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Is the US the new Sodom & Gomorrah?

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Have we become slaves of men with the cost of Christ's Blood? Is the Church ignoring The Word of God? He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, *It will be* fair weather: for the sky is red.

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A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed.

Matthew 16: 2-4 KJV

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"He Said Yes"

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"For all the promises of God in Him are yes and Amen to the Glory of God Through us." 2 Corinthians 1:20

Do you recall the moment your husband or fiancé popped the question: "will you marry me?" While you were getting yourself together, he opened THE box and you said "YES!" Can you think of a time when the excitement of a man who just proposed was so obvious, he yelled to anyone who would listen? "Hey y'all, she said YES!"

As a new entrepreneur, I was stuck and overwhelmed in trying to put it all together. I took a pause to reevaluate my progress, and lack thereof. I said "God, am I really on track with what you said?" He led me to 2 Corinthians 1:20 so I'm sharing it with you.

I researched a bit further and realized there are over 3,000 God given promises in the Bible. With each of these promises comes a "Yes" and an "Amen" to the glory of God through us. That means we must participate! First, we must ensure that our lives are in alignment with the Words of God in his promises. Next, we must receive His promises in the Name of Jesus, the Amen. In John 3:16 we understand God gave us a Lord and Savior named Jesus. In Revelation 3:14, we learn the Lord Jesus is called the "Amen."

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Is The US The New Sodom and Gomorrah?

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August 2021

- **Psalm 11:5** ~ ⁵ The Lord tests the righteous, but the wicked and the one who loves violence His soul hates.
- James 5:19 ~ ¹⁹ Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, ²⁰ let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.
- Revelation 9:18-21 ~ ¹⁸ By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed—by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths. ¹⁹ For their power is in their mouth and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents, having heads; and with them they do harm. ²⁰ But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. ²¹ And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

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'Is The US The New Sodom and Gomorrah?' is one of the questions presented for this month. Initially, I found this theme very unsettling and disturbing considering the negative focus required in order to present an answer, yet a timely one; especially in light of recent global events and societal issues. Whether considering specifically the US, or whether conducting a self-examination, or focusing upon a community, borough, city, township, state, or any other country— any region or territory for that matter—reflections and examinations pertaining to one's relationship with God is imperative—and Believers who desire to be in right standing would want to conduct self-examinations in order to determine one's alignment to His Will. Whether one desires to accept this or not, let it be known—The Holy Trinity Is Real and is a collective force to be reckoned with.

Genesis 19:27-28 ~ ²⁷ And Abraham went early in the morning to the place where he had stood before the Lord. ²⁸ Then he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain; and he saw, and behold, the smoke of the land which went up like the smoke of a furnace.

Sodom and Gomorrah

For those who are unfamiliar with the biblical story of Sodom and Gomorrah (hereafter also referred to as S&G), Sodom and Gomorrah were cities of the Old Testament that were such an abomination and a stench to The Most High God, that He had these cities and all that were contained therein obliterated by raining fire and brimstone (Genesis 19).

Proverbs 3:1-4 ~ ¹ My son, do not forget my law, but let your heart keep my commands; ² for length of days and long life and peace they will add to you. ³ Let not mercy and truth forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart, ⁴ and so find favor and high esteem in the sight of God and man.

Laying The 'Groundwork' - Figuratively Speaking

Our Lord Jesus instructed us to study and rely upon His teachings (The Holy Bible) and not man's carnal teachings (the law) for daily living and instruction; being mindful to distinguish that the law is carnal and what God instructs is of His Spirit (Matthew 5:19-20). As it is written:

2 Timothy 2:15 ~ ¹⁵ Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing The Word of Truth.

We may engage in Bible study regularly, using booklets and other supporting materials; however, we should know that even at times when we collaborate our thoughts and expound upon The Holy Word with great understanding and comprehension, we understand only in part because we are flesh. We will never truly understand all of the mysteries that are contained within the scriptures (*that's what makes them mysteries!*) because we are still in our earthly vessels, but when we see Him face-to-face, He will reveal all things according to His divine Will. I shared this because

while the US is not specifically indicated in The Holy Bible, this came to mind: *Is the US referred to in The Holy Scriptures in the form of figurative language? Only God knows for sure.*

The Holy Word describes directly and indirectly, in whole and in part, in figurative language and in parables, the coming of Christ Jesus, His birth, death, resurrection, and His expected return. Also, the scriptures present figurative language regarding man's relationship with The Holy Trinity.

Jude 1:12 - 13 ~ ¹² These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots; ¹³ raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

Figurative language can be found in The Holy Scriptures in various contexts. An example of figurative language is when Jesus described His disciples as they were about to go forth into the world to spread the gospel; that He was **sending them out as sheep in the midst of wolves;** that they should **be wise as serpents and harmless as doves** (Matthew 10:16).

Some figurative language presented within The Holy Word can make it challenging to precisely determine the *when and where* of God's subjects (especially in The Book of Revelations), but one thing is for sure, God makes His *who* and *why* clear. As it is written, the *who* are His Chosen or the Children of Wrath. The *why* is because God gave mankind a free will to choose His Son Jesus and have everlasting life; therefore, also having the free will to reject His Son Jesus and be subjected to eternal death.

I make it a point to consider figurative language because S&G were ill-fated cities of The Old Testament. If another civilization larger than S&G were to exist that were also an abomination to God, if not recorded outright in the New Testament, I would believe it would have been recorded in this writing style because I do not believe (and please share your thoughts on this) that there is a clear reference that the US has been referred to in such a manner. However, when taking into consideration a comparison such as this, it is truly possible to misunderstand an integral aspect of The Holy Scriptures that was personified or metaphorically inspired.

John 12:16 ~ ¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him.

Figurative writing styles may cause one to not totally realize the *who, when, and where* (for example, and in this case, the US). It could possibly mean that it is meant to be recorded in The Holy Scriptures, yet not totally revealed until an appointed time; similar to Jesus speaking in parables to those who refused to receive Him as The Son of The Living God (Matthew 13:10); or similar to when Jesus' disciples declared that He Is the Messiah (Matthew 16:13-20).

