

Questions 1: Why do Americans elect and reelect a godless administration that is leading it to its destruction?

Answer: Americans elect and continue to elect godless leaders, even though they are leading America to destruction, because they want an immoral society that permits any and all types of sexual perversion, much like the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah in the Bible. In fact, sexual perversion was the reason God completely annihilated these two wicked cities, especially for the sin of homosexuality.

Question 2: Why do Americans have an unconstitutional tyrannical government in

power and why are Americans allowing it?

Answer: Americans have an unconstitutional, tyrannical government in power and continue to allow it because this type of government gives them freebies paid for by the tax-funded United States Treasury. In other words, selfish Americans are willing to sacrifice the freedoms of all Americans or their birthright, just like Esau did in the biblical story when he sold his birthright to Jacob, his brother, in exchange for a bowl of porridge.

Question 3: Why do Americans allow a government that pushes evil on our society and obstructs good?

Answer: Americans allow a government that pushes evil on our society and obstructs any efforts of good because of political correctness. The goal of political correctness is to prevent anyone from saying something that might offend someone, even though what is being said is the truth. Also, political correctness is similar to the concept of “Newspeak” that was prominent in George Orwell's book **1984**.

According to Wikipedia,

Newspeak is a reduced language created by the totalitarian state as a tool to limit free thought, and concepts that pose a threat to the regime, such as freedom, self-expression, individuality, and peace. As a result of America's new politically-

correct mindset, too many Americans fear the current President of the United States, since he is a political correctness guru who promotes evil over good and boasts about America being a non-Christian nation.

Question 4: Why do Americans allow their government to continually spend much more than it has?

Answer: Americans allow their government to continually spend much more than it has because of selfish greed. As long as their pockets are being lined with gold and silver from the U.S. Treasury, so to speak, many Americans do not care if future generations have to pay back their ill-gotten gains, especially since it would be impossible to repay, such an astronomical national debt. Of course, this excessive spending would be extremely beneficial to the political party in power, since it could just be an underhanded method in which to buy votes for their candidates.

Question 5: Why do Americans allow their government to spy on everything that they do?

Answer: Americans allow their government to spy on everything that they do because they believe it would somehow insure their safety from terrorists. However, Americans fail to realize that spying by the government might curtail some terrorist's attacks, but, in the long run, it would deny them the privacy that people in

the United States have always cherished. In fact, according to Benjamin Franklin in 1775, “Those who would give up essential Liberty, to purchase a little temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety.” Also, Americans who elected Barack Hussein Obama to two terms as President of the United States seemingly fail to realize that his Marxist training at the hands of Saul Alinsky, a noted Marxist and Socialist, is synonymous with spying on people, denying people their privacy and their constitutional rights, and eventually gaining control of the selfsame people. Unfortunately, the United States still has two more years to put up with President Obama's Marxist/Socialist agenda. Of course, as is obvious, the only hope for America at present is to elect a true, conservative American patriot to the Office of President who believes in, supports, and pledges allegiance to the Constitution and the type of government that it represents per the Founding Fathers.

Questions 6: Why does the American government prejudicially and selectively choose to enforce or not enforce laws?

Answer: The American government prejudicially and selectively chooses to enforce or not enforce laws because President Obama and his current administration seek to create a nation whose legal foundation is not contained in the U.S. Constitution. As far as President Obama and his administration is concerned, the U.S. Constitution is

archaic. Therefore, he is attempting to create a government that operates through his dictatorial executive orders that permits the President to decide which laws should be enforced and which laws that should not be enforced, even though the purpose of the Executive Branch is to faithfully carry out the laws enacted by the United States Congress. Of course, this is one of the main reasons that members of Congress continually discuss the possibility of impeaching President Obama for his unconstitutional actions and directives. In fact, former Attorney-General Eric Holder told a meeting of all the State Attorney-Generals that they did not have to enforce any laws that they personally did not like. However, Attorney-Generals of the fifty states are obligated by their state constitutions and the United States Constitution to enforce laws passed by state legislative bodies, just as the Attorney-General of the United States is obligated to enforce laws passed by the United States Congress, whether he or she likes them or not.

Question 7: Why will our government not enforce our borders?

Answer: The United States government will not truly enforce the entrance of illegal immigrants into America because President Obama, just like his predecessor George W. Bush, probably wants to eliminate America's sovereignty and join with Mexico and or Canada to form a new regional nation called the United States of

North America. As a result, a regional government would permit freedom of movement in and out of the United States without a passport or visa. This, of course, would ensure that corporations and small business have a larger and cheaper labor force to choose from to produce goods and services within the United States. Also, such a merger of nations could be one of the methods used to create a New World Order and a One World Government that so many leaders of the world drastically desire to happen as soon as possible. Ultimately, instead of maintaining over 200 nations in the world, the world might be divided into ten regional governments which possibly could be easier to maintain and operate, especially when the anti-Christ, as discussed in the Bible, comes on the scene during the End Times.

Question 8: Why does America have the highest incarceration rate in the world?

Answer: America has the highest incarceration rate in the world because it stopped worshiping the Lord God Jehovah and turned to the false gods of greed and immorality. The god of greed requires its followers to love money, which is the root of all evil. As a result, the worshipers of the god of greed would do anything to gain exorbitant amounts of money to lay down at the feet of their false god, such as robbery, theft, lying, cheating, and ultimately murder. Of course, all these methods

used by the following of the god of greed to worship their god leads to incarceration and sometimes the death penalty. Also, the god of immorality requires its followers to worship in ways that lead to incarceration, such as rape, sex-trafficking, child molestation, pedophilia, and kidnapping. Ultimately, the worship of the false gods of greed and immorality could put its followers in prison, but the worship of the Lord God Jehovah sets people free from physical and spiritual incarceration.

Question 9: Why do Americans allow their schools to indoctrinate their children in Humanism and Marxism?

Answer: Americans allow their schools to indoctrinate their children in Humanism and Marxism because their parents were indoctrinated in the same manner. Since the early 1960s, when prayer and Bible-reading were banned by Supreme Court cases, students have been brainwashed to accept the falsehood that a godless education would prepare them for the modern world. As a result, most of these parents who graduated from these godless public schools are now permitting their children to be brainwashed in the same manner and accept the same lies that they did.

But, what are the lies or misguided approaches to education that are contained in

Humanism and Marxism? According to Wikipedia, there are several educational ideas that apply to Humanism. They are as follows:

Choice and Control

The humanistic approach places a great deal of emphasis on students' choice and control over the course of their education. Students are encouraged to make choices that range from day-to-day activities to periodically setting future life goals. This allows for students to focus on a specific subject of interest for any amount of time they choose, within reason. Humanistic teachers believe it is important for students to be motivated and engaged in the material they are learning, and this happens when the topic is something the students need and want to know.

Felt Concern

Humanistic education tends to focus on the felt concerns and interests of the students intertwining with the intellect. It is believed that the overall mood and feeling of the students can either hinder or foster the process of learning.

The Whole Person

Humanistic educators believe that both feelings and knowledge are important to the learning process. Unlike traditional educators, humanistic teachers do not separate

the cognitive and affective domains. This aspect also relates to the curriculum in the sense that lessons and activities provide focus on various aspects of the student and not just rote memorization through note taking and lecturing.

Self-Evaluation

Humanistic educators believe that grades are irrelevant and that only self-evaluation is meaningful. Grading encourages students to work for a grade and not for intrinsic satisfaction. Humanistic educators disagree with routine testing because they teach students rote memorization as opposed to meaningful learning. They also believe testing doesn't provide sufficient educational feedback to the teacher.

Also, the political ideology of Marxism has lies and misguided approaches to education. According to Sam Cook, in his article “What's the Point of Education? A Marxist Perspective,” there are several educational ideas that apply to Marxism, too. They are as follows:

Marxists stress that education helps meet the needs of society by dividing it into distinct social-classes-the ruling class (bosses) and the working class (workers).

Marxists stress that education socializes children to become obedient workers as schools simply pass on ruling class norms and values.

Marxists stress that school pass on the dominant ideology of the hidden-curriculum that teaches children to accept their position in society, which is unequal and exploitative.

Marxist stress that the ruling class benefits from an education system which meets their needs by limiting the opportunities of the working-classes and thereby legitimizes social-class inequalities.

Therefore, Humanism and Marxism have hurt America's public education system. In fact, these two godless philosophies are responsible for students graduating from public schools with a godless, un-American, unpatriotic, and anti-Capitalism mindset. As a result, when some of these same students are elected to public office, they perform the duties of their elected office with the same mindset. Ultimately, this is the reason America's governmental pendulum is swinging to the left, which contains antidemocratic ideologies that are responsible for America losing its position at the top of the ladder of world leadership, which includes its public education system.

Question 10: Why do Americans use more illegal drugs than any nation on earth?

Answer: Americans use more illegal drugs than any other nation on the earth because they want to block out any memory of the God that they rebelled against

from their minds. In doing so, they replace the Lord God Jehovah with one of satan's substitute gods, the god of illegal drugs. This god requires a dedicated worship on a continual basis. It is a costly and detrimental god to serve, also. In fact, the god of illegal drugs would be responsible for taking good health from its worshipers, for taking extreme amounts of money from its worshipers, for destroying relationships with family members, for destroying the emotional state of its worshipers, and eventually would be responsible for the death of its worshipers by destroying major body organs and by encouraging its worshipers to take their own life. As a result, a supreme price must be paid for rebelling against the Lord God Jehovah and replacing Him with the satanic god of illegal drugs.

Ultimately, apostasy is responsible for increased atheism and immoral conduct in a nation that was founded on Biblical principles of the Holy Bible, as intended by the Founding Fathers. Therefore, as a result of apostasy, more and more Americans do not praise God and His Only Begotten Son Jesus Christ for their goodness to mankind. Instead, Americans who have given up their faith in God and Jesus Christ have turned their minds over the substitute gods that satan gives to them to worship so freely. However, as a result, these same Americans have destroyed their personal lives and the very nation and its institutions that they say they love and cherish. Oh, that men would praise the Lord God Jehovah for His goodness to all mankind!

Chapter 4

Economic Chaos

A third possible plague on America might be the current economic chaos that exists in America. Too many Americans have sought after fame and fortune, rather than to praise the Lord God Jehovah, as stated in Matthew 6: 33. It reads, “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” However, since too many Americans have not taken this scripture to heart, God might just have taken away America's economic prowess. In fact, in the last fifty years, America has become a borrower nation, instead of the number one lender nation in the world. But, to add injury to insult, America owes trillions of dollars to nations that are actually its enemies, such as Communist China. More importantly, though, America has now dropped to number two as the world’s largest economy and leader in world trade, second only to Communist China. In other words, nations that turn their back on the very God that made them economic powerhouses might find themselves in an economic downswing. Most likely, this is the major reason the United States is in the grip of economic chaos. As stated in Deuteronomy 28: 15-19, nations that turn their backs on God would be cursed. It reads,

15But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

16Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field.

17Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store.

18Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

19Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

Therefore, as is implied in these scriptures, the United States is a cursed nation, since it has turned its back on God and refused to praise Him. But, what are some signs that America might just be cursed? Some obvious examples are as follows:

*17 Trillion Dollar National Debt and Rising

*3 Million Unemployed Wage Earners

*Declining Demand for Goods and Services

*Triple-A Credit Rating Continues to Fluctuate

*U.S. Produces Less Goods and Services than Needed (Imbalance of Trade)

*U.S. No Longer the Economic Giant that It Used to Be

However, there are two unassuming examples of possible, God-ordained plagues on America that are hurting it economically. They are outsourcing and immigration from Mexico. But, how can outsourcing and immigration from Mexico be considered a plague from God? To begin, outsourcing basically means that American jobs have been taken overseas for various reasons. Four main reasons are: lower wages, lower regulatory costs, tax breaks, and the flexibility to expand or downsize quickly. Therefore, it benefits the company, despite the loss of jobs in the United States. As a result, outsourcing of American jobs to foreign nations is similar the Babylonian Captivity. According to God Question. Com, the Babylonian captivity or exile refers to the time period in Israel's history when Jews were taken captive by King Nebuchadnezzar II of Babylon. But, more importantly, God used Babylon as His agent of judgment against Israel for their sins of idolatry and rebellion against Him. There were actually several different times during this period (607-586 B.C.) when the Jews were taken captive by Babylon. With each successive rebellion against Babylonian rule, Nebuchadnezzar would lead his armies against Judah until they laid siege to Jerusalem for over a year, killing many people and destroying the Jewish temple, taking captive many thousands of Jews, and leaving Jerusalem in ruins.

