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E-votional 103

I know the plans

Jeremiah 29:10-14 (ESV)

“For thus says the LORD: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you, declares the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.”

You know I've been doing a lot of thinking lately and God has been bringing me to this scripture in connection with that thinking. This specific line of thinking that I am referring to has to do with the state of our nation. We all have seen the atrocities that have taken place over the past many decades and more clearly more so in 2020 and also how people have been driven further and further from God and into their own version of Him and into reckless living. Even in the church, there is so much chaos and division and false doctrine. Of course, we know from reading scripture that any sin committed is not without consequences for God judges the wicked. What we are seeing today in this nation is the unfolding and the unpacking of the consequences of the sins of a nation as well as the people of God.

Brothers and sisters, let me be explicitly clear here, there is absolutely nothing anyone can do but return to God and His plan for redemption. So many of God's people are so focused on finding natural ways that they can fix the emotional, physical, criminal, political, familial, and many other breakdowns we are and have been experiencing these days. But, as I said, there is absolutely nothing anyone can do but turn back to God. What we are experiencing is because God is no longer the center of many people's lives and as such, He has given most of this nation into a reprobate mind. We are experiencing all of this and much

more because people no longer regard God. Even many of those who believe in Him practice other ways that are not from Him and constantly look for natural solutions to a heart problem. Brothers and sisters, we need Jesus now more than ever. And yes, even some of those who profess to know Him need to turn back to Him. The Lord has been trying to wake up His people for some time now, but many have turned a deaf ear to His call. Jesus is and has always been standing at the door of the hearts of His people. I wonder if anyone can still hear the faint sound of His knuckles rapping on the door? Or maybe some have gotten so wrapped up in the chaos that they no longer hear when He knocks.

Many of the Lord's people are more zealous for politics than they are for Him alone. These things should never be. How have we gotten so far removed from the truth of the Gospel? We should be about teaching and making disciples in the truths of the Gospel and of God's Word and longing to see the lost saved. But, where are those people today? Instead, we see people more concerned with politics and natural change than we see people who have truly humbled themselves and prayed.

Before I get too in-depth, I want to encourage you to watch the video version of this teaching. I say this because the Lord had me divert from what I originally had intended to release and was instructed to do a video. Therefore, there will be much more in the video than in this written teaching. I honestly don't think I could replicate what was said in the video so I am not going to muddy it up. Instead, this is why I encourage you to watch the video attached to the click here button on the bottom of the screen

Some of the Scriptures that I will be moving through in the video are as follows: John 16:12-13; Jeremiah 29:10-14; Ezekiel 14:12-23; Jeremiah 39:11 to 40:6; Romans 1:18-32; Romans 11:25-36.

As a preview of that teaching, I would encourage you to follow along in the video, there will be notations throughout the video that point to specific areas of Scripture to study for yourself. The teaching will touch on being prepared for whatever may come in this nation and to not lose hope as we see ungodliness increase at an alarming rate. God is judging this nation, this much is clear. Even still, while God is judging this nation we are to remain the salt and the light in this world and to endure suffering and persecution as we wait for the Lord Jesus Christ or pass from here to there. We are to be sober-minded and watchful for the sake of our prayers and to be about our Father's business. We should be like true servants regardless of the evils that may arise against us.

Brothers and sisters while we are witnessing the judging of this nation it is important to also understand that God will also separate the sheep from the

goats. I am not necessarily referencing the end of all things where our Lord does this but to some degree a purifying of His church before He returns. While this is happening we are going to witness major Christian leaders fall away from the truth at an alarming rate as we have been seeing over many years but all the more increasingly in the days to come. Be on your guard, people will surely be lovers of self and deceivers. As such Jesus warned us that since lawlessness will abound the love of many will grow cold. We must not allow the tempter to deceive us from the true love of Christ even in the face of tyranny. We have experienced freedom and liberties in this nation for a very long time, but I do not believe this will last forever. Now, we are not placing a time stamp on this as to when all of this will be taking place, for I would not be so arrogant. However, God is faithful as He always will be to prepare us for what is to come. For this reason, I write this note to all of our brothers and sisters in the Lord to abstain from your own desires and plans and to hinge yourself upon what God is doing. Again we have had a blessed time with our religious liberties but it is becoming increasingly clear that we are nowhere promised to have this forever. What we read in the Bible are a people so committed to the Gospel that they were not only willing to suffer to share it with others but also to give up their own lives in that pursuit. Again, we are not putting a timestamp as to when it will all break down. All we can note is that we see it happening at an alarming rate so we know we must warn and encourage people to really move into the next season with joy and encouragement knowing that our God always has a purpose and a plan and is orchestrating something for His glory and purpose. We are the church, saints redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, and as such we need to be clear that we are serving Him and not some form of religion or idol.

This video will go into depth of the fall of Judah and Jeremiah's context of Jeremiah 29. The truth is that there were many false-prophets in those days that were prophesying that God was not going to destroy Judah. However, Jeremiah prophesied that God not only would but would also carry away the people of Judah into Babylon as captives. Brothers and sisters, if God did not spare Judah when they sinned are we then so arrogant to think that He somehow will spare America. Of course not.

Well, many today will say, we have prayed, God will hear. Yes indeed God hears prayer, but if His people do not humble themselves, how will He answer. God does not answer prayers offered according to one's own desires. People of God, we must understand that God is on the throne and it is His way and not our own.

We truly love each and every one of you and pray that the Lord would magnify His grace and power and love towards you to make you more like Him to be an effective witness for Him, in Jesus name. Amen.

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