There are many references to regions around the world (for example, The Book of Revelations), but are there any scriptures that specifically relates to the US? Is it written in The Holy Scriptures that God upholds the US as a nation that pleases Him, or that He will never forsaken, or rather, as a nation similar to S&G? Given the historical track record of the US, what do you think...what would you say?

Man's Purpose: Love The Holy Trinity

When reading God's Holy Word, especially with the revelation power of The Holy Spirit, we can understand clearly the purpose of man; which is to love God The Father, God The Son, and God The Holy Spirit. God wants us to love Him with all of our mind, heart, and soul; to love our neighbor as we love ourselves; and to feed His sheep (Matthew 22:36-40; John 21:17). His messages are extremely concise.

The Holy Word inform us about conversations and teachings Jesus had with His disciples; in particular, when they sought answers from Him, especially about the timing of His return. Jesus

informed them that there were matters beyond their comprehension due to various reasons. For certain matters, it could have been due to their level of belief, lack of confidence, lack of fasting and praying, or for various other reasons beyond our comprehension. Just as children who commonly ask their parent *Why*?, sometimes the question is simply not meant to be answered; *sometimes it is best that the answer is not meant to be known.* So, how does this *tie* in to this message? *Image if The Word of God specifically indicated that by a certain time in the future, the US will be warned of imminent natural destruction! What would this country...this world be like!*

Matthew 24:26 ~ ²⁶ But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. The Gift Lives Among Us

The scriptures reveal God's greatest gift to the world—*His only Son*—*Jesus. Now, to pull it altogether*—I shared all of this to come to this point: I do not ever recall believing within my heart that the US was being depicted as a future Sodom & Gomorrah, but then, again, the sinfulness that is overt and rampant would have one thinking, *What is going on here with the US*? The instructions and messages contained within The Holy Scriptures are clear. To stray or go against the Spirit of God; to rebel or have a contrary spirit, is to know that such acts will not go without a loss of blessings, or will occur with impunity. God declared through His Holy Word that those who go against His commandments will eventually experience His chastisement and His wrath.

Genesis 13:13 ~ ¹³ But the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and sinful against the Lord.

God sent His only Son, Jesus, so that those who receive Him as Lord and Savior would not die in a sinful state; that with a heart of thanksgiving and sincere repentance, those who believe in Him would have right to the Tree of Life. Knowing this as the essence of the kind of relationship our Lord and our God desires to have with us while also taking into consideration this theme and how it relates to the US, obviously, the answer would require a *national perspective and assessment*.

Are We There, Yet?

In particular, Genesis Chapters 13-14 contain scriptures that describe Sodom and Gomorrah as sexually perverse and immoral cities. So, having shared this, the question is: *How 'close to home'* are the characteristics of the US to S&G? Only God knows all; only God knows for sure. Our natural eyes cannot see what God's Eyes sees. As it is written:

Proverbs 3:5-8 ~ ⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. ⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and depart from evil. ⁸ It will be health to your flesh, and strength to your bones.

Also:

1 Corinthians 13:9 ~ ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part. ¹⁰ But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

How God See Us

I am glad that I did not shy away from, or avoid taking on, this topic. After shaking off what initially deterred me from wanting to specifically respond to this question, I thought to also focus upon another question: *If the US is not 'the new S&G, what is the US?* Writing about what is perceivably one's own sin-sick 'home' (the US) is not pleasant, to share the least. However, as long as I am confident in my Lord and my God, whether the US is likened to S&G will not matter as much as: *How does God see me? Am I a new creation in Him? Am I where I am suppose to be?*

Luke 13:1-5 ~ ¹ There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² And Jesus answered and said to them, **Do you suppose that these Galileans** were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things? ³I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? ⁵I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

Repent or Perish

When I think about *my* personal relationship with my Lord and my God; as I ask The Holy Spirit, my Comforter, to guide me, to bless me with peace beyond understanding. In spite of knowing how immorality and perversion is running rampant, I have to look at it in this manner: *God has me here for such a time as this, as a US citizen; that I am in His Care.* Therefore, I am most concerned about being in right standing before Him—*I pray you do, too.* I am most concerned about remaining in alignment to His Will, which is, in part, to spread the gospel (Luke 10:2). So, because I know my relationship with God Almighty; because I know He holds my future; that God will never allow His Chosen to be forsaken; that His Chosen dwell all over this land, my answer is that the US is *not* the new Sodom and Gomorrah, *but I truly believe the US has been warned…over and over again.*

As Believers, we should also be likened to soldiers—*soldiers in the army of the Lord.* Therefore, having the spirit of God upon and all around us, we should be deterrents to a S&G existence and outcome. We should be spiritually in a good place—*a marvelous place*—in Him. We are children of The King (Romans 8:14-16). We are in this world, but not of it (John 17). Therefore, we will not suffer as the world suffers (those outside of God's Will), nor will we experience God's wrath as will be the case for the Children of Disobedience.

Revelation 14:15 ~ And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, *'Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.'*

Those in Christ Jesus should not focus upon the negativity but so much because this world is not our final home. However, while we are sojourners in this foreign land, we still have a responsibility to be aware of what is happening in this world while keeping God first and foremost. We must be aware that there remains much work to be done to His glory because Jesus is coming back for a Church without a spot or wrinkle (Ephesians 5); and that we have a charge to keep—our purpose—which is to be co-laborers in God's harvest—we must support sowing Good Seeds, the gospel, to every nation, to every land, so as to convert sin sick souls unto salvation.

1 Peter 2:11-12 ~ ¹¹ Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, ¹² having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

For those who receive Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior, salvation is at hand. Therefore, even if sin abounds, because The Holy Spirit is within His Chosen, we will not see the same fate as those who are outside of His Holy Will. The extremities against the Spirit of God in this country and other countries around the world will not change our path towards eternal life. However, regarding these extremities—regarding the impact of the heathens, there influences—can surely impede our walk in Christ Jesus if our faith is not deeply rooted within our God's commandments.