Today, God might just be using outsourcing of jobs to achieve the same effect with Americans as the Babylonian Captivity did with the ancient Hebrews for their rebellion against Him. But, how can there be a comparison between outsourcing and the Babylonian Captivity? Outsourcing takes jobs out of the United States, which denies Americans needed jobs and their economic freedom, just like the Babylonian Captivity took the ancient Hebrews from their homeland, which denied them their personal freedom and cultural heritage. In other words, God has not permitted another nation to overrun America and take hostages of its people. Instead, He has hit Americans where it hurts them the most, right in their wallets, since no jobs means no revenue.

Next, immigration from Mexico might be a plague from God, also. But, how can immigration from Mexico be a plague? It is a plague because it hurts America's economy whether immigrants come legally or not. Every year billions of dollars are sent to Mexico by immigrants to their families in their homeland that helps the Mexican economy and, at the same time, hurts America's economy. In fact, according to Fox News, remittances to Mexico from the United States was 21.59 billion dollars in 2013. As a result, the money sent outside the United States is partly responsible for decreasing the demand for goods and services within

America's borders. Therefore, more Americans are losing their jobs and the revenue needed to sustain their families. Of course, this is simply supply and demand economics and it is not intended to belittle any group of people, since all Americans have roots from other countries. Ultimately, this premise just states the possibility that God might be using Mexican immigrants in the same manner in which He used King Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonians to carry out His punishment toward the ancient Hebrews, that is, to get the attention of Americans who have turned their backs on Him and have failed to praise Him for His goodness to them without actually taking them captive to another country themselves.

Fortunately, though, God's continues to bless His people right in the midst of an economic crisis. A prime example occurred in ancient Egypt during the time that Joseph was second only to Pharaoh. It was during this time that Joseph's father Jacob and the rest of his family and animals came to Egypt to live during the last five years of a seven-year famine, which is recorded in Genesis 45: 10-11. It reads, 10And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all thou hast: 11And there will I nourish thee; for yet thou there are five years of famine; lest thou, and thy household, and all thou hast, come to poverty.

But, why is the Land of Goshen so important to the Hebrews at this particular time?

The Land of Goshen was important to the Hebrews at this particular time because it was a place of provision and protection for God's chosen people, despite the fact that it was situated in the heathen nation of Egypt. As a result, when the ten plagues that were placed on the Egyptians by the hand of God, it did not affect the Children of God, since God had said that the Land of Goshen would be separated from the rest of Egypt and would receive special blessings from Him. As stated in Exodus 8: 22-23 and Exodus 9: 26, it reads,

22And I will sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there; to the end thou mayest know that I am the Lord in the midst of the earth.

23And I will put a division between my people and thy people: tomorrow shall this sign be.

26Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, was there no hail.

Therefore, since God is not a respecter of a person, He will provide provision, protection, and other blessings for His people today, even when they live in a nation that has turned its back on Him, such as the United States of America in the 21st Century.

However, how might God provide provision, protection, and other blessings to His people when they live in a nation that has turned its back on Him? Simply speaker, since God is the Great I Am, He can perform supernatural miracles to meet every need of those who put their faith in Him, just like He did in the Old Testament days, when He provided food, water, protection, and other blessings for His people as they traveled for forty years through the wilderness on their journey to the Promised Land. But, what supernatural means did God use to provide food, water, protection, and other blessings, without the Israelites having to purchase the needed supplies. Some of these supernatural means were seen in the following scriptures:

Exodus 12: 35-36

35The Israelites did as Moses instructed and asked the Egyptians for articles of silver and gold and for clothing.

36The LORD had made the Egyptians favorably disposed toward the people, and they gave them what they asked for; so they plundered the Egyptians. (New International)

Exodus 13: 21-22

21By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night.

22Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people. (New International)

Exodus 14: 13-31

13Moses answered the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again.

14The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still.”

15Then the LORD said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on.

16Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground.

17I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen

18The Egyptians will know that I am the LORD when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen.”

19Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel’s army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them

20coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long.

21Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided,

22and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

23The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea.

24During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion.

25He jammed the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

26Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen."

27Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the LORD swept them into the sea.

28The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.

29But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

30That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore.

31And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant. (New International)

Exodus 15: 23-27

23When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.)

24So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “What are we to drink?”

25 Then Moses cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became fit to drink. There the LORD issued a ruling and instruction for them and put them to the test.

26 He said, “If you listen carefully to the LORD your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, who heals you.”

27 Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water. (New International)

Exodus 16: 4-15

4 Then the LORD said to Moses, “I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions.

5 On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days.”

6 So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt,

7and in the morning you will see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?”

8Moses also said, “You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD.”

9Then Moses told Aaron, “Say to the entire Israelite community, ‘Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’”

10While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud.

11The LORD said to Moses,

12“I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.’”

13That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp.

14When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor.

15When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat. (New International)

Exodus 17: 5-6

5The LORD answered Moses, “Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.” So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. (New International)

Exodus 17: 8-13

8The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim.

9Moses said to Joshua, “Choose some of our men and go out to fight the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands.”

10So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill.

11As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning.

12When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset.

13So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword. (New International)

Now, how can the treatment of the Children of Israel in ancient times apply to Christendom today in America during hard economic times? It can be applied to Christendom today because God said many years ago that He would never leave or forsake His followers. Some key scriptures are as follows:

Deuteronomy 31:6-Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

Deuteronomy 31:8-And the LORD, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.

Joshua 1:9-Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Psalms 55:22-Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

Matthew 28:20-Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Therefore, based on what God Himself stated in His Holy Word, His followers are figuratively placed in a self-sustaining, protective bubble. As a result, God's economy never has a recession or a depression. Instead, God's economy has the providence of God as its base, not the United States Treasury and a self-destructive, debt-ridden government. Therefore, there are no bank closures in God's economy and, of course, God's economy does not have a national debt. Also, God's economy is backed by God's love, mercy, and grace, not the credibility of the United States government. Ultimately, the only collateral that a person would ever need to participate in God's economy would be the mere acceptance of God's divine plan of salvation, which was paid for by the Lord Jesus Christ, God's Only Begotten Son. Oh, that men would praise the Lord God Jehovah for His goodness to all mankind!

Chapter 5

Military Unable to Win Wars

A fourth possible plague on America might be the inability of America's military to win a war. In fact, the United States has not successfully won a war since World War II, which was over 65 years ago. But, why would God prevent the American military from defeating America's enemies? The main reason is that the United States government, especially the Defense Department, has joined the anti-Christian and has banned the Bible from being read by Christian military personnel while on duty and has denied Christian military personnel their constitutional right to express their faith. However, at the same time, homosexuals and other anti-Christian groups have been placed on a political correctness pedestal, which permits them to do basically anything that they want. As a result, America's military forces have been unable to win a war outright, which means that when they leave the battle zone the enemy does return. Just look at Iraqi and most likely Afghanistan in the near future when most of America's forces leave. But, why is it so difficult for America to defeat its enemies today with all its high-tech weaponry and well-trained military personnel? Once again, there is a simple answer. America's main enemy today is different than any enemy that America has ever faced in prior wars. In previous wars, America's enemy was against another nation whose military troops were

easily recognizable on the battlefield by the uniforms that they wore and the national language that they spoke. Now, America is at war with Islamic terrorists from around the world who speak different languages and wear different types of uniforms that make them hard to detect by general observation. Therefore, America is fighting an enemy that will be difficult to defeat, especially since committing suicide to kill their enemy, including innocent civilians of their own Islamic religious belief, means nothing to them, much like Japanese kamikaze pilots in World War II.

However, is terrorism the main reason that the United States is continually fighting overseas or is there a diabolical reason for fighting wars against terrorism?

According to former President James Madison during the early days of our nation, tyranny might just be the main reason for fighting wars overseas continuously. He stated, "If Tyranny and Oppression come to this land, it will be in the guise of fighting a foreign enemy." Sadly, the United States is fighting an enemy now that is more of a concept than an actual person. It is terrorism! Therefore, could it be possible that the tyranny that James Madison was commenting on many years ago exists in America today? Of course, if American military personnel are continually

fighting overseas, including the National Guard, who is watching America's backdoor so to speak.

Now, let's look at the cultural background and heritage of America's main enemy, Islamist terrorists, and the reason that God might be using them to punish America for its sins. The birth and characteristics of America's main postmodern enemy is recorded in Chapter 16 in the Bible, God's Holy Divine Word. In Genesis 16: 1-15, it reads,

1Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar.

2And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the Lord hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai.

3And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife.

4And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes.

5And Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong be upon thee: I have given my maid into

thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes:
the Lord judge between me and thee.

6But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid is in thine hand; do to her as it
pleaseth thee. And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face.

7And the angel of the Lord found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by
the fountain in the way to Shur.

8And he said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence camest thou? and whither wilt thou go?
And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai.

9And the angel of the Lord said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself
under her hands.

10And the angel of the Lord said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that
it shall not be numbered for multitude.

11And the angel of the Lord said unto her, Behold, thou art with child and shalt
bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the Lord hath heard thy
affliction.

12And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's
hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.

13And she called the name of the Lord that spake unto her, Thou God seest me: for
she said, Have I also here looked after him that seeth me?

14Wherefore the well was called Beerlahairoi; behold, it is between Kadesh and Bered.

15And Hagar bare Abram a son: and Abram called his son's name, which Hagar bare, Ishmael.

Ultimately, there are five key points to remember about the birth of Ishmael that are responsible for Islamic terrorist jihads in the world:

*Abraham was Ismael's dad and Hagar, the Egyptian handmaid of Sarai, Abraham's wife, was his mother.

*The Angel of the Lord gave Ishmael his name.

*The Angel of the Lord stated that Ishmael would be a wild man whose hand would be against every man and every man's hand against him.

*Ishmael was the Father of Arab Nations.

*God is using Ismael's descendants, Islamic terrorists who are enemies of America and any nation that does not accept Islam, to create havoc for a backslidden nation that fails to praise the Lord for His goodness to mankind.

Of course, the major reason for America losing so many battles and wars is the lack of fear that America's foes have toward the once mighty military fighting machine.

In years gone by, America was feared to a certain degree by its enemies, much like

the ancient Hebrews when they captured the city of Jericho. In Joshua 2: 9-11,

Rahab the harlot told the two spies sent to Jericho by Joshua the following:

9And she said unto the men, I know that the Lord hath given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you.

10For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red sea for you, when ye came out of Egypt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that were on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed.

11And as soon as we had heard these things, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for the Lord your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath.

Therefore, as a result of the faithfulness of the Hebrews and their worship and praise of God, He made fear to come upon all the enemies of Israel, just like He did many times throughout the Old Testament. However, despite the power military machine that America has, America's enemies just do not fear the United States anymore. When a nation turns its back on God, He turns His back on them. Then, the supernatural military edge that that nation once had might just be removed by the omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent God of the Universe.

Of course, God could also permit a group of people who hate Him to be used to defeat another ungodly nation whose attention He is attempting to get. For example, the ancient Hebrews who turned their back on Him and began to worship pagan idols were exiled many times by heathen nations. For example, God used Assyria nearly 2600 years ago to punish the ancient Israelites, as recorded in II Kings 17:7-20. In fact, God used Assyria to punish Israel because the Israelites had sinned against the LORD their God, who had brought them up out of Egypt from under the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt, by worshiping other false gods and following the practices of the nations the LORD had driven out before them, as well as the practices that the kings of Israel had introduced.

However, God did warn the Israelites through their prophets and seers: “Turn from your evil ways. Observe my commands and decrees, in accordance with the entire Law that I commanded your ancestors to obey and that I delivered to you through my servants the prophets.” But, unfortunately, they were a stiff-necked group of people like their ancestors, who did not trust in the Lord their God and would not listen to Him. In fact, the Israelites rejected God's decrees and the covenant He had made with their ancestors and the statutes He had warned them to keep. They followed worthless idols and themselves became worthless. They imitated the

nations around them although the LORD had ordered them, “Do not do as they do.”

Ultimately, they forsook all the commands of the LORD their God and made for themselves two idols cast in the shape of calves. They even bowed down to all the starry hosts, and they worshiped Baal. But, even worse than bowing down to idols, the Israelites sacrificed their sons and daughters in the fire. They also practiced divination and sought omens and sold themselves to do evil in the eyes of the LORD, arousing his anger. As a result, the LORD was very angry with Israel and removed them from his presence. Therefore, the Lord rejected all the people of Israel; He afflicted them and gave them into the hands of plunderers, until He thrust them from His presence and permitted them to be defeated by their enemies and taken into captivity in other lands.

