
BLESSED IS THE NATION WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD

What Has Happened To God

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I wish the good men who are fighting so fearlessly for God would tell us what has happened to God. I mean the preachers and crusaders that ignore, reject and even despise 70% of the Bible on one hand and on the other are fighting day and night for God and the Bible.

These good men should be honest and tell all they know about what happened to God. God used to be able to take care of Himself, but now, if these men did not fight and crusade for God, the communists and the socialist would destroy Christian civilization.

I am 100% for exposing communism and all its evil activities, but what happened to God?

If I should say that there are millions of good, sincere, conservatives and rightists in this nation who are deceiving themselves and one another, many of you good people would object. And if I should say that God's judgments and punishments are being poured upon us as a nation because we rightists, conservatives, fundamentalists and Christian patriots despise, reject and ignore that portion of God's Word that deals with our day, our nation and our problems, again many would object—same might even take offense. So I should be wise enough not to make statements like these even though I know they are true and can prove them from the Scripture.

This is not sarcasm—I am just trying to be realistic and intelligent regarding the condition that we are confronted with. I want to call your attention to something that is very self-evident; certainly it must be apparent to the unsaved people of the world who listen to all of the effort and the campaigning to stop the Communists. (And this is good and fine—I have exposed the Communists and I approve of this effort.) But here is something that these people must imagine or think...

Let us go back to 1917 and 1918. Presumably at that time God tried everything imaginable to stop the Communists. He tried to stop them from becoming a political power; He tried to stop them from taking over Russia. But in spite of all God could do, the Communists took over Russia.

Then God tried to save Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, but again, in spite of all God could do, the Communists took over these nations. Judging from the position taken by a host of people, God tried to stop Communism in the Balkan nations; but lo and behold, the Communists took over.

God apparently tried to save Poland and East Germany, but He could not do it. He did not seem to be able to stop Communism. Further, while God was doing everything He could to stop Communism from spreading into Europe, the Communists began to work in Asia; and do you know what happened? The Communists took over China—800 million people—in spite of all God could do. God just could not stop Communism!

In Korea and Laos, God apparently tried to stop Communism, and He could not do it. In addition, while God was being pushed back all over Europe and Asia, the Communists built a military base in Cuba, just 90 miles away from our shores. God tried again, this time to get the Communists out of Cuba, and you know, He just could not do it. Evidently He did not have enough fighters and crusaders, and He did not get enough help. So God had to leave the Communists in Cuba.

Going on, God also apparently tried to keep good, patriotic men on the Supreme Court, but He could not do that either. One decision after the other which they make is in favor of Communism and against God. And there doesn't seem to be a thing that God can do about it!

In the State Department the same thing happened. Certainly God tried to keep the one-worlders and traitors and double-crossers out of the State Department, but He could not do it. They got in and have used our State Department to build up Communism all over the world, and at the same time to crush and defeat practically every government that wants to be our friend and wants to have freedom and rule by law.

I imagine by now that some of you people think I am sacrilegious and sarcastic. No, my friend, I am trying to get you to think. I have tried for years to get this truth across to God's people, and I seem unable to do it. Something must have happened to our God, or there is something wrong in the Scriptures.

In the past, according to Bible history and according to all Scriptures, our God was quite a God. He could handle any situation that developed, and He just laughed at His enemies. He raised them up again and again to punish His own people when they departed away from the message for the nation and would not honor their special covenant with God. God raised up the various heathen forces and used them to whip our forefathers back into line and humble them. But something has happened, and God does not seem to be able to do it anymore.

You will remember at the time of the flood, that generation defied the Almighty, despising His laws, statutes and judgments and the national message of the Scripture. They just would not have it. God took care of that situation—He sent a flood and put an end to the whole outfit. He save eight people out of it and put the rest away.

At the time of Sodom and Gomorrah, the people defied God's law too. They would not have His law relative to racial intermarriage. They defied God, so God dropped a little atomic bomb and turned Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes. That was the end of them and their rebellion.

Do you recall how Hezekiah prayed to God when the Assyrians threatened his nation? God sent out one angel. Bless your heart, God has millions of them, but He sent out one lone angel, and in one night that angel put to death 185,000 Assyrians. The next morning, the whole outfit packed up and beat it back to Assyria just as fast as they could go.

Now this has been Bible history—this is what God has been able to do in the past. Let me say again, I am not being sarcastic or sacrilegious—I am just trying to get some of you people to think in the light of God's Word. If something has happened to God—if God has lost His ability to fight, and if He has lost His skill and power, I would like to know about it.