Psalm 139:7-12 ~ ⁷ Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? ⁸ If I ascend into heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, ¹⁰ even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me. ¹¹ If I say, *Surely the darkness shall fall on me,* even the night shall be light about me; ¹² indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, but the night shines as the day; the darkness and the light are both alike to You.

Our purpose is to be God-fearing, God-loving, productive citizens; citizens who are caring, and loving; while keeping God first place in our daily living. If we focused too much on whether the US is the new S&G, it may cause anxiety and depression, and that for sure would not serve us; it will serve only as a distraction from staying on point with our purpose. The adversary would want me—*us*—to focus upon gloom and doom—*and we should not feed into that spirit*.

2 Corinthians 13:5 ~ ⁵ Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified. ⁶ But I trust that you will know that we are not disqualified.

Examine Yourself; Test Yourself

Again, as I expressed in the beginning of my article, each and every one of us should and must conduct an examination continuously to determine where we are in Christ Jesus. *God forbid that we take God's grace, mercy, and favor for granted. Determining whether any nation that has not been specifically referenced in God's Word as 'the new S&G' would require The Eyes of God.*

Revelation 21:8 ~ ⁸ But the cowardly, believing, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.

Many Are Called; Few Are Chosen

Read The Word of God! To believe that this world, the way it is now, consists mostly of the righteous than those who will be eternally lost, would not be in alignment to God's Holy Word (Matthew 22:14). So, what we should be focused upon as God's Chosen is whether we are faithful to His calling while the blood is still running warm in our veins. We should not allow discouragement or fear to set in—*in spite of the perversion and immorality that seems to be at an all-time high.*

What is perversion and immorality? Read The Word of God! Furthermore, we must allow and maintain the joy of the Lord, which is our strength, and not become discouraged. What helps us in keeping the joy of the Lord, which is our strength? Fellowshipping with other Believers, and hearing The Word of God from God's anointed teachers. We must also praise and worship God regardless as to how we feel and think pertaining to circumstances outside of our control. Also, we must have a made up mind to not allow anyone to steal our joy. Being good to one other; kind, and loving is the way to being like Jesus.

So, back to the theme: If there is a hint, just a hint, that the US's posture or its reputation can be likened to such dreadful ill fated cities—cities that were destroyed by fire and brimstone (Genesis 19)—and if the answer is 'Yes', what can be done about it? The quick answer would be to pray for our nation that we get in alignment to God's Will; that we do what is acceptable and pleasing to God. We can start off by reconfirming, for Believers, and for those outside of God's Will, that you acknowledge that you are in need of a Savior—Jesus. Confess that you are a sinner needing to be saved by His grace followed up with repentance and then work towards a more righteous way of life. Collectively, as a nation, we should be willing to seek God's Face and do His Will (2 Chronicles 7:14), which is to acknowledge our sins and turn from our wicked ways, and share His Holy Word.

If in the days of old, God heard one righteous man's prayer to not destroy a nation (Moses; See, Exodus 32), surely there are multitudes of Believers whose prayers God hears for a better US—for a better today and tomorrow.

Genesis 6:11-13 ~ ¹¹ The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹² So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. ¹³ And God said to Noah, *The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.*

To paraphrase, a takeaway I had during a recent conversation: *If each and every one of us will do our part to do what is right, then we, as a whole, will become a better nation; a better world.* If what one is doing is an offense to The Most High God, *then why do it?* The answer can be found in at least one or more of the following reasons (Romans 8) as to why offenses come that can lead to living an abominable life, as well as why there is such adversity to the Spirit of God:

- 1. Salvation is not for all; everyone is not chosen by The Most High God; therefore, those who are not His sheep, those who are not of His pasture, would not be able to please Him;
- 2. There are those who have not yet accepted and received Christ Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior; thereby placing their God-given gift of salvation in jeopardy. It is written

...for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust (Matthew 5:45). However, those who wait to accept the Lord, will deny themselves of His full blessings during their lifetime while living in disobedience; and

3. There are those who have declared that they are sinners in need of The Savior; yet due to struggles of their flesh and the cares of this world, they are saved, but are in dire need of deliverance—they have not wholeheartedly submitted themselves over to the Will of God.

Genesis 18:23 ~ ²³ And Abraham came near and said, Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

Beyond Redemption

As those who learned about Lot and his deliverance from the ill-fated cities, Sodom and Gomorrah, God did not allow Lot and his entire family to perish with the wicked (Genesis 19). Therefore, I do not believe that the US is the new S&G. On the other hand, considering the deplorable acts of disrespect, violence, destruction, and callousness that seemingly engulfs this nation, I could understand how a parallel could be made.

John 2:23-25 ~ ²⁵ Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did. ²⁴ But Jesus did not commit Himself to them because He knew all men, ²⁵ and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.

Jonah and Nineveh

The Book of Jonah is a story about a man who was called by God to give warning to a sinsick nation—*Nineveh*. Similar to Sodom and Gomorrah, the inhabitants of Nineveh were an abomination, so God sent Jonah, His messenger, to give them warning that He would destroy them all if they did not turn from their wicked ways and repent.

Unfortunately, Jonah was a very reluctant messenger; he did not want to warn Nineveh at all. Perhaps it could have been due, in part, to his fear of what the inhabitants of Nineveh would do to him; it also could have been that Jonah considered Nineveh not worthy of God's mercy. Jonah did whatever he could to avoid Nineveh to no avail. The short story: God got Jonah's attention, and Jonah eventually warned Nineveh of the wrath to come. When the King heard of the threat to his kingdom, he summoned the entire nation to repent—*and they did.* God, seeing their sincere repentance, and because of His infinite love, spared Nineveh for a season.

I shared the above segment on Jonah and Nineveh for the following reason: *The US should take the position that it has been warned, too.* We have more than The Book of Genesis and The Book of Jonah to rely upon for spiritual wisdom and guidance. We also have the other 64 books of The Holy Scriptures that inform us of impending wrath to those who are outside of God's Holy Will. Furthermore, if we, as Believers, rebel or stray from God's instruction, it is not certain that we may fair as well. Not all of God's chosen who are sent on an assignment get another chance to get it right (1 Kings 13).