Unfortunately, this is the same dilemma that the United States finds itself in today, since the sins of America are responsible for God denying America military forces to actually win wars outright, like it did in World War I and World War II. As a result, Islamic terrorists are creating havoc for the United States all over the world, even with all the well-trained men and women in the military and with all the high tech military equipment that these men and women have at their disposal.

Therefore, if the United States expects its military forces to defeat terrorism around the world, it must as a nation return to the worship of the Lord God Jehovah and rid the land of all of its idol and false gods. Then, and only then, can America once again regain its military prowess and actually win any and all military engagements. But, at present, it is evident that God is using Islamic terrorist's to punish the United States for its sins and rebellion against God, just like He used many different nations to punish Israel for their sins against Him. Of course, as stated in Isaiah 60:12, America has all the characteristics of a nation whose military will not be completely victorious in its effort to defeat the terrorism it fights daily. It reads, "For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted." Oh, that men would praise the Lord God Jehovah for His goodness to all mankind!

Chapter 6

Persecution of Christian College Students

A fifth possible plague on America might be the persecution of Christian students by liberal professors on public college and university campuses. In fact, presently, it seems that public colleges and universities are the key areas of Christian persecution, since college students are more vulnerable to the attacks of public college administrators and professors because they no longer have their parents to protect them and to guide them. Needless to say, it is past time for all America's Christian populace to stand up and unite against the anti-Christian bullies that exist on every secular college campus in America. Also, it is time for Christians to wake up from their Rip van Winkle mediocrity and demand their constitutional religious rights from a government that has sold out to politically correctness and the homosexual agenda. However, since liberal professors know that most Christians are passive in nature, they take the opportunity to use their classrooms as anti-Christian bashing centers. As a result, any student who is known to be a Christian is targeted for persecution. Of course, it is extremely disheartening that Christian students who symbolize love and peace are categorized by their own professors and

classmates as insensitive, intolerant, homophobic, and judgmental.

Ultimately, though, what is the impetus for the bashing of Christian students on America's secular college campuses? According to a CultureWatch article by Bill Muehlenberg,

There used to be a time when universities were known for being bastions of freedom of speech in which openness to ideas and genuine intellectual inquiry was affirmed. But that is no longer the case at many Western campuses. Instead a stifling political correctness is curtailing open debate and unfettered learning. More and more we find the major universities have now become a hot house for secular left ideology. Christians and conservatives have a difficult time making a go of things at such places, and many are now becoming the target of official campaigns of anti-Christian bigotry. (1)

But, who are these secular left-wing professors that are persecuting their Christian students for their religious beliefs? These left-wing professors are remnants of the post-World War II emigration to America. Most of them are atheists who purport a progressive, Marxist ideology. Their desire is to brainwash, intimidate, or persecute anyone who does not support their belief system. Hence, they have targeted their Christian students who believe and accept the teachings of Jesus Christ over the socialistic, communistic, atheistic tenets of Karl Marx, the founder of Communism.

Of course, this philosophy that has been inbred into these Christian students by their parents, relatives, and god-fearing ministers is very disturbing to anti-American educators who have one satanic agenda; they want to eliminate freedom and liberty in America. Therefore, in order to achieve their goal, they must get their students to accept their evil agenda with no questions asked. Those who do not accept their ideology, mainly Christian students, must be forced out of America's public colleges and universities.

Of course, the imbalance between liberal and conservative professors perpetuates Christian persecution on college campuses, too. According to a 2005 survey, seventy-two percent of those teaching at U.S. universities and colleges are liberal and fifteen are conservative. Also, there is an imbalance between Democrats and Republicans on public college campuses. Approximately, fifty percent of college faculties are Democrats with eleven percent identifying themselves as Republicans.

(2) Therefore, it is reasonably obvious that some form of anti-Christian, anti-conservative, and anti-Republican bias exists on America's taxpayer-supported public colleges and universities. Then, if Christian students are being persecuted on taxpayer-supported public colleges and universities, it is urgent that passive Christians become aggressive enough to demand that these institutions of higher learning stop persecuting Christian collegians or lose their federal funding.

However, it is amazing that these college professors and administrators would even attempt to destroy the Judeo-Christian influence that was the foundational heritage of most American college and universities. In fact, according to Muehlenberg, “The secular lefties are enjoying the fruits of the very worldview they wish to censure and discredit. The Judeo-Christian heritage which they so despise is the very thing which made the West possible in the first place.” (1) But, these professors and administrators believe that the end justifies the means. As a result, they are willing to sacrifice their good life if it means the annihilation of Christianity and its followers in America. Of course, the greatest venue to achieve their main objective is the public college classroom. But, as stated previously, if the colleges and universities that permit anti-Christian bigotry to consume their campuses lose their funding, then the professors of these institutions would lose their positions and their anti-Christian bullying platforms.

Therefore, all Doubting Thomas Christians should take the time to browse the Internet and find the many articles dealing with actual cases of Christian persecution in America on college and university campuses. If you actually read some of these articles, you would realize that normally one person makes decisions that ultimately force Christian students, professors and clubs to be banished from

the respective campuses. However, what is the underlying reason for such hatred toward Christian students? The underlying reason, as stated earlier, is political correctness and the homosexual agenda. As a result, the federal government has abandoned its Judeo-Christian heritage and replaced it with humanism. Humanism is the belief that God is weak and man is strong. Therefore, there is no need for the promotion of Christianity and the gospel of Jesus Christ. Instead, political correctness, the idea that no one in America should be offended for any reason, has become the springboard for making America a perfect utopian society, which cannot exist with imperfect men attempting to play God. Also, the federal government has determined to force Christians to accept the sexual lifestyle that the God of Christians calls an abomination. Ultimately, Christians in general must be silenced and future Christian leaders who study at secular left-wing colleges and universities must be banished from these institutions. This is the reason anti-Christian bigotry abounds on liberal college and university campuses.

Ultimately, just in case you do not have time to browse the Internet for proof of my stated premise, I will give you several despicable examples of anti-Christian bigotry on public college and university campuses. But, most of the actual cases of Christian persecution on public college campuses are so ridiculous that it is almost impossible to accept that an educated person would stoop that low. However,

liberalism on higher institutions of learning campuses will continue if ungodly professors completely achieve their humanistic agenda. The first example took place at the University of California at Davis. One of the campus documents is entitled “The Principles of Community.” Within this document, there is a definition of “Religious/Spiritual Discrimination.” The definition reads: “The loss of power and privilege to those who do not practice the dominant culture’s religion. In the United States, this is institutionalized oppressions toward those who are not Christian.” Therefore, according to this definition, the University of California at Davis considers Christianity to be an oppressive religion mainly because it is the dominant religion of America. (1) As evidenced by this definition and the University of California at Davis’ campus policy, Christian persecution does exist on their public university campus.

Another ridiculous example of Christian persecution occurred at a well-known Southeastern Conference university. The university is Vanderbilt University, which is located in Nashville, Tennessee. According to Chancellor Nicholas Zeppos, Christian groups on campus cannot require its leaders to be Christian. The student that initiated this political correct attack against the Christian Legal Society was an openly gay undergraduate student. He complained that he was removed from the club because he was gay. But, in reality, the student did not comply with the

bylaws of the club, since it required all members to be Christian. Also, the members would have to lead Bible Studies, prayer, and worship at club meetings.

However, the leader of such a prestigious university says that Christianity cannot be advocated and promoted in a Christian club. (3) It is amazing that the very people who state that Christians are intolerant and insensitive are extremely intolerant and insensitive themselves. As is implied, liberals are tolerant toward other liberals only. Of course, Christians are tolerant toward all people, but they cannot be tolerant toward the sins of those who reject God and His Only Begotten Son Jesus Christ.

In conclusion, since Christian persecution does exist on secular college campuses, what types of challenges do they face on a daily basis? What has caused Christian students to lose their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ? The myriad of challenges that all college and university students face, especially Christians, are:

1. The Intellectual Challenge, which deals with Naturalism (Everything centers around nature instead of God)
2. The Banishment Approach, which deals with the acceptance of Naturalism or do not come to class

3. The Confrontation Approach, which deals with comparing the beliefs of Christian students to the beliefs of the Ku Klux Klan and other groups that are viewed with disdain by society

4. The Tolerance Approach, which deals with the claim that all Christians are intolerant (4)

As a result, Christian students are bombarded with anti-Christian challenges that cause many of them to turn their back on God in order to attend the college or university of their choice. They have to renounce their Christian faith and blend in with the rest of the students, if they want to continue to attend classes. However, it is a stench in the nostril of the Lord God Jehovah that colleges and universities that were once founded on a Judeo-Christian belief system during colonial times have now turned into humanistic, atheistic, and anti-Christian breeding centers. As a result, many Christian students who were on a safe journey to Heaven when they began their college career are now traveling down an unsafe, rocky road that leads to Hell. Of course, the blood of these students will be on the hands of their liberal professors and their ungodly classmates.

But, these professors and students who persecute Christian students because they are supposedly intolerant are, in actuality, intolerant themselves. Unfortunately, though, political correctness only applies to actions that offend conservative

Christians. In other words, it is alright to offend Christian students only, since they are fair game on a secular campus. Of course, if a liberal student was offended, such as a person who lives a homosexual lifestyle, the guilty party would be confronted and attacked verbally and or physically in hopes of convincing the student to leave the secular college or university. Needless to say, there is a double standard in America in relation to the freedom of religion. As a result, the liberal, humanistic anti-Christian movement on college campuses throughout the United States should be investigated immediately by the federal government. Then, the self-same federal government should require that these anti-Christian professors and the institutions of higher learning at which they teach “cease and desist” all religious discrimination toward Christians, since the U.S. Constitution guarantees freedom of religion on college and university campuses, too. However, the current extremely liberal, left-wing, Democratic administration would be the last group to defend Christian conservatism on secular college campuses. Therefore, Christians in America must unite and seek God’s guidance in their effort to eliminate anti-Christian bigotry on secular college and university campuses in America. Oh, that men would praise the Lord God Jehovah for His goodness to all mankind!

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Chapter 7

Postmodern Christian Ministers Distort Gospel

A sixth possible plague on America might be the postmodern Christian churches who have ministers that have sold out to the god of political correctness and not to the God of the Bible, and, as a result, they preach a distorted gospel to their congregations. Needless to say, a distorted gospel would not meet the requirements of God's eternal plan of salvation. But, what is a distorted gospel? Basically, a distorted gospel encompasses the following attributes:

*Salvation based on a mind acknowledgment of God, not on a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

*Salvation based on works and deeds, not on faith in Jesus Christ through His Death on the Cross

*Salvation based on holding onto sins as a Christian, not on leaving them at the Foot of the Cross

*Salvation based on the teachings of man, not on the teachings of Jesus Christ from His Holy Word

*Salvation based on listening to “feel good, inspirational” messages about God's Love, not on listening to “hell, fire, and brimstone” messages about the consequences of sin

*Salvation based on listening to “dry, intellectual sermons, written possibly by someone other than the minister, not on listening to “spiritually anointed” sermons prayed down from the Throne of God

*Salvation based on listening to gospel songs that sound like worldly music from hell, not on listening to gospel songs that were written by anointed saints of yesteryear that continually reference the Blood of Jesus and its Power.

*Salvation based on reading and accepting specific scriptures from the Bible as being ordained by God, not on reading and accepting the entire Bible as the “Inspired Word of God,” as stated in II Timothy 3:16

*Salvation based on listening to sermons that have just a few nuggets of truth, not on listening to sermons that contain the Truth, the Whole Truth, and Nothing but the Truth

*Salvation based on listening to sermons that brainwash church goers to look to the government for their needs, not on listening to sermons that glorify God and give Him praise for His goodness to all mankind

Ultimately, Matthew 7: 15-23 explains the outcome that face those people who accept a distorted plan of salvation. It reads,

15Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

16Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

17Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

18A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

19Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

20Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

21Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

22Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Therefore, as is implied in these scriptures, many people profess to be followers of Jesus Christ. However, no one can earn or purchase salvation. It is a free gift from God through the shed blood of his Only Begotten Son on the Cross of Calvary.