Our Individual Soul's Salvation

It is difficult to witness the ugliness that is rampant in the world today; in particular, the US. What we need to do is work on our own soul's salvation and then work outwardly for the sake of other souls. We need to heed the signs that if we do not get right individually, we can and may falter collectively. While not all of us may be strong at the same time, for the most part, we should all have one mind to serve God in Spirit and in Truth. As it is written, when the rapture occurs, Jesus will come in all of His glory. The dead will rise up first. There will be those who will be caught up in the air; and there will be those who will remain to face the wrath to come (1 Thessalonians 4:17).

So, according to our mindset, *Is The US The New Sodom and Gomorrah?* Depending upon one's perspective and experiences directly and indirectly in the grand scheme of things, the response may be a resounding 'Yes.'

Extreme Change of Focus — Sexual Offenses

I am going to shift the direction of my article to focus on another serious issue—*sexual assault*. As it is written, Sodom and Gomorrah were cities that were immoral and sexually perverse. If a person has been a victim of sexual assault, that person may have a different response than someone who has not experienced such a heinous offense. For a sexual assault victim, such an offence could be unbearable—understandably so—but with God, all things are possible to those who believe in the power of His might for healing and deliverance—both spiritually and naturally.

If you, or someone you know, has experienced a sexually offensive act or a sexual assault; if you are a victim of sexual abuse; if you have been violated by being exposed to sexually offensive material, then understandably, your answer could easily be a resounding 'Yes' to the question: *Is the US the new Sodom and Gomorrah?* If so, and this issue is overwhelming you, or is hurting you to the brink of despair, be encouraged **RIGHT NOW!** Whether physically or emotionally—I pray that you take the necessary steps toward receiving the assistance and support you need to recover and heal. **Don't give up!** If you feel you are exposed to a predator, confide in someone that you believe can help you; whether it is someone you trust who is within your inner circle, or a support group or program that will not only hear your story, but will help direct you on the path of healing. Only you know what it is that you are dealing with, so please seek assistance that specifically addresses what you are experiencing. **Again, don't give up!** I pray that if you are reading this and this message segment is applicable to you, that you know there is hope beyond what you are facing. **Do not give up. Do not give in.**

Pray, Praise and Worship God For Your Breakthrough

Read The Holy Bible. Ask God, in the Name of His beloved Son, Jesus, under the power of The Holy Spirit to guide you. Learn about the love of God and how He wants to bestow upon you more of His grace and mercy. Let the peace of God that surpasses all understanding strengthen you as you go through the storms of life; through your trials and tribulations. Know this: **You have the God-given strength to break free from whatever binds you.** Believe and receive that although trials and tribulations may come—it is how we respond to them that makes all of the difference. *Know that God's Chosen have strength from within to overcome all obstacles that come our way.*

Take the perspective that you are not only a survivor, but a soldier in the army of the Lord that you are a conqueror! Remember: If Jesus was crucified, who are we? Jesus obtained the victory and dominion against the prince of this world (John 16:33). Trust in God to see you through. To forsake the promises of God would be giving in to the desires of our adversaries. We cannot take shortcuts; we must trust that our breakthrough is near—that our breakthrough is happening now!

Know this: If you have not received Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior, you are denying and rejecting His unlimited mercy, grace, and peace. You are also hindering your ability to clearly and freely obtain wisdom and knowledge that only God can give you. You are denying yourself of His unmeasurable love for you. Again, we all have a free will; God did not create us to be robots; so when trouble and evil lurks around or presents itself, learn how to rebuke it in the Name of Jesus under the power of The Holy Spirit. Seek God's direction—pray, praise and worship God for the newness of life He so lovingly desires to bestow upon you. If you feel forsaken, if you feel lost, ask God for a plan to take back your life. You have so much life to live—and there are so many people you have yet to meet who will be blessed by what you have to offer.

Take Action

It is up to us to make ourselves known like never before—we need to take action like never before. God's chosen are an integral force in this multicultural nation. God's Chosen are here. While

there is so much negativity in this country, in this world; in particular, especially through the lens of social media, one thing is true to those who believe in Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior: Jesus saves; Jesus loves us—we are truly loved by our Lord and our God. God is still on the throne. Yes; I may be repetitious, but it is necessary at times. God Is with us—we must stay vigilant in knowing that we are in this world, but not of it. Also, we should realize that the adversary only has as much power as we allow. We are not to relinguish our power over to any adversary. When we feel bound, we can call on the Name of Jesus which gives strength to the Believer. We need to sing and praise God until we get a breakthrough—and then still continue to pray, praise, and worship Him some more! We should never stop! We have the victory in Christ Jesus. This earthly place is *not* our final destination; we know how our story ends.

To The Utmost...Obey God

Whether or not the US is the modern day S&G, what is truth is that we are far from following God's Will with one accord as a nation. The nation's reputation is, to put it mildly, tarnished, battered, and blemished. Therefore, the remedy for a new reputation is not a surprise. The remedy is clear: **Obey God**. Seek His Face. Shun evil; embrace God.

God knows for sure who are His; we do not. That is why it is so extremely important for Believers to not judge someone whose actions depict a grave indifference to God. While that person will be subjected to God's judgment, our position is not so much to judge, but to teach and expound upon God's Holy Word to those who not only are willing to hear The Word, but will follow it. To paraphrase one of my favorite scriptures: One plants, one waters, but it is God who gives the *increase* (1Corinthians 3:6). We have to be strong in The Lord so as to not become overwhelmed with the negativity, or place our focus upon where a person is at now, but where that person can be in the future in Christ Jesus. The same can be declared for these United States and other nations.

The Holy Scriptures reveal that there were those who did acts that went against God's Chosen, yet God turned their lives around; in particular, Apostle Paul (Acts 26). Apostle Paul (previously known as Saul before his visitation), persecuted the church. As The Holy Scriptures will support, Apostle Paul became one of the most prolific inspired contributors to The Holy Bible. So, do not count yourself out—nor anyone else for that matter. Only God knows for sure. Whatever comes our way, as long as we hold onto God's Unchanging Hand, we will never be subjected to the same horrific demise of Sodom and Gomorrah. Those who perished in S&G were children of perdition.

Havoc can be found all around, especially if you look for it, but because He Lives—Jesus we can face the here and now, and what is to come. No, the US is not the new Sodom and Gomorrah because the righteous are in the land. The power given to us by God can make a divine difference for positive change. *Remember:* God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son so those who believe in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16). Atonement is key; accepting Jesus is the only pathway to salvation. As a unifying nation, we will prevail, not based upon flesh and blood, but by the power of God's might because again-we are in His Care.

- John 16:25-28 ~ ²⁵ These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father.²⁶ In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; ²⁷ for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God. ²⁸I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father.
- John 16:12-15 ~ ¹²I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

Psalm 37:27-40 ~ ²⁷ Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell forevermore. ²⁸ For the Lord loves justice, and does not forsake His saints; they are preserved forever, but the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off. ²⁹ The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell in it forever. ³⁰ The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom, and his tongue talks of justice. ³¹ The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide. ³² The wicked watches the righteous, and seeks to slay him. ³³ The Lord will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged. ³⁴ Wait on the Lord, and keep His way, and He shall exalt you to inherit the land; when the wicked are cut off, you shall see it. ³⁵ I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a native green tree. ³⁶ Yet he passed away, and behold, he was no more; indeed I sought him, but he could not be found. ³⁷ Mark the blameless man, and observe the upright; for the future of that man is peace. ³⁸ But the transgressors shall be destroyed together; the future of the wicked shall be cut off. ³⁹ But the salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; He is their strength in the time of trouble. ⁴⁰ And the Lord shall help them and deliver them; He shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in Him.

I would like to express my deepest and sincerest condolences to those who are experiencing grief and hardship during this COVID-19 pandemic. As I pray for my family, friends, and those I encounter, I pray for you, too.

May God's grace and mercies keep you; and that the joy of the Lord and the love of God which surpasses all understanding strengthen and encourage you always.

May God continue to bless and uplift all those who seek His Face, and may the Spirit of the Living God bless the works of those across the nations who serve to make this world a better place.

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Stay Encouraged

We cannot truly fathom how great our Lord and God is, but what we can identify with is our Lord and our God's mercies towards us. Knowing that there are recorded accounts of how Jesus walked this earth—and knowing how He lived and died for us—should cause us to serve Him with an abundance of gratitude and humility. We know that we could never repay Him for what He has done, and continues to do for us, by the power of the Holy Spirit—we know this—but the way we can honor Him is to love and obey Him.

We should, therefore, be willing to spread the gospel so that the Holy Word may be received by all who will believe—and for those who truly believe, may we rejoice together, and be continually encouraged in knowing that we have a glorious expected end in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:14-16 ¹⁴ Do all things without complaining and disputing, ¹⁵ that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶ holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

There is no greater gift than the power of God's redemption. So, if you've have not done so already, give your heart to Jesus while you still have time. Have a transformed mind, look to Jesus. Be blessed and be a blessing. ♥

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Overcoming Unrealistic Expectations

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For many years I have heard and even watched shows dealing with relationships. In my observation some of the expectations and comments made on both sides of the relationship made me wonder where was the respect for each other and also in most cases where was the one common factor that was lacking and that is commonsense. In so many cases that is the greatest common denominator which leads to serious outcomes due to unrealistic expectations.

Stereotypical gender roles seem to always be a major point of contention and comparison for expectations that are unrealistic in these changing times. In a relationship, the halves become one whole working in concert in everything they do. In our society, both people on average work outside the home. So, the expectation should not be that one person usually the woman in the relationship takes responsibility for what would be considered typical gender roles. Not so! harmony comes when both actively work together. Men can cook, do laundry, wash dishes and even clean the bathroom. Spend an equal amount of time in raising the children, doing homework, play outings, and more.

Both men and women need to be able to understand each other love language not based on gender, but based on the individual that you've chosen to be in a committed relationship with based on the conversation which you had from the start that should be continuing as you progress within the relationship of mutual respect. Just because another couple does something doesn't actually mean that it will work for your relationship. God has provided us with the gift of communication to express our personal desires, but most are having difficulty in that area.

This is probably something that most have not considered or even observed. The most difficult thing in any sort of union is keeping harmonious unity. The word of God tells us that in unity there is strength and that represents the demise of the enemy's stronghold. So, the attacks are focused on creating disunity and eliminating harmony. Because we become so emotional, we fail in seeing the tactics used against us from a far off and become victims because of it. One of the

effective studying of the Word of God, continual prayer, and communications with the Lord. Our ability to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit will keep as effective as we should be within fulfilling our purpose. Allowing us to have an effective impact on those to whom God has placed in our path to encourage and inspire. Being found worthy of such an honor by God is fulfilling to say the least. That He trust enough to be an example for another that they can experience a fulfilling life.



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A Notable Observation

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With everything that is continually going on every day one has to slow down and even sometimes just take pause and look in all directions and take notable notes of assessment to gain an understanding of what truly is going on.

So let me give you hopefully what might be an easier illustration so you will be able to get the jest of what I'm attempting to convey. So here it goes, you buy a car you are elated by how it looks and drives and you focus on those two main features about its existence and other things you uncover within your relationship with the car, and due to the experiences, you become content.

Here is where the downfall occurs and the missed opportunity of notable knowledge. When you originally went to purchase your car, you were meant by the hype person (salesperson) who was familiar with certain features that are commonly sought after and that becomes the main focus in their quest to get you to buy in and place your signature on the midst of the important line. Fast forward into any given situation with the vehicle now is the time that you unlock the glove box and take out the owner's manual. Within your reading, you come across some preventive steps that could have been taken if you were aware to avoid the current conditions which you are faced with now.

SMH (Shaking my head) moment, little violins playing, singing "When I could, I wouldn't and now I want and I can't" It's too late a missed opportunity. Too much hype not enough attention to the real details, too much noise in the form of unknowledgeable chatter blocking my ear gates from that, which is notable, facts and not an opinion. Leading to what could be a harsh and costly lesson in many forms.