Since salvation is a free gift, it can only be given to someone by the person who purchased the gift. In the case of salvation, Jesus Christ is the only person who has the right to give a person salvation, since He died on the Cross for that specific purpose. In other words, no one can get to Heaven without first having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Of course, anyone who bases his or her faith in a distorted gospel would not be accepted by God into Heaven. This was clearly addressed in Matthew 7: 21-23, which says,

21Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

22Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Sadly, though, there are probably millions of people in the United States that are Christian in Name Only who follow ministers who preach a distorted gospel. As a result, as written in Matthew, God will not now or ever accept a counterfeit religion as a way to meet the requirements needed to enter Heaven.

But, what is the main reason that many ministers in America's Christian churches preach a distorted gospel. According to the Apostle Paul in II Timothy 4:3-4, there would come a time in Christendom when its ministers and its followers would turn their backs to the true gospel. Paul said, "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." This is America in the 21st century. In fact, too many ministers are preaching their own personal ideologies, instead of the true Word of God. Those who sit in the pews each week blindly accept the unbiblical words that their ministers preach to them, too, since many of them have never read the Bible. They also blindly accept those who violate the teachings of the Holy Bible into the American Christian Church as born-again Christians. Of course, this ought not to be. However, as already stated by the Apostle Paul, these type aversions to true Christianity would happen in the last days. Also, Solomon, King David's son, stated in Proverbs 14:12 what would be the outcome of those who participated in these aversions to true Christianity. He stated, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Obviously, Solomon could

not have said it any more plainly than he did. However, too many ministers and their congregations have accepted Satan's substitute plan for salvation which leads to spiritual death.

What is Satan's substitute plan for salvation for America's Christian Church?

Satan's plan of salvation for America's Christian Church takes an "anything goes" approach, just like the postmodern world takes. His plan of salvation basically brings the sinful things of the world into the Christian Church. As a result, the Christian Church permits its members to live lifestyles that are an abomination to God and Jesus Christ and, at the same time, profess to be born-again Christians. Too many times, Christian Church members in America compromise the Biblical standards that Jesus Christ expects true Christians to follow if they expect to go to Heaven. In fact, it is extremely easy for a person to say he or she is a Christian and follow an orchestrated routine from just attending church regularly. But, for a person to truly live for Jesus, it takes a consecrated and dedicated effort. However, too many postmodern-day Christians are lukewarm and apostate and deny that salvation comes from the blood of Jesus Christ, the blood that He shed on the Cross of Calvary.

Of course, as stated in Revelation 3:15-16, John the Revelator expressed God's opinion on these type Christians. It reads, "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." Obviously, God does not accept those who profess to be Christians but do not obey the teachings of His Holy Word and basically just play the "Church Game." Also, as stated in Matthew 7:22, those who are not truly dedicated to God and who attempt to obtain salvation without accepting Christ's blood-bought plan of salvation are looked upon with disdain. It reads, "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Therefore, God does not accept those who attempt to obtain a false salvation based on works either.

Another provision of Satan's plan of salvation is to get America's Christian Church to bow down to the demands and dictates of the world and to become a more politically-correct religious entity. Ultimately, based on the American Christian Church's attitude, it accepts abortion and homosexuality as an integral part of the dogma of many of its churches. But, what is the rationale for the American

Christian Church's bowing down to these abominable sins? Basically, the American Christian Church has accepted these abominable sins in order to prevent anyone from having their feelings hurt, since God is a God of love. However, if the true gospel of Jesus Christ is preached, people will have their feelings hurt; they will be offended and they will feel condemnation, too. In fact, the Bible is depicted as a two-edged sword in Hebrews 4:12. It reads, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Therefore, anything that resembles sin in a person must be spiritually cut away, since absolutely no one who is unrepentant will be permitted to enter Heaven. Also, they would be expected to show true remorse for the sins which they have committed. Otherwise, their salvation experience would not be recognized by God and the Lord Jesus Christ, since it would not be the same salvation experience that Jesus Christ paid for with His death on Calvary's Cross.

Finally, a third provision of Satan's substitute plan of salvation is the removal of the anointing of the Holy Spirit from America's Christian Church. Of course, this has been a very easy process, especially since the American Christian Church has a

form of godliness, but denies the power of God. Therefore, the ministers are too busy promoting their own personal ideologies and those of so-called Christian groups that are actually wolves in sheep's clothing. Also, many members of these congregations are too busy promoting anti-social behavior inside and outside the four walls of their perspective churches. As a result, since the Holy Spirit anointing will not reside upon a church or upon a person that lives an unholy life, it is no wonder that God has removed the Holy Spirit's anointing from religious charlatans who preach a bloodless, politically-correct, "don't offend anyone," and "don't mention Jesus name" gospel message. Needless to say, Satan is well-pleased with the acceptance of his substitute plan of salvation. In fact, it is unimaginable how so many of America's postmodern churches and their congregations have swallowed Satan's lie from the pits of Hell without realizing that they are being deceived, just like the Bible said it would happen in the "Last Days."

The postmodern ministers who preach a social and political gospel are afraid to preach the true gospel of Jesus Christ and the unadulterated Word of God. Instead, they preach from books that they have written and/or books that other Christian authors have written. Of course, the material contained within these books would picture God as a God of Love, not a God of Justice. As a result, He would not send

anyone to Hell. Therefore, most sermons preached in these churches would basically be motivational talks that would make the members feel good about themselves, regardless of the sinful lifestyles that they have lived Monday through Saturday. But, these ministers are correct in their beliefs to a certain degree. God is a God of Love, but He is also a God of Justice toward those who refuse to accept that Jesus Christ is God's Only Begotten Son. Also, He is a God of Justice toward those who refuse to accept that Jesus Christ is the only way to Heaven. Finally, He is a God of Justice to those who refuse to accept the atonement, the only plan of salvation that Jesus Christ paid for with His own blood on the Cross of Calvary. Ultimately, many souls will die and go to Hell because some ministers in America's Christian Churches have turned their backs on the Lord Jesus Christ and His Plan of Salvation and have replaced it with Satan's "sinner-friendly" plan of salvation. As a result, these churches have given up their spiritual birthright, which is responsible for eternal life, for a distasteful bowl of contaminated, cultural soup, which is responsible for eternal death. Oh, that men would praise the Lord God Jehovah for His goodness to all mankind!

Chapter 8

Deadly School Shootings

A possible seventh plague on America might be the school shootings that have killed many innocent children and adults. But, what might be the reason for all these heartless shootings? The underlying cause of all these school shootings goes back to the early 1960s. This is when the protective umbrella that hovered over America's public schools for protection was removed by the United States Supreme Court with the support of the Executive and Legislative Branches. This protective umbrella was Bible-reading and prayer, which was a daily routine for public school students. But, unfortunately, most Americans have no knowledge of this protective umbrella, since Bible-reading and prayer have been collectively absent from public schools since June 25, 1962.

Now, fifty years later, America's godless, secular humanist-controlled, umbrella-less public schools have become death traps for innocent boys and girls who just happen to be at the wrong place at the wrong time when satanically-controlled students and non-students enter public schools hell bent on shedding blood for their god of death. As a result, over 120 school shootings have taken place since 1966, with the latest occurring in Newtown, Connecticut on December 14, 2012. During

this time period, over 270 students and adults have been killed. Of course, many American citizens and the federal government would pass it off as the work of mentally-deranged individuals who were able to easily obtain hand guns and rifles. Needless to say, anyone who goes into a public school and attempts to kill as many students and adults as possible is mentally-deranged.

But, now, in retrospect, why have so many elementary school, middle school, and high school students been murdered in the past fifty years? From the federal government's perspective, these murderers were mentally ill and deranged drug-users? However, President Obama and the other leaders of the federal government are failing to see the big picture. For example, they are attempting to ban certain guns in America, but they are not addressing the driving force that has caused so many individuals to use guns to murder innocent students. The first culprit that should be considered as a driving force in the murder of public school students is the vast number of violent video games produced in the United States yearly. These video games permit some teenagers who have too much free time on their hands to murder and maim people on a regular basis while participating in violent, virtual reality games. Then, at some point in time, the demonic influences of these games, which is a spiritual problem, take control of the players' minds. As a result, they are driven to carry the murder and maiming of innocent people into the real world.

Hence, the murder and maiming of students and adults in America's public schools. The second culprit that should be considered as a driving force in the murder of public school students would be the violent movies and DVD s made in Hollywood. After these students watch hours of these blood and gut movies at the theater or in the privacy of their bedrooms, they permit spirits of the dark side to take control of their minds. As a result, these students permit these evil, satanic spirits to lead them down a road of no return; a road that mimics the road traveled by the murderers in the movies that they watched. For example, a recent movie that could be a possible cause for the death of young people and adults in public schools was entitled "Hunger Games." According to Wikipedia, The Hunger Games takes place in a nation known as Panem, established in North America after the destruction of the continent's civilization by an unknown apocalyptic event. The nation consists of the wealthy Capitol and twelve surrounding, poorer districts united under the Capitol's control. As punishment for a past rebellion against the Capitol, in which a 13th district was destroyed, one boy and one girl between the ages of 12 and 18 from each district are selected by an annual lottery to participate in the Hunger Games, an event in which the participants (or "tributes") must fight to the death in an outdoor arena controlled by the Capitol, until only one individual remains.

Unfortunately, though, based on the mental instability of many of America's teenagers, it is extremely possible that one of the viewers might just seek to turn the fictitious movie into a real life scenario at the local public schoolhouse. Of course, Time Magazine's review of The Hunger Games' book gives credence and legitimacy to the possibility of such a tragic event happening. It stated, "it is a chilling, bloody and thoroughly horrifying book" that has a "hypnotic" quality of violence. Also, Stephen King in his Entertainment Weekly review compared it to "shoot-it-if-it-moves video games. Therefore, if the book has a "hypnotic" quality of violence, a Hollywood mad movie with all the modern-day special effects could easily influence a bored to death teenager who sees no value in his life to seek a way out. That way out might just be achieved by him by carrying out a fantasy that came about after he saw in a movie on the big screen or his television that incited within him a thirst to kill.

The third culprit that should be considered as a driving force in the murder of public school students would be boredom that teenagers face on a regular basis. But, how could boredom be responsible for teenagers killing innocent young people, possibly in America's public schools? According to Dr. David Jeremiah in his book entitled Searching for Heaven on Earth,

Boring! is the ultimate put-down in today's society, yet everyone and everything seems afflicted by it. We can never see enough or hear enough to bring satisfaction. Everything ultimately brings weariness and boredom, forcing us to constantly seek diversion.

Also, Dr. Jeremiah gives a quote from Michael Crichton's book entitled *Timeline* that gives an insight on the negative effects of boredom. It reads,

In other centuries, human beings wanted to be saved, or improved, or freed, or educated. But in our century, they want to be entertained. The great fear is not disease or death, but of boredom. A sense of time on our hands, a sense of nothing to do. A sense that we are not amused. But where will this mania for entertainment end?

Unfortunately, it appears that this mania for entertainment has evolved into a new game that is many times more diabolical than *The Hunger Games*. This new game could very viciously be called *Death at the Public School*. The main objective of this game would be to kill as many public school students as possible before getting killed yourself. But, what would drive bored teenagers to attempt to eliminate the boredom in their lives by seeking a deathly diversion, such as the killing of public school students? According to the federal government's perspective, the

problematic issue that triggered all the perpetrators that have killed so many school children was their unstable mental health. True, the mental state of the murderers of school age children, teens, and adults was in disarray. Of course, the government's perspective is based on the study of psychology, which is inherently incorrect in this situation. However, as stated earlier, the real reason that most teenagers would victimize themselves and other people would be more of a spiritual problem.

But, what brought about the spiritual problem that exists in public schools?

Basically, when God was forced to leave America's public schools, the substitute spirits that filled the spiritual vacuum were demonic and had a different role to play than the Holy Spirit, which was God's Protector of the students and adults in America's public schools. Whereas, the Holy Spirit's goal was to control the heart and soul of students for the purpose of leading them toward a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, which includes a life of peace, the demonic spirits' goal was to control the mind of students for the purpose of destroying their mind, soul, and body, which includes a life of chaos and death. Therefore, unless the government permits students who would not ever hear about God and Jesus Christ at home or at church to be under the influence of the Holy Spirit at school, like it was before 1962, all the money spent on mental health treatments for mentally ill students and the passage of gun control legislation for the purpose of banning certain types of

weapons would be “null and void.” Ultimately, the Bible tells the reason that some young people are apt to commit such awful acts against children and adults in a school setting. In Proverbs 22: 6, it reads, “train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” However, when children are not trained at home or school to live by the Word of God, they are more likely to rebel against God, just like America as a whole is rebelling against God today. Of course, this rebellion is the reason for America's youth committing abominable acts that sacrifice innocent lives to the postmodern god of death. What a price that must be paid in order to promote the tyrannical tenet of the separation of church and state, which the Founding Fathers never intended to become part of America's constitutional republic. Oh, that men would praise the Lord God Jehovah for His goodness to all mankind!