In my recovery from this event, I have to come to understanding and notable knowledge for myself that I need to change my process so that these events don't become my standard outcome every time something comes up. There is no growth in that for myself. When I take the time to assess the situation, I should learn with important steps I skipped that delayed my progress and realign myself accordingly to

Being found in the right alignment with how God has created things to operate speaks to the conditions of our existence. That is why and how situations change and alter their outcomes. You can begin at two totally different extremes and the conditions can totally flip reverse due to our individual choices of obedience or disobedience, defiance or application to the Principles of God creates the outcome. God has given us free will to the point of making sound and accurate choices. Our biggest mistake is not consulting the manual to understand all of the features and maintenance requirements so we can experience a comfortable journey. Tread and tire pressure for the terrain to be traveled. Brakes to help avoid collisions or obstacles within our path. Clean windshield to see clearly and protect against the elements. Headlights work to illuminate so that we can see even in dark places. (Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light into my pathway.) The manual, The Word of God, some refer to it as the Bible (Basic instructions before leaving earth.) reminds us within the chapters and verse that there is nothing new under the sun. These things which we do have been thought and tried plenty of times depending on which side you choose to explore determines our outcome based on our turn in testing the water so to For those who fail to consult the manual, history will record your speak. outcome. For those who do consult share and encourage others to do the same so they too come to experience the benefits on their journey.

When we consciously make the time to reflect and study, we can actually see and identify the real blessing within our lives and become less and less superficial and cluttered with momentary stuff used as an instant pacifier that really has no merit because we quickly lost interest once obtained and never looked back at it until we stumble upon it again. Asking ourselves "Really what was I thinking" this kind of honesty is what helps us to grow and overcome such pitfalls in the future. Also provides some experienced wisdom that can be shared with others on their journey who will give you an audience and appreciate your knowledge and wisdom.

The bible instructs us to watch and pray so that we can gain notable guidance and wisdom from the father to properly navigate through things that are in our immediate environment. God gave us what I call two simple rules. 1. To love the Lord Thu God with all of our heart and mind. 2. To love our neighbors as ourselves. If we could just get these two right. Without interjection of but, what if, how about, and the many other excuses we tend to make at any given time. Just start out with or reply with the two simple rules we would have a much better outcome going forward. Challenge

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Overcoming Addictions is a powerful new resource to shine light on how addiction destroys relationships, as well as tools to support those who are on the road to recovery. Each day God continues to tap the resources of heaven's loom to weave divine healing to the tattered souls of His people. The resources that are identified in this book have been used with spiritual guidance to bring about renewal and transformation to countless individuals. The purpose of Overcoming Addictions is to combine the study of Scripture with other methods of ministry including the Twelve Step program, to guide addicts through an experience of restoring broken relations via transformation. Through meditation and journaling, participants will be exposed to biblical truths that will transform them, aligning them with the character and ways of God. Through this encounter, they will overcome the poverty, addiction, and destruction associated with their addictive behavior and emotional dependencies. When coupled with the Overcoming Addictions Companion Workbook, this powerful tool becomes a blueprint for substance abuse recovery programs facilitated by faith-based organizations.

We Are Witnessing The Cause Of Our Actions

Dr. C. A. Dangerfield II

Every day we are witnessing the attributes of cause and effect brought on by disobedience, entitlement, and bad management of mankind. For decades various warnings have been given regarding things in which mankind could have aborted by just changing the behavior at that time. It was ignored and a deaf ear was provided by the arrogant and entitled. Who because of their disobedience has initiated the curses that have evolved? Yes, some may disagree with this assessment. But if we had just consulted the manual being the Word of God clearly provided ignored remedies to offset these outcomes. i.e. My word will not come back void. Warning comes before destruction. My people are destroyed due to the lack of knowledge. Simply because we fail to study the Word of God which educates on the principles of God which have been set in place to regulate that which we do within the earth. The Word of God also within the knowledge obtained throughout the scriptures demonstrates through the recorded history of various civilizations who maintain the practice of disobedience to these principles faced their chosen path of destruction. Where others who maintained the principles rose to prominence and celebrated promise.

The biggest issue is when we allow the wrong influences to change outcomes through disobedience. Man's job is to maintain that which God has created and not to alter the principles that have been in place since the foundation of the world. When does the creation become wiser than the creator news flash we don't? We have to honor the fact that God desired that someone like ourself was created for the purpose of fulfilling His will. Our relationship with Him will make purpose all the clearer. Eliminating our need to think that we are justified in changing or altering in any way God's intent through manipulation, deceit, or delusions of grandeur. The Word teaches us when we study to "trust in the Lord" with all our heart and lean not to our own understanding in all our ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your path." Within a lot of our disobedience pure commonsense should demonstrate that what man is desiring to do (change) clearly does not line up with the principles of God because His intended outcomes do not manifest the prescribed results. We also cannot stand flat-footed and proclaim boldly that God made any form of a mistake in the Without a relationship deception because easy to creation of ourselves.

and not of evil to give you an expected end. Jerimiah 29:11. The true fulfillment of purpose should be our individual quest to be found within His will and not getting in the way of His intended result hindering its outcome. What eventually happens to something that malfunctions and cannot fulfill its intended purpose. If it cannot be fixed it is discarded and replaced with one that can meet the objective. Time is of the essence and when cause and effect kick in it is seeking an outcome that must be present. Think about that for a few minutes to grasp the understanding. What is to be the impact of my life. Can I obtain my reward? We can't afford to be passive in the assessment of ourselves because we can run the risk of developing a reprobate mindset. Creating greater opportunity for misalignment with the principles of God. Every book, chapter, and verse is utterly significant and relevant to mankind. The understanding of it will illuminate our course of direction and spotlight all impending danger that could befall us. We must always keep in mind that God provides an exit when we are headed in the wrong direction a way of escape from a destructive path. This may require that you pause and reflect so you can clearly identify the times that these options and opportunities presented themself that rescued you from an adverse situation that could have been a devastating experience. Then thank God for His intervention on your behalf.

Learn to recognize His love and compassion toward you. When you can begin to do this then you begin to understand and experience His Word in action. It will become more real and relevant to you as you continue to grow and mature for the purpose of God's intention for your life. You will be able to clearly understand the meaning "behind my sheep know my voice and stranger they will not follow". When we become more consistent and loyal to the attributes of God. Then we gain the ability to attract and compel others to choose the same path. This is developing discipleship with others and truly becoming an ambassador for Christ. We are now developing the ability to lead by example because our actions speak much louder than our words. Opening countless doors of opportunity to manifest His Kingdom within the earth. Changing the trajectory back from evil to good for many to maintain balance at least and not destruction.

If mankind could just grasp the two essential rules 1. Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and thy mind. 2. Love thy neighbor as thyself. We can overcome a lot of evils. We have to push these two narratives to be successful in anything for the Kingdom's sake and a mandate for mankind. This is God's normal no

have to get back to normal and the push was and is to do that. Miscomprehension of the assessment of the storm that we are currently in. It developed due to our misalignment to the principles of God, our acts of defiance, now we are sliding into a place of a reprobate mindset of thinking. Thinking that this we are experiencing is what is permitted by God. Even including things that oppress and cause discomfort and belittled others. That behavior is not in the will of God and God is not the author of confusion, man is when trying to get His way. The effects that we are encountering worldwide are due to the blatant disregard for the principles of The outcomes will not change until we realign ourselves back to the God. there is no compromise just obedience principles to bring about change. Hardening hearts to this truth will continue to escalate that which we see to the point we won't be able as a society to deny it or recover. Sometimes it actually requires a bold stance and declares to the violators enough! Your disobedience has and is effecting us all. It's not about your agenda but obedience to the Will of God. Sometime it requires that disassociation to drive people into that much need change, they don't like that feeling of abandonment and isolation. Let to turn into God during these time and pay close attention to the move of God so you never find yourself within these conditions again. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your path. There is no other way and once you are

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It's not about religious beliefs it's about the relationship with God that makes honoring and obeying His principles the number one priority in our life. C.A. Dangerfield II



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Is The Church Ignoring The Word Of God?

By Elder Diane Harvell

I Corinthians 6:9-10

If as a Christian, you are living your life immorally, like they were doing at Corinth when Paul spoke to the Corinthians about their lifestyles, he was speaking to them about the lives that they were living. Their lifestyles were not becoming nor were they Christlike. Paul Said that people who were living a certain lifestyle would not inherit the kingdom of heaven he mentioned certain habits and those who lived certain ways of life could not be part of the inheritance that God has for his children. Yet many Christians are living these same lifestyles today as if they're not looking forward to the promise, the kingdom of heaven, eternal life, and as if God does not see.

So, are we the church omitting the scripture I Corinthians 6-9? "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolators, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind. Nor thieves, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God." The church seems to be "quiet" in reference to these sins today. Teaching and preaching about the morals of a Christian life is almost unheard of today and it shows.

But this is the reason Paul is my favorite Apostle because he boldly spoke the complete unprecedented gospel of Jesus Christ and 'the way.' He spoke of his own conversion and he spoke how accepting Jesus' death burial and resurrection is the only way to salvation. These words had never been preached to the Gentiles. But he never wavered in preaching the gospel to them or to the Jews.

Saul told them he was circumcised as a Jew, of the race of Israel, of Hebrew parentage, in observance of the law a Pharisee, and his father had Roman citizenship therefore Saul inherited Roman citizenship as well which also gave him a dual name which was common in those days, thus he was identified as Saul or Paul.

His name was not changed to *Paul* as many believe, on the road to Damascus, Acts 9:1-19. Saul resorted to using his dual name because he grew up in a strict Pharisee environment and the name Saul was by far the more appropriate to go by at that time.

But after his conversion, Saul was commissioned to bring the gospel to the Gentiles, dropped his Roman name and became Paul a name Gentiles were more

We should take a cue from Paul, no we do not have to have dual names, but we should condescend to those who are in an apostate condition whether young, old, black, white, rich or poor. We should accommodate ourselves to our audiences, whether there is one thousand or one person within the audience. We should be able to speak, sharing God's moral values and what He expects of us as Christians.

God's word should never be ignored yet that is exactly what is happening today. I find it concerning to live in a world that seems to have no moral standards, and yet I have standards that I uphold and live by yet around me this seems to be fading into an abyss of do whatever you want to do because who's going to stop you?! This is blasphemous to the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and the blood that he shed for us and for our sins. It feels as if the world wants to condemn anything and anyone who has faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

A Christian's moral life in Jesus edifies and enlightens as well as corrects. But the world wants to live by ungodly means and answer to no one. To have any attribute of Jesus Christ is almost obsolete or old-fashioned or not in tune with what's going on in the world today. And if we the church, continue to remain silent, yes, we are sacrificing souls and ignoring God's word and his existence. There are some personal things within my own life that I have made a conscious decision to vacate because they are sin to God. Yet even in so doing, I can only hope and pray that I have done and am doing enough to please God and to receive the promise of eternal life with him.

In I Corinthians 9:19-23 & 10:33 Paul said;

Although I am free in regard to all, I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible. To the Jews I became a Jew to win over Jews; to those under the law I became like one under the law – though I myself am not under the law – to win over those under the law. To those outside the law I became like one outside the law. To the weak I became weak to win over the weak. I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it.

With all the 'clout' and influence that Paul had, he became what others needed no matter the sacrifice no matter his former or present position. He said, "all things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient."

(Paul learned that all things are not moral). He humbled himself and rejected his natural heritage as a Pharisee. I Corinthians 10:33-Paul said, "Even as I please all men, in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

Paul did not ignore the gospel, he did not alter the gospel, but he became a living example of it.

Herein, is a true Apostle.

May God Bless You All!



Are We So Distracted?