Chapter 9

Government-funded, Humanist Indoctrinated Public Education System

A possible eighth plague on America might be its government-funded public education system with its humanistic agenda. But, what is its humanistic agenda?

Basically, it is an atheistic approach to the indoctrination of America's school children to worship the government and praise it for its goodness to all mankind.

Of course, this brainwashing is done through government-funded curriculum programs for all grade levels. These curriculum programs teach students that the following humanistic beliefs are normal and should be accepted:

*The government is their shepherd and, as a result, they will not want any good thing.

*Homosexual, lesbian, bi-sexual, and transgender sexual orientations are normal

*Islam is the religion of peace.

*Woman have the choice of aborting their babies.

*Men should trust in their own reasoning not in a divine being who guides them.

*Sex Education should be taught to all students at all grade levels.

*Evolution is responsible for the origin of mankind.

*There are no absolute truths.

- *Global Education is more important than the sovereignty of a nation.
- *Teacher-Student dialogue must be confidential and kept from parents.
- *Collective Learning is more important than independent student learning.
- *Traditional religious values should be rejected.
- *Students must determine their own educational programs.
- *Competition between students must be eliminated from public schools.
- *Teachers should revamp student personalities.
- *Teachers should reshape the values and morals of America's Judeo-Christian heritage.
- *Students should have sensitivity training.
- *The economic system of Capitalism, Christianity, and Conservatism is bad for America.
- *Children should begin school at extremely young ages, which is one of the tenets of Communism.
- *Brainwashing should be the main educational technique.
- *Students should not bring food from home to eat for lunch. Instead, students should only eat food at school that is recommended by the government.

*It is unconstitutional for students to pray and read the Bible while on a public school campus.

*Christian students should not express their faith while on a public school campus.

*The Bible is a hate book that promotes intolerance toward gays and lesbians.

*Students should not defend themselves while on the public school campus if they do not want to be disciplined.

*Free speech should not be permitted on public school campuses.

*Americans should not be permitted to bear arms, even for their own protection.

*Leaders of the Democratic Party are better for the American society.

*Students should never say “God Bless” on a public school campus, even when a student sneezes.

*Students should spy on their parents and report negative comments to school administrators.

*The name of Jesus should never be mentioned on a public school campus.

*Students should not tell their parents what they are being taught in school, since parents would not understand “new age” ideas.

*Students who are here in the United State illegally should be treated with the

same respect and given the same benefits as those who are in the United States legally.

However, as can be seen in these absurd beliefs by secular humanist who are mainly associated with the Democratic Party, America's public education system should be viewed as a mechanism to brainwash and demoralize America's student populace. Unfortunately, there are many examples of the humanist ideology being referenced in educational settings. Some of these are:

On November 17, 1989, a program funded by the National Education Association and sponsored by the Washington State Superintendent of Public Instruction was introduced at a teacher seminar. The sole purpose of this meeting was to teach how to prevent parents from controlling what is taught in their child's school.

According to Dewey, the Father of Progressive Education, educators should "prepare the child to fit into society as a servant of the State." As a result of Dewey's ideology, today more emphasis has been placed on emotions rather than traditional academic skills.

According to John Dewey, competition caused stress for children, too. He wanted all competition eliminated in public school classrooms. Class distinctions needed to be eliminated, too. Dewey advocated mixing students in different grades in the

same classroom. He wanted to abolish tests, exams, and ranking of students. The failing of students had to be stopped, also. As viewed by Dewey, “a democratic classroom hardly prepares children for the real world, and can lead to frustration and violence.”

The National Teacher Association believes that “teachers who conform to the traditional institutional mode are out of place... They might find fulfillment as... guards in maximum security prisons... or agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation... but they damage teaching, children, and themselves by staying in the classroom.” The Association believes that teachers do not want to stifle their student’s educational growth. Therefore, teachers could reprogram teachers that teaching facts is old-fashioned. In reality, teachers become social engineers. Their new goal becomes the total revamping of their students’ personalities. If not, they are made to believe that society and education in general would deteriorate.

In 1972, a Harvard professor of education and psychiatry addressed a teachers’ convention about the mental state of young children. He told the teachers, “Every child in America entering school at the age of five is insane because he comes to school with certain allegiances toward our founding fathers, toward our elected officials, toward his parents, toward a belief in a supernatural being, toward the

sovereignty of this nation...It's up to you as teacher to make all of these sick children well, by creating the international children of the future.”

According to Charles Francis Potter, founder of the First Humanist Society of New York, “Education is thus a most powerful ally of Humanism, and every American public school is a school of Humanism. What can the theistic Sunday Schools, meeting for an hour once a week, and teaching only a fraction of the children, do to stem the tide of a five-day program of humanistic teaching.”

According to Sheila Schwartz, a member of the American Humanist Association, humanism is influencing public education in America. She states, “Something wonderful, free, unheralded, and of significance to all humanists is happening in the secondary schools. It is the adolescent-literature movement. They may burn Slaughterhouse Five in North Dakota and ban a number of innocuous books in Kanawha County, but thank God the Crazies don't do all that much reading. If they did, they'd find they have already been defeated...Nothing that is part of contemporary life is taboo in this genre and any valid piece of writing that helps make the world more knowable to young people serves an important humanistic function.”

Ultimately, as can be seen in these examples of humanism in public schools, it is

very easy to see why so many students graduate from public schools with a lack of factual knowledge, with a lack of respect for their parents, with a lack of morals that shape a nation, with a lack of patriotism for a nation that has given them freedom after freedom, and with a lack of praise for an Almighty God that created them in His image.

Therefore, if America's public schools continue to indoctrinate its students, more and more parents are going to take their children out of these government brainwashing centers and place them in private, Christian schools in order for them to be taught the truth based on the Word of God, especially since Islam is the religion of choice of government-funded public schools. Also, private, Christian schools might just have the cure for America's deteriorating educational system. But, what specifics are there to prove the stated premise that private, Christian schools might just have the cure for America's deteriorating public schools? First, the teachings of the Bible are a torch to guide the student populace as they face academic challenges at school and domestic challenges at home. Students are required to take Bible classes where they learn the absolute truths of God. They also are required to have devotions, Bible-reading and prayer, in each of their classes daily. As a result, students learn that they should seek guidance and help in

every area of their life from God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Therefore, they learn to “Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto them,” that is, they put their trust in God to meet their material, spiritual, financial, academic, and emotional needs that are necessary in order to survive in the real world, not the “nanny state,” entitlement programs of the Federal government.

Second, private, Christian schools use textbooks that are written from a Christian perspective. As a result, students are presented factual information from textbooks that promote Judeo-Christian principles that instill morality and a belief in a divine Creator in the minds and hearts of students. However, the textbooks used in public schools have been revised to incorporate and promote the politically-correct, humanist agenda. Of course, the purpose for promoting the humanist agenda in public schools is to create godless generations of students who look to the government as their savior. The humanist agenda also promotes the creation of a subculture of students in public schools that bow down to the idol of immorality. Therefore, if public schools used textbooks written from a Christian perspective, their students would become part of a moral subculture whose members would accept and live by the dictates of the Bible, which would once again remake

America into a god-fearing, god-blessed nation. As stated in Psalm 33: 12, “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.”

Third, private, Christian schools maintain a rigid discipline policy. As a result, bad behavior in the classroom that disrupts the learning process or toward other students in general will not be tolerated. But, sad to say, it would take an act of Congress to get students who interrupt the learning process in public schools to be dismissed. Of course, this is the reason that there is so much turmoil on a daily basis in most public schools. Then, it is no wonder that America’s public schools are no longer at the top of the educational ladder, the place where they once resided. But, once the ungodly ideals of secular humanism replaced the Biblical principles of law, order, and respect, which were conveyed through a Judeo-Christian belief system, America’s public schools became social engineer agents of the Federal government, which have been successful in developing generations of undisciplined and dysfunctional students.

Finally, private, Christian schools teach students about the truth of America's Judeo-Christian heritage. However, secular humanist-controlled public schools have failed to tell the truth to its students. In fact, public school classrooms are

used to depict the Founding Fathers as charlatans who did not have a Biblical-based system of principles and values which they could glean from as they created a new nation. But, there is too much evidence to prove otherwise, especially from the quotes made by the Founding Fathers themselves. Some examples are as follows:

George Washington said, “While we are zealously performing the duties of good citizens and soldiers, we certainly ought not to be inattentive to the higher duties of religion. To the distinguished character of Patriot, it should be our highest glory to add the more distinguished character of Christian.”

John Hancock, the 1st signer of the Constitution, said, “Resistance to tyranny becomes the Christian and social duty of each individual. ... Continue steadfast and, with a proper sense of your dependence on God, nobly defend those rights which heaven gave, and no man ought to take from us.”

John Quincy Adams, the 6th President, said, “The hope of a Christian is inseparable from his faith. Whoever believes in the divine inspiration of the Holy Scriptures must hope that the religion of Jesus shall prevail throughout the earth. Never since the foundation of the world have the prospects of mankind been more encouraging to that hope than they appear to be at the present time. And may the associated

distribution of the Bible proceed and prosper till the Lord shall have made 'bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God' (Isaiah 52:10).”

Patrick Henry, one of the signers of the U.S. Constitution, said, “It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ. For this very reason peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here.”

Therefore, from the lips and pens of the Founding Fathers, it is obvious that America was founded on Judeo-Christian principles and values, regardless of the fact that most, if not all, of America's public deny the truth to their students. This is one of the main reasons that many parents send their children to private, Christian schools in order to hear the truth about America's historical beginnings as a nation.

Ultimately, if America's public school system is ever going to return to the top of the educational ladder, the humanist-controlled government must permit the same standards followed by private, Christian schools to be implemented in all public schools. Also, America's Judeo-Christian moral value system must be reinstated

into the daily learning regimentation in America's public schools. Finally, America's student populace must be reintroduced to God's Absolute Truths through daily prayer and Bible-reading, instead of the almost mandatory teachings of Islam that many public schools are forced to listen to on a regular basis. Oh, that men would praise the Lord God Jehovah for His goodness to all mankind!

Chapter 10

Dictatorial Mindset of America's Leaders

A possible ninth plague on America might be the new mindset of its leaders that make them want to have dictatorial control over the civilian population, instead of maintaining a freedom-loving, democratic society based on the United States Constitution and America's Judeo-Christian value system. As a direct result of this new dictatorial mindset, Americans are losing more and more of the freedoms given to them by the Founding Fathers as stated in America's historical documents. Of course, it is members of the Democratic Party that strive on this un-American mindset. Needless to say, though, some members of the Republican Party are just as guilty.

However, since America has a Constitutional Republican government, how could it become a dictatorial nation? Of course, the answer is very simple. When any President of the United States decides to usurp the authority of the United States Constitution and to usurp the authority of the United States Congress, the official lawmaking body of the Federal government, by using executive orders, it would be extremely easy for that President to obtain more power than the Founding Fathers ever intended. Also, if any President permitted situations to happen that would give

these leaders the constitutional right to evoke martial law, it would be even easier for that President to become America's first dictator.

Obviously, this is a scary scenario to even talk about happening in America.

However, the power grab by the last two presidents, President George W. Bush and Barack Hussein Obama, is possibly evolving into the first American dictatorship, which would be the end of the United States of America and its freedom-based society. But, who would permit this travesty to happen in the greatest democratic society in the world. Sadly, the American people would, since so many Americans would sell their soul to the devil if it meant getting a so-called “free handout” from the Federal government. As Benjamin Franklin so aptly stated, “When the people find they can vote themselves money, that will herald the end of the republic.” Sadly, this is exactly what is happening in the United States today and just like what happened in ancient Rome over 1500 years ago. Of course, this same scenario back then was given the name of “Bread and Circus,” since ancient Romans would sell their vote to corrupt politicians for free food and free entertainment. As a result, one party could ultimately gain control of the government and continually win the Presidential Election every four years, since the voters in America are more concerned about their wallets than the freedoms

that they would lose if the President eventually becomes a dictator.