Dr. C. A. Dangerfield II

Are we so distracted that we have become unaware of the nature of what is taking place within this atmosphere called earth? The bible says "My people perish due to the lack of knowledge." It also states "Study to show thyself approved...". It also states ad well that "There is nothing new under the sun..." Well first things first mankind has now found himself in a greater place of disobedience which intensified conditions in many nations. For us, in this nation, we have stepped squarely in the midst of the crosshairs of a target pointed at ourselves. The truth will always win out no matter what we do and will expose everything in its path. We have to take note of history as a barometer of current conditions which would speak to future outcomes.

When the opportunity was available within the government to play fair one side to a flat-footed stand and stated because someone didn't look like them, they would assure nothing would pass. But when you study you will always find a way around. They would ensure one term only, but God had other plans and he came back still having the opportunity to start something so people could move forward even in the midst of that same opposition he was invited to the table but refused.

Many good people on both sides of the aisle worked tirelessly to make change went on to their reward and encouraged others to continue for the necessary gains. Then the deception came in deeper, brash and unapologetic, and just like the bible stated "the very elite would be deceived..." Even those within the household of faith. The wolf scattered the sheep. There is however a remedy to any sickness that occurs in order to gain healing. The question then becomes are we too stubborn, arrogant, and delusional misguided from the truth of the word of God. To apply the prescription for complete healing. You might start taking the prescription but you have to complete the process rather than turn back to the behavior that got you sick in the first place. Because the symptoms will mutate and give you a worsted strain. You can point fingers in every direction. However, these conditions we are faced with are due to disobedience. When a man has the boldness to stand flatfooted and go against the principles of God. Things will and are happening as a result. My only recourse is to acknowledge God and defy disobedience from those we desire not to follow the principles of God. The more we are pushing the wrong agenda the more turmoil we create and the sad thing about it is we have become bolder in the display of our disobedience. As though God is on our level and subjected to man. We really have to take a pause see clearly and realize we are

Modernization has brought on many distractions that keep noise, chatter, and turning our heads in the wrong ways consuming us within chaos and confusion turning into destruction and devastation. Outcomes than becoming I'm reversible for its victims who made the wrong choice. If you have in fact read to this point there is hope for you and an opportunity for redemption. God always has a way to get His message out and draw those who desire to be obedient to His will. He speaks to us in a still voice. If we are loud and obnoxious, we will never hear him because of the characteristic that we have chosen to follow. That which is taken effect all around us was and is caused by man's disobedience. The principles of God are responding because of the parameters that were set at the foundation of creation to manage this atmosphere to which are performing our assigned task. In Genesis 1st and 2nd chapters, it is stated. Moses delivered the 10 Commandments which is God's Law. To maintain order our current issues are due to our violations that still remain. Assess yourself against these 10 and thank God for His grace and mercy. Then become diligent about aligning yourself back to them after we have repented for our violation's insincerity. It's not a request it is actually a must. It begins with our individual selves and then to those to whom we are responsible for this will change the conditions within our atmosphere. Reconciliation within our own house is the mandate for this time and transparency will help you get there. It is imperative that we all make this first step for the desired change otherwise we run the risk of it becoming worse than what we are currently experiencing.

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Why, what's your gift?

Something to think about!

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If we could just truly see and understand.

So much is occurring all around us that some are losing sight of the message and the warnings. We all are found in different places at this time, but God is speaking to us all collectively and individually. We are in a pivotal time meaning by our actions we can come back from a bad place that God did not intend for us. The other is by pushing the wrong narrative we will continue to fall into devastation because as a society we opted to go against the principles of God even when we know we are not obedient to God's will. So we face the same or more difficult outcomes than those who went before us in history being disobedient. Be honest with yourself about your life and your obedience. Be accountable to your own truth, if His word declares it as disobedience then repent from the behavior and realign yourself with His principles and His Truth which is the only thing that will matter in the end.

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What More Will It Take?

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What more will it take for us to understand and change our behavior? Every day the news feeds are inundated with stories good and bad. Cause and effect situations are being revealed but does mankind recognize it as such or do we just see and hear the stories and they don't generate any significant impact on our overall behavior. That brings this question to mind are we desensitized, numb to our current reality. Not understanding that without significant changes in our overall behavior to the principles of God things will continue intensifying and what we a witnessing may actually consume us. This is a real concern because we are also ignorant of some of our history and past conditions are repeating themselves.

A lot of people are complaining about things that they are required to do not understanding that in the long run having concern for one another benefits us all. We do not have a negatively impactful situation to occur in order to redirect our perspective. We truly need to gain all the information and review rather than posturing and intimidating. When the truth is present, we all win.

In light of all that is occurring around us, we have to take more responsibility for the cause of our condition and not simply walk about in a cloud of ignorance and delusional grandeur as though we are entitled and have nothing to do with the conditions of the outcomes to which we are facing. These will not however simply go away and they are not a band aid fix by no means. These are the consequences of our actions stemming from generational misconduct to and present day. There is no way around this state fact. Every action creates a response, a reaction to whatever has been rendering within this atmosphere.

Upon creation, God established His laws, the set of principles that would mandate and maintain this atmosphere as He charged it to be. Our function in all of this was to manage and maintain those principles in tack for the appropriate outcomes to manifest. However, we have failed on many fronts but have been granted the option for redemption. However, they blindsided those stumbling through darkness rather than taking the benefits of offered light. Choose to remain defiantly in spite of every lifeline offered. So when the hourglass of time runs out at that point there will be no offer for change. The reality on the wrong side of that decision will bring forth utter shame. Identifying one as the children of darkness, yet there were so many opportunities to make the appropriate change. One would think that mankind would listen it's been stated over and over again "What does in profit a man to gain this whole world and lose his soul."

It is imperative we follow the instructions "Train up a child in the ways he should go..."

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In times of crisis God creates opportunity for change. The issue becomes our ability to see the open door Every crisis may cause an ending of something. But it is also the beginning of something new. The choice of the direct in which we go has been left up to us. Will we murmur and complain about the lost or will we recognize the open door of opportunity and venture in. With the understanding that a forrest can develop from a single seed. Every day that I am blessed to awaken is an opportunity fo a new beginning. Go ahead a begin today walk out your opportunity. God will bring the increase. C. A. Dangerfield II



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