But, what has happened in the past fourteen years that would make a person think that a United States President would want America to become a dictatorship? First, as a result of the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, D. C. on September 11, 2001, President George W. Bush was instrumental in getting the Patriot Act enacted into law on October 26, 2001. However, regardless of the reason for enacting the Patriot Act, American citizens have lost many of their constitutional rights and privileges. According to a Concerned Citizens Against the Patriot Act report, there are six extremely dangerous provisions of the Patriot Act. These provisions are as follow:

*Freedom from Unreasonable Searches: The government may search and seize Americans' papers and effects without probable cause to assist terror investigation.

*Right to a Speedy and Public Trial: The government may jail Americans indefinitely without a trial.

*Freedom of Association: To assist terror investigation, the government may monitor religious and political institutions without suspecting criminal activity.

*Right to Legal Representation: The government may monitor conversations between attorneys and clients in federal prisons and deny lawyers to Americans accused of crimes.

*Freedom of Speech: The government may prosecute librarians or keepers of any other records if they tell anyone the government subpoenaed information related to a terror investigation.

*Right to Liberty: Americans may be jailed without being charged or being able to confront witnesses against them. US citizens (labeled "unlawful combatants") have been held incommunicado and refused attorneys.

Therefore, as evidenced by these Patriot Act provisions, America is no longer a strong constitutional republic. Instead, America is a nation that has given up many of its basic freedoms in order to protect itself from terrorism. However, the war on terrorism might just be an orchestrated ruse used by those in high places who hope to gain dictatorial control over American citizens, since many of America's citizens believe that it is perfectly alright to give up a few freedoms in order to ensure their safety. But, as Benjamin Franklin so aptly stated on February 17, 1775, "They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." Ultimately, this is the reason that Americans should keep abreast of what its Presidents say that might suggest that he or she might have a dictatorial mindset. As a result, even if President Bush was not attempting to create a dictatorship in America, Americans should hold their leaders accountable when

they attempt to rule America by signing bills into law that usurp powers from the United States Constitution that could be used by a rogue President to establish a dictatorship in America.

But, unfortunately, President Barack Obama is worse than President Bush. In fact, his signature legislation, the Affordable Healthcare Act, is unconstitutional, tyrannical, and costly. In fact, the Affordable Healthcare Act contains provisions that prevent Americans from making their own decisions as they see fit. Also, it has a provision that mandates that all Americans must purchase a product, medical insurance, even if they do not want to purchase it. Unfortunately, the Supreme Court upheld this part of his socialist healthcare package, which is just the first part of President Obama's agenda to promote his Marxist tenets and to put his community organizer training into action. As a result, he, along with his Democratic administration, might eventually attempt to create a one-party system of government led by an authoritarian despot, unless his power-grabbing regime is toppled in 2016.

Sadly, though, the American people do not seemingly understand what could happen to America's political and social scene if President Obama and the Democrats continue their socialist agenda to turn the United States into an

Orwellian police state society where the masses bow down to the Democratically-controlled demagogues. In fact, their goal might be similar to a story in the Book of Genesis in the Bible. This story, which is located in Genesis 47: 13-25, explains how Pharaoh obtained total allegiance of the Egyptian people. These scriptures read,

13And there was no bread in all the land; for the famine was very sore, so that the land of Egypt and all the land of Canaan fainted by reason of the famine.

14And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the corn which they bought: and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house.

15And when money failed in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came unto Joseph, and said, Give us bread: for why should we die in thy presence? for the money faileth.

16And Joseph said, Give your cattle; and I will give you for your cattle, if money fail.

17And they brought their cattle unto Joseph: and Joseph gave them bread in exchange for horses, and for the flocks, and for the cattle of the herds, and for the asses: and he fed them with bread for all their cattle for that year.

18When that year was ended, they came unto him the second year, and said unto him, We will not hide it from my lord, how that our money is spent; my lord also hath our herds of cattle; there is not ought left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies, and our lands:

19Wherefore shall we die before thine eyes, both we and our land? buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants unto Pharaoh: and give us seed, that we may live, and not die, that the land be not desolate.

20And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine prevailed over them: so the land became Pharaoh's.

21And as for the people, he removed them to cities from one end of the borders of Egypt even to the other end thereof.

22Only the land of the priests bought he not; for the priests had a portion assigned them of Pharaoh, and did eat their portion which Pharaoh gave them: wherefore they sold not their lands.

23Then Joseph said unto the people, Behold, I have bought you this day and your land for Pharaoh: lo, here is seed for you, and ye shall sow the land.

24And it shall come to pass in the increase, that ye shall give the fifth part unto Pharaoh, and four parts shall be your own, for seed of the field, and for your food, and for them of your households, and for food for your little ones.

25And they said, Thou hast saved our lives: let us find grace in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's servants.

As is seen in these scriptures, Pharaoh, with Joseph's help, gained control of the Egyptian people. However, Joseph used a methodical approach to getting the Egyptians to give up their freedoms in exchange for food. Joseph's method consisted of:

- *Collected all monies for the food the Egyptians purchased

- *Substituted cattle for money to purchase food

- *Bought the Egyptian people and all their land in exchange for seed to grow food

- *Moved the Egyptians to cities and made them servants of Pharaoh

Of course, a serious question needs to be asked here. Would it be possible for the Federal government under the leadership of President Obama or any future President be able to create a scenario just like the one in ancient Egypt in the United States? However, if this was the goal of any United States President, how would he or she accomplish his or her objective? Possibly, the following scenario

might just be a suitable manner in which a rogue President and his administration could achieve mastery over the American people. First, the government must get a large percentage of the American people to be dependent on the selfsame government for their subsistence through Federal financial handouts or entitlement programs, instead of providing for their own subsistence by working for their living. Some examples of Federal entitlement programs would be:

- *Social Security Benefits

- *Medicare Benefits

- *Medicaid Benefits

- *Federal Employee Pensions

- *Military Retirement Pensions

- *Food Stamps and other Welfare Programs

- *Unemployment Compensation

However, what would happen if one morning the United States government announced that all government-funded entitlement programs would be eliminated immediately? Needless to say, it would have a devastating effect on all these people who have been depending on the government for their subsistence. But, how would it affect the rest of the American populace? It would affect the rest of the American populace by creating a tsunami of unemployed Americans that

would eventually cause a tsunami of Americans who would have to seek government assistance to support themselves and their families.

But, how would so many Americans lose their jobs and have to become part of government assistance programs? Basically, it is supply and demand economics at work. First, by eliminating all government entitlement programs, millions, if not billions, of dollars would not circulate throughout the economy. Second, with so many Americans having no visible support, the demand for goods and services would be drastically reduced. Of course, by reducing the demands for goods, companies would have to lay off more and more of their workers. Third, with so many more workers being laid off, more and more workers would need help from the government. As a result, the middle class and lower class would be at the mercy of the United States government to provide them subsistence, just like Pharaoh did in ancient Egypt with Joseph's leadership.

However, the wealthy elite of America would not have to address the same issues as the middle and lower class. But, in actuality, they would. In fact, the United States government is already attempting to increase the taxes of the upper class drastically.

Also, as a result, it could eventually force the upper class to contribute an even greater share of their wealth to support the United States government. Then, with time, more and more of the upper class would end up in the same economic situation as the members of the middle and lower class. Now, in essence, most American citizens would be in the same predicament as the ancient Egyptians, that is, they would be forced to pay total allegiance to the United States government in order to sustain themselves and their families.

Ultimately, though, how would an American leader with a dictatorial mindset achieve his or her objective to gain total allegiance of the American people? Of course, like any dictator, he would use the military to control the disgruntled populace. In fact, if any of the myriad of articles on the Internet are true, the government has been preparing for such mass hysteria more so during the eight years of the Obama administration. Many of the aforementioned articles have stated that the Federal government has purchased millions of dollars of weapons and ammunition but for no apparent reason. For example, several government agencies have purchased weapons and millions of rounds of ammunition. The most noted agencies are:

*Department of Homeland Security

*Social Security Administration

*Post Office

But, if these agencies are actually stockpiling guns and ammo, what rationale would they have for doing so? The most logical rationale would be for civil unrest that would probably be a result of millions of Americans losing their government entitlement checks, losing their jobs, or losing the ability to provide for their own subsistence. Of course, regardless of the reason, any attempt by a rogue President who has a dictatorial mindset to force submission to his total control of the United States would meet some type of fierce opposition from the American populace. In fact, as the late Paul Harvey stated many times, “Now, that's the rest of the story.” However, at present, the most dangerous weapon that is being used by American Presidents against the American people is the executive order. Of course, all Presidents of the United States have used the executive order in the modern era. But, the executive orders used by President Obama are more dictatorial in nature. As a result, President Obama is doing everything within his power to create laws with the stroke of a pen, instead of waiting for Congress, the legislative body of the United States, to pass laws that he wants. Needless to say, a Republican-controlled House and Senate would not really want to pass any of his proposed laws, since

many of his laws would be considered unconstitutional, tyrannical, and too costly. Therefore, since the Congress and the President would seemingly be at odds with one another, it would give him even more reasons to usurp constitutional authority by issuing even more executive orders, which have the force of law without getting congressional approval. Obviously, though, if President Obama lived his life according to the teachings of Jesus and would put his faith in Him and not in himself, he would not attempt to take any freedoms from the American people, but he would give praise to God for His goodness to America and follow the rule of law contained in the United States Constitution and the rule of God contained in the Holy Bible. Oh, that men would praise the Lord God Jehovah for His goodness to all mankind!

Chapter 11

Inability of America's Leaders

Finally, the tenth and final possible plague on America might be the inability of America's leaders to make proper decisions that benefit America economically, socially, educationally, and militarily. Unfortunately, when politicians make decisions without asking God for His guidance, like the Founding Fathers did, the American people suffer, especially if the decisions are contrary to the Absolute Truths in the Word of God. Some examples of decisions made by politicians that are or would be detrimental to the American society are:

- *Any legislation that supports legalized abortion
- *Any legislation that promotes the homosexual agenda
- *Any legislation that mandates that Americans purchase health insurance
- *Any legislation that permits illegal immigrants to stay in America
- *Any legislation that denies Americans their constitutional rights
- *Any legislation that legalizes harmful drugs
- *Any legislation that takes private property from American citizens
- *Any legislation that infringes on a person's right of privacy

*Any legislation that promotes the redistribution of wealth by higher taxation for the rich

*Any legislation that permits the government to take control of private enterprise

Unfortunately, the politicians representing the United States government are guilty of all ten examples of political decisions. As a result, without the Holy Spirit guiding America's politicians, it is inevitable that they would make unwise decisions, especially when these decisions were made mainly for the benefit of themselves and their political party. Of course, based on their misguided decisions, it sets America up for a series of plagues from God. For example, a story recorded in Genesis 12: 10-15, and 17 verifies that God does plague people and nations for their sins against Him and each other. It reads,

10And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine was grievous in the land.

11And it came to pass, when he was come near to enter into Egypt, that he said unto Sarai his wife, Behold now, I know that thou art a fair woman to look upon:

12Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see thee, that they shall say, This is his wife: and they will kill me, but they will save thee alive.

13Say, I pray thee, thou art my sister: that it may be well with me for thy sake; and my soul shall live because of thee.

14And it came to pass, that, when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman that she was very fair.

15The princes also of Pharaoh saw her, and commended her before Pharaoh: and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house.

17And the Lord plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai Abram's wife.

Therefore, Abram was responsible for plagues on Pharaoh and his house. Since Abram lied about Sarai being his sister, Pharaoh took Sarai into his house, which made God angry at him. As a result, God plagued Pharaoh and his house, until after Abram and Sarai left Egypt. But, God was just as angry with Abram who told lies about Sarai being his sister, instead of his wife. However, God was even angrier at Abram for leaving the promised land of Canaan during a famine and going to Egypt, which is symbolic of sin and lack of trust in God to provide the necessities of life.

Sadly, America and its leaders are making the same mistake today, based on the ungodly decisions that have been made in the past ten years. America has been the promised land of the world since its inception as a Constitutional Republic in 1789.

It was ordained by God to be a nation that worshipped and praised Him for His goodness to all mankind. However, since the turn of the 21st Century, America as a nation, along with many of its people, have given up on the Lord God Jehovah as the source of its blessings and strength. Instead, America and its leaders have adopted a way of life based on secular humanism. In other words, they would say “look at what we can do for our nation with our own innate abilities,” which they fail to recognize are God-given in themselves. Also, they would say that they do not need the God of the Founding Fathers. Their God is too antiquated for the postmodern era. Therefore, as a result of this new secularist mindset, America's leaders are becoming paganistic and atheistic and they somewhat think that they are greater than God Himself, much like the people in the true story about the Tower of Babel in the Bible. As the story goes in Genesis 11:1-9, it reads,

1And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.

2And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.

3And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

4And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto

heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

5And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.

6And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

7Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

8So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

9Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

Ultimately, what are these scriptures saying about the first people that inhabited the earth and how does their story compare to America's situation today? Basically, the ancient Mesopotamians in the Plain of Shinar attempted to play God. They were determined to build a city and a tower that would reach all the way to Heaven, God's domain. As a result, they were attempting to use their superficial wisdom to

play the God-Game. However, God decided to confound their one language and one speech into many languages in order to scatter them into different groups, which ended their project to build the infamous Tower of Babel and prevented their goal of using their wisdom and knowledge to possibly do anything that they imagined to do that would be out of God's Will for their lives.

But, how were the antics of these people similar to America's decision-makers today? First, America's decision-makers speak the same language, which is called Doublespeak. According to Wikipedia, Edward S. Herman, political economist and media analyst, describes in his book, *Beyond Hypocrisy*, the principal characteristics of doublespeak:

What is really important in the world of doublespeak is the ability to lie, whether knowingly or unconsciously, and to get away with it; and the ability to use lies and choose and shape facts selectively, blocking out those that don't fit an agenda or program.

For sure, this definition of “doublespeak” could describe the average American decision-maker today. Of course, most Americans believe this is what America's decision-makers do on a regular basis. This is the reason most Americans do not trust the very people they elect to office. As a result, they attempt to put the “least

of the evils” in office. Well, at least some times they do. At other times, well, the “evils” win out.

Second, most of America's decision-makers desire to settle down in their political position forever and make a name for themselves. This is why most of America's decision-makers seek reelection again and again. In doing so, they can make a permanent position out of their public service up to the time that they retire, which would benefit their political party more so than their constituents, which was not what the Founding Fathers wanted to happen. Needless to say, most of America's decision-makers will receive more retirement benefits than the people that they represent, too.

Third, most of America's decision-makers have attempted to build a governmental tower made of secular humanism. As a result, they assume their superficial wisdom equates with God's wisdom. But, they fail to realize that true wisdom comes only from God. As stated in James 3:5, “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.” Therefore, if America gets out of the current chaos that it is in, it will need decision-makers who get their wisdom from God and not from within their humanistic ideology, which is atheism in the political realm.

Finally, fourthly, most of America's decision-makers fail to realize that God who is all-knowing, all-seeing, and all-powerful will at some point come down from His Throne, just like He did at the Tower of Babel. Then, at that time, God will prevent all decision-makers who mislead and mistreat the people they represent from achieving their purpose-driven agenda, an agenda that leaves God out. However, since it is an agenda that leaves God out, it is inevitable that, at some point in time, He will plague these people and their political party for their failure to seek guidance from Him and for their failure to praise Him for His goodness to all mankind. Therefore, this might just be the reason that the United States doesn't seem to be as blessed today as it was sixty years ago, despite what most of America's decision-makers are attempting to achieve through their self-centered, humanistic political agenda.

Unfortunately, America's leaders and many of its citizens have turned their back on the Lord God Jehovah and have begun to worship a myriad of idol gods. Some examples of these idols are money, materialism, lust, greed, self-centeredness, addictions, power, pleasure, false religions, and worst of all, witchcraft. As a result, America is falling from God's grace and headed toward destruction, since God's abhors idol worship, that is, anything that man worships or praises other than the Lord God Jehovah and His Only Begotten Son Jesus Christ, who died for the sins

of the world. Therefore, it is obvious that America and many of its inhabitants might have to face dire consequences at some point in time for their ungodly actions toward a Holy God.

But, what are some examples that would prove that God abhors idolatry and those who worship idols instead of Him, since He is the Only True and Living God. In fact, there are several true examples in the Bible that prove this premise. They are:

Leviticus 26:30

And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your images, and cast your carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols, and my soul shall abhor you.

I Samuel 5: 1-4

1And the Philistines took the ark of God, and brought it from Ebenezer unto Ashdod.

2When the Philistines took the ark of God, they brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon.

3And when they of Ashdod arose early on the morrow, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of the Lord. And they took Dagon, and set him in his place again.

4And when they arose early on the morrow morning, behold, Dagon was fallen

upon his face to the ground before the ark of the Lord; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands were cut off upon the threshold; only the stump of Dagon was left to him.

Ezekiel 14: 6

6Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God; Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations.

Ezekiel 14: 12, 13, 15, 17, and 19

12The word of the Lord came again to me, saying,

13Son of man, when the land sinneth against me by trespassing grievously, then will I stretch out mine hand upon it, and will break the staff of the bread thereof, and will send famine upon it, and will cut off man and beast from

it:

15I cause noisome beasts to pass through the land, and they spoil it, so that it be desolate, that no man may pass through because of the beasts:

17Or if I bring a sword upon that land, and say, Sword, go through the land; so that I cut off man and beast from it:

19Or if I send a pestilence into that land, and pour out my fury upon it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast:

Therefore, as is evidenced by these scriptures, God abhors idolatry and will punish

individual people and nations that worship idols. However, oh that Americans and their leaders would praise the Lord for His goodness. Then, Americans and their leaders would see a positive turnaround that would be responsible for America returning to its rightful position as the greatest nation in the world.

But, what are some benefits to a nation for praising God? The answer to this question lies within the pages of the Old Testament. Therefore, let's look at some scriptures that prove that there are benefits to a nation that praises God.

Exodus 15: 1-2 Then Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song to the LORD, and said, I will sing to the LORD, for He is highly exalted; The horse and its rider He has hurled into the sea. The LORD is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation; This is my God, and I will praise Him; My father's God, and I will extol Him.

Exodus 18: 9-10

Jethro rejoiced over all the goodness which the LORD had done to Israel, in delivering them from the hand of the Egyptians. So Jethro said, Blessed be the LORD who delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hand of Pharaoh, and who delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.

Joshua 1:8-9

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

I Chronicles 29: 10-13

So David blessed the LORD in the sight of all the assembly; and David said, Blessed are You, O LORD God of Israel our father, forever and ever. Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Yours is the dominion, O LORD, and You exalt Yourself as head over all. Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all, and in Your hand is power and might; and it lies in Your hand to make great and to strengthen everyone.

II Chronicles 26: 3-5

Sixteen years old was Uzziah when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and two

years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Jecoliah of Jerusalem.

And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father Amaziah did.

And he sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God: and as long as he sought the Lord, God made him to prosper.

Therefore, as indicated by these scriptures, there are blessings for individuals and nations that praise God. However, will America return to the God of the Founding Fathers and actually receive His bountiful blessings again or will the curse of God be its downfall? Ultimately, it appears that America will be brought down by the “smarts” of its leaders, which praise themselves for their intellect, instead of praising the Lord God Jehovah for His goodness to all mankind. These leaders might just be:

*Any President Who Signs into Law Anti-Christian Bills and Vetoes Bills that Would Benefit All Americans

*Any Congressmen and Congresswomen Who Vote to Pass Anti-Christian Laws and Are More Concerned about Their Political Party than Their Constituents

*Any Supreme Court Justices and Federal Court Judges Who Make Decisions Contrary to God's Word

*Any College and University Professors Who Indoctrinate Students to False Religions and Tyrannical Ideologies

*Any Ministers Who Preach a Distorted Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ

Unfortunately, as a direct result of the actions of the aforementioned American leaders and their failure to praise the Most Holy God, the Lord God Jehovah, America as a nation has begun to drift away from the Judeo-Christian heritage that was intertwined throughout its documents that the Founding Fathers used as the foundation for the establishment of the United States of America. Needless to say, the Founding Fathers praised God continually for His goodness to all mankind. However, America is suffering today in all its institutions as a result of not praising God for His goodness. But, wouldn't it be great if all Americans today would give praise to the Lord God Jehovah from the schoolhouse to the courthouse, from the farmhouse to the church house, and ultimately to the White House? If this did happen, God would remove the plagues from America and there would be a drastic change in the manner in which American citizens and their leaders lived their lives and made their decisions. In other words, the more they praised God the more their problems would become less burdensome.

In conclusion, let's look at an example of how God helped those who made a U-turn from their rebellion against Him and once again praised Him for His goodness to all mankind. This example is found in Psalms 107: 8-15, 19-21, 27-31, 39, and 43. Ultimately, as these scriptures imply, there are problems that can only be solved by praising the Lord God Almighty. As stated in verses 8 and 9, those who thanked and praised the Lord for His love and deeds were satisfied with water and food. But, in verses 10-12, it describes the consequences faced by those that rebelled against God's commands and dictates. They became prisoners who were shackled and placed in darkness and they had to do hard labor without anyone to help them during the days and nights of their bitter confinement. However, in verses 13-15 and 19-21, they cried to the Lord for help in their time of trouble. That's when the Lord saved them from their distress and brought them out of darkness and broke away their chains of bondage.

Therefore, returning to the true worship of the Lord God Jehovah and praising Him on a continual basis is the solution to all the problems that face the United States in the postmodern era. However, in order to get the majority of Americans to praise God on a regular basis, a Great Spiritual Awakening must take place in the halls of Congress, in the halls of the Supreme Court, and in the halls of the White House.

But, before a spiritual renewal can change the mindset and hearts of America's political leaders, it must first change the mindset and hearts of America's Christian leaders, since many of them preach a gospel message that is contrary to the teachings of Jesus Christ. As a result, many of America's Christian leaders seek fame and fortune, instead of seeking the salvation of lost souls. Then, if America's Christian leaders would preach anointed messages from the Throne of God, instead of their dry, formal, spiritless messages that offer no plan of salvation to those that hear these messages, Christendom as well as the different branches and levels of America's governmental system would once again see the importance of honoring the Creator of the Universe. Oh, that men would praise the Lord God Jehovah for His goodness to all mankind!

Chapter 12

Americanism and Christianity

Floating Aimlessly down the River of Liberal Change

On December 20, 1606, three ships, the Susan Constant, the Godspeed, and the Discovery, left Blackwall, England to establish a colony in the Virginia Colony in the New World. The three ships carried 104 men and boys and 39 crew-members. Unknowing to these first settlers of the Virginia Colony, they would be the first of thirteen colonies that would eventually settle on the eastern seaboard of North America. Also, these thirteen colonies would eventually become the first thirteen states in the greatest nation of the world.

The Susan Constant, the Godspeed, and the Discovery finally landed in the Virginia Colony, near the entrance to the Chesapeake Bay, in late April. On April 26, 1607, the new settlers stepped foot on Cape Henry, the southern cape named for Henry Frederick, Prince of Wales. Immediately, Chaplain Robert Hunt had a wooden cross placed on the beach shore and offered a prayer of praise and thanksgiving. Therefore, it was obvious that the foundation for the new English settlement would be a foundation of prayer, praise, and thanksgiving to the Lord God Jehovah and His Only Begotten Son Jesus Christ. As a result, from day one,

those who would be indirectly responsible for the creation of the United States of America brought their Judeo-Christian moral and value system with them.

Ultimately, with their Judeo-Christian moral and value system as their guide, the myriad of colonists that settled in the thirteen colonies accepted a way of life that would insure the success of the future nation that they would lay the groundwork for, the United States of America. As a result, the morals and values of the early colonists in America have been handed down for many centuries and have become an integral part of the American way of life and its virtues of Americanism.

But, what are the virtues of Americanism? According to Theodore Roosevelt, the virtues of Americanism are “courage, honor, justice, truth, sincerity, and hardihood.” But, what do these virtues mean? “Courage” means “mental or moral strength to venture, persevere, and withstand danger, fear, or difficulty.” “Honor” means “high respect and esteem.” “Justice” means “just behavior or treatment.” “Truth” means “that which is true or in accordance with fact or reality.” “Sincerity” means “the quality of being free from pretense, deceit, or hypocrisy.” Finally, “hardihood” means “resolute and self-assured audacity.”

Of course, these virtues describe the early settlers and the Founding Fathers, who were fearless, highly respected, treated people fairly, told the truth, were not

deceitful, and were resolute to the end. As a result, the early settlers and the Founding Fathers would have to overcome many obstacles that would have prevented the United States from being established not only as a nation, but the greatest nation in the world. Some of these obstacles were wars that were fought in the United States, namely the French and Indian War, the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and the Civil War. Other obstacles included the writing of the greatest Constitution in the world, along with its Bill of Rights, and fighting and winning the Spanish-American War, World War I, and World War II (the last war won by the United States). However, with the virtues of Americanism as their guide, America's settlers, Founding Fathers, military leaders, and political statesmen were able to overcome the aforementioned obstacles and lead America into the 21st Century.

Unfortunately, though, many of America's 21st Century leaders, whether in the public arena, in the school arena, or in the church arena or at the federal, state, or local level, do not possess the same virtues of Americanism as did America's Founding Fathers, such as George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison. Sadly, many politicians possess the antithesis of the virtues of Americanism. As a result, Americans look at their politicians as fainthearted

men and women who dishonor the very position that they were entrusted with by those who elected them to public office. Also, America's politicians are considered to be untrustworthy, unfair, and weak as they misrepresent the truth to the American people who look to them for guidance during some of the most serious times in American history, even more serious than the Revolutionary War years and the instituting of a new Constitutional Republic government. Therefore, America's postmodern leaders are responsible for permitting Americanism and Christianity to float aimlessly down the river of liberal change.

Ultimately, then, what is the river of liberal change? The river of liberal change is the debasing of America's foundational government and moral system. Of course, this debasing focuses on the ideas of change initiated by and incorporated in America by the Democratic Party and President Barack Hussein Obama, their executive leader. These liberal changes are part of a progressive agenda orchestrated by politicians who do not have the virtues of Americanism. As a result, they do not have the best interest of the United States at heart. Their main goals are to specifically destroy the influence of Christianity and its system of morals and values. They are striving to muffle America's spirit of patriotism, while, at the same time, dismantle the rule of law contained in the greatest

constitution ever written by mankind. They are striving to create open borders that would flood the nation with illegal immigrants who would pad the Democratic Party's voting base that could give the Democratic Party control of the White House and Congress for years to come. They are striving to create a godless society where abortion and all forms of sexual immorality become the norm. They are striving to embrace the religion of their enemies, instead of the foundational religion of America, Christianity. They also are striving to create a secular humanist, socialist, society that would demand all Americans to pledge their allegiance to the United States government, work for the betterment of the government rather than for maintaining individual families, and ultimately demand that all citizens bow down and worship it.

In the end, those politicians who attempt to rule America without the virtues of Americanism, without the guidance of God the Father, and who attempt to create a godless, “anything goes” society that undermines the intent of the Founding Fathers are destined to face their own Battle of Waterloo, just as Napoleon Bonaparte, the tyrannical rule of France, did in June 1815. During this battle, a prideful Napoleon and his army were crushed by the Duke of Wellington, a tactical British general. Also, King Nebuchadnezzar was punished by God for his pride,

too. In Daniel 4:30, Nebuchadnezzar bragged about what he had done in Babylon. It reads, “The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?” Then, in Daniel 4:33, the vision in which God told Nebuchadnezzar what would happen to him for his pride was fulfilled. It reads, “The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws.” Therefore, just like God punished these two men, He might just punish politicians and other American leaders who permit pride and tyranny to guide them. In fact, in Proverbs 16:18, it reads, “Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.”

In conclusion, what type decisions do politicians who do not have the virtues of Americanism and a Christian faith base make? Basically, men and women that make legislative, executive, and judicial decisions promote the concept of political correctness in order not to offend the minority. In reality, America's leaders who promote the minority over the majority have lost their minds, just like Nebuchadnezzar lost his mind when he put his prideful abilities ahead of God's guidance, as so many of America's leaders do today. This is the reason why Democratically-controlled, liberal executive branch, the liberal federal courts

system, and the liberals in Congress work diligently to insure that liberal, anti-Christian minorities win out over majority conservative Christians.

Of course, their purpose is to deny them their constitutional rights to worship as they please in America and to follow the dictates of their religious belief system.

Therefore, Christians are fighting a daily battle in their effort to insure that they do not lose their religious freedom as a result of the liberal politicians who bow down and worship the golden image of political correctness. The homage paid by liberals to their god of political correctness is just their way of justifying sin in the godless nation they aspire to create in America, a nation originally founded on godly principles which the Founding Fathers (True Statesmen) incorporated into the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Oh, that men would praise the Lord God Jehovah for His goodness to all mankind!

P.S. The word “Champion” is synonymous with the word “Americanism.” There are several virtues of “Champion” that relate to America's leaders today.

According to T. McDowell, a private, Christian High School principal, “Champions” are not afraid, they don't walk away from adversity, they are not easily intimidated, they speak faith and not fear, they step up even when no one else does, they do not accept negativity, and, more importantly, they trust in,

recognize, and rely on God. Of course, the lack of this virtue of “trusting in, recognizing, and relying on God” is the main reason that America is in the mess that it is in. Without God and the His Holy Spirit guiding America's leaders, there is no hope for them to make wise decisions so that they could continue to insure that America keeps its Constitutional Republic and the myriad of freedoms that go along with it. Therefore, America's leaders must regain their right mind, just like King Nebuchadnezzar did in Daniel 4:34, which reads, “And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and my understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honored him that liveth forever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation.”

Finally, if America's leaders fail to return to God and live by the virtues of Americanism and the Judeo-Christian moral system adopted by the Founding Fathers, America will continue to float down the river of liberal change, which, of course, is the most dangerous river in the world. But, why is the river of liberal change the most dangerous river in the world? It is the most dangerous river in the world because those who support political correctness praise those who do bad things as if they were good and rebuke those who do good things as if they were

bad. However, those who support political correctness should realize that their actions offend God, which politicians at every level of government should be more concerned about than the humanist in the United States. In fact, as stated in Proverbs 17:13, God through King Solomon said, “Whoso rewardeth evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house.” Also, in Proverbs 17:15, it reads, “He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination to the Lord.” Therefore, all of America's leaders should, as stated in Matthew 6:33, “Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness” and ultimately destroy the golden image of political correctness.

Epilogue

We Praise Your Name Lord God Jehovah

America is at a crossroads. Its existence as a nation that guarantees rights and freedoms to all citizens based on the greatest constitution in the world is in jeopardy. America's elected and appointed leaders have turned their backs to the worship of the Lord God Jehovah. Instead, they are putting their faith in the god of secular humanism, which includes the worship of many false religions that are destroying the United States from within its own borders. As a result, Americans who refuse to bow down to these false gods are destined to be persecuted by very leaders who claim to be Christians themselves.

Unfortunately, America's leaders are guilty of treating those of faith much similar to the manner in which the ancient Romans treated Jesus Christ up to and including His crucifixion. Of course, the lack of faith in the Lord God Jehovah and His Son Jesus Christ is a direct result of America becoming an apostate nation. In doing so, America has turned its back on the very God that the Founding Fathers worshipped and prayed to before they made any of their political decisions. Therefore, if America's leaders don't take the road at the crossroads that returns our nation to the worship of the Lord God Jehovah and praise Him for all His goodness

to all mankind, America as a nation should expect even more consequences from God for its sins.

However, if America would return to God of its Founding Fathers and praise Him for His goodness, then America would once again become the greatest nation in the world. In fact, the words in the chorus “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” give credence to the need of all Americans to praise the Lord God Jehovah for His Goodness to All Mankind. The words are as follows:

Lord, I lift Your name on high

Lord, I love to sing Your praises

I'm so glad You're in my life

I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth

To show the way

From the earth to the cross

My debt to pay

From the cross to the grave

From the grave to the sky

Lord, I lift Your name on high

Therefore, as seen in the lyrics of this great praise and worship chorus, the Lord God Jehovah sent His Only Begotten Son Jesus Christ to come to earth to finalize His plan of salvation for all mankind. However, too many Americans refuse to accept God's salvation plan paid for by Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary over two thousand years ago.

Another chorus that expresses true praise to God is the Doxology. The words are as follows:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Of course, as is suggested in this chorus, God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost should be lovingly praised for all His blessings. In fact, praise to God is so important that all creatures here below should praise Him. All the Heavenly Host should praise Him. In fact, in Psalms 150: 1-6, the psalmist David states: 1Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power. 2Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent

greatness. 3Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp. 4Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs. 5Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals. 6Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.

Therefore, as implied by these lyrics from the Word of God, praise to God is one of the most important things that a person should do. But, why should a person praise God when the world is rapidly crumbling around him or her? Basically, people should praise God every day, since He controls every heartbeat and every breath that a person takes. Then, there is food, clothes, and shelter that is important to all humans. Then, there is the ability to make wealth that comes from God. Then, there are the healings that come from God, too. Ultimately, “Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.” However, too many people in America reject God and praise themselves, the god of secular humanism, for their successes and achievements. As a result, America is dying from within because of this rebellious spirit, while, at the same time, it is also losing its prominence in the world. Unfortunately, it does not appear to be any hope of America ever returning to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob nor returning to its position as the greatest

nation in the world, unless there is a rebirth of the Judeo-Christian moral value system in a land that now worships the gods of death, perversion, and greed. Of course, with God, all things are possible. This is the reason that Christians in America must renew their faith in a living God who created and loves all mankind. In fact, it means nothing to God for a person to say they are a Christian when they really don't have faith in Him. For a true resurgence of hope and spiritual deliverance in America, Christians must praise the Lord God Jehovah for His goodness to all mankind and put their complete faith and trust in Him, not in the United States government, which denies that America ever had a Judeo-Christian heritage. However, the roots of America's Judeo-Christian heritage can be seen in the scriptures encrypted all over the nation's Capitol in Washington, D.C. Of course, if America does not return to the morals of the Holy Bible soon, it would become a defeated nation from within and Christians, as a result, should expect even more serious persecution from a rogue government that needs Christianity to be eradicated if it is to achieve its goal, along with the United Nation's goal, to create a godless nation in America and the world.

Another chorus that expresses how Americans should live their lives daily is "Every Praise" by Hezekiah Walker. The lyrics are:

Every praise is to our God.

Every word of worship with one accord

Every praise every praise is to our God.

Sing hallelujah to our God

Glory hallelujah is due our God

Every praise every praise is to our God.

God my Savior

God my Healer

God my Deliverer

Yes He is, yes He is

Yes He is, yes He is (repeat)

Every praise is to our God.

Every word of worship with one accord

Every praise every praise (repeat)

Is to our God

As the lyrics of this chorus suggests, praise to God is paramount if America is to escape the jaws of tyranny and suppression that already has a grip on it and its citizens. Therefore, when America citizens make praise to God a part of their daily routines, He becomes their savior from their sins, their healer from all types of diseases and illnesses, and their deliverer from the enemies of America, which

have killed Americans within and without the United States.

Ultimately, America as a nation would return to its glory days if its citizens would realize that if they would shout out praises to the Lord God Jehovah He would bless them again. As the lyrics of the song “Shout to the Lord,” written by Darlene Zschech, so readily ring out, there are many advantages to serving, worshiping, and praising the Lord God Jehovah. The lyrics are:

My Jesus, my Savior

Lord, there is none like You

All of my days, I want to praise

The wonders of Your mighty love

My comfort, my shelter

Tower of refuge and strength

Let every breath, all that I am

Never cease to worship You

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing

Power and majesty, praise to the King

Mountains bow down and the seas will roar

At the sound of Your name

I I sing for joy at the work of Your hands

Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
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In conclusion, if Americans worship the Lord God Jehovah and let Him reign in their lives and praise Him for His goodness to all mankind, He would rebuke the devourer in their lives. In fact, as stated in Malachi 3:11, And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts. In other words, God would take care of us just like He did the ancient Hebrews when they journeyed through the wilderness after they left ancient Egypt under the leadership of Moses, God's ordained representative. Therefore, oh, that men would praise the Lord God Jehovah and let Him meet every need in their lives such as

food, clothes, shelter, protection, healing, money, wisdom, and deliverance from all addictions. Also, if America would once again praise the Lord God Jehovah, its military would once again win wars outright and its leaders would once again lead the nation by making wise, spirit-led decisions. In fact, as stated in Zechariah 1: 3, “Turn ye unto me, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the Lord of hosts.” Ultimately, this is America's only hope to become the great nation that it used to be, a nation that glorified the God of the Founding Fathers and instituted a Judeo-Christian moral value system that was responsible for the Lord God Jehovah's blessing of America above all nations in the world.

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