I think the difficulty is with us, the rightist and the conservatives and the patriots. We will not have God's Word, and God has decreed that we are going to have His Word.

In the past, the prophets and the apostles and the church fathers did just one thing—they gave out the Word of God relative to the problems that confronted them in their day. For instance, some of you perhaps imagine that Luther went around agitating, preaching and stirring up hate and animosity against the Catholics. He did not. There were those who wanted him to and they put tremendous pressure on Luther to do just that, but he refused. He said he would do just one thing—expound the Word .

I would like to have you people sit down and read the writings of the apostle Paul. Did the apostle Paul go around an agitate and complain about what he had suffered at the hand of the Jews? He was aware of it and he referred to it, but what did the apostle Paul do? One thing—he preached and expounded and taught the Word of God.

Likewise, that is all the prophets ever did. When the people (and I mean the rightists, the conservatives and the patriots) did not want the Word of God, the prophets withdrew and they went into isolation and let the judgment fall. That also is what the church fathers did. Wesley did not go around and tell about how terribly he had been treated by the church, he went out and preached on his father's tombstone. He just expounded the Word...and what was the result? All England turned back to God and an era of great spiritual awakening followed.

Where does the idea come from that blaming the Communists is going to save us from the judgments of God? It really is not so hard to understand because it makes a little god out of men. It feeds the ego and appeals to the carnal mind.

But, my friend, when it comes to God's solution to this problem, there is just one way out, and that is for you good people to get over the idea that you can spiritualize the Kingdom and can call the Jews Israel and cast aside the Word of God that He has given especially for our day and for our nation.

Incidentally, when you insist that the Jews are Israel, remember that in the Revelation to John, Jesus said, "I know the blasphemy of them that say they are Jews and are not." I wonder how close to blasphemy you fundamentalist and good full gospel people come when you insist that the Jews of today are the Israel people of the Bible. This doctrine and that of spiritualizing of the Kingdom insults God and rejects the Scriptures.

I have not given much Scripture in this article, although I have referred to it; however, I do want to include one passage. And here again I am confronted with the notion that we should not have too much of the Old Scripture. Paul said that it was written for our learning, but that cannot be true; he said it was written for us who would be living in the end of the age, but that cannot be true either, because if these statements by the apostle Paul were true, all of the full gospel preachers and all of the fundamentalists would be preaching from these Old Scriptures.

The reason we cannot have too much of the Old Scripture is because we might fall from grace, you know. (You have heard that, haven't you?) We might fall from grace, for instance, like Abraham and Isaac and Jacob did, get worldly and carnal and earthly-minded like Moses and Joshua and Solomon and Samuel and David. Wouldn't that be something?

Let me remind you that this (the Old Scriptures) is the only Bible that Christ and the apostle Paul had. But who wants to have what they had? Paul said at the close of his ministry that all men had forsaken him. Why? Because he expounded the Word of God from the Old Scriptures and would not fall for any of the ideas and notions that would appeal to the ego and the carnal mind in order to build himself up as some great liberator and some great leader. Men like Paul never thought of themselves in that light.

Now let us turn to Isaiah 42, verse 23 We read, "Who among you will give ear to this? Who will hearken and hear for the time to come?" "The time to come" is our time right now, which Isaiah foresaw and concerning which he prophesied.

"Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? " Who gave Russia to the Communists? Who gave the Baltic states and the Balkan nations, China, Cuba, East Germany and Poland to the Communists? Who put these men in our State Department? Friend, I have news for you—God Almighty did. Why did He do it? Because you good people will not hear His Word. Some of you good Christian people actually despise it, as mentioned previously.

In II Chronicles 7:14 we are told, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves..." He did not say if the Communists would humble themselves—they never will, and God will destroy them in a matter of hours just like He did the Egyptians, the Assyrians, the Babylonians and all the other heathen people that He raised up as a judgment and a scourge. God will destroy them in a matter of hours when you rightists and conservatives and patriots turn to the Word of God.

"Who gave Jacob for a spoil?" We read, "did not the LORD, He against whom (the Communists) have sinned." No, it does not say that. It says, " against whom we have sinned."

We are so far from the Word of God and know so little about the Word that you good Christian people do not even know what sin is. You think sin is not being a member of your church; you think a man is lost if he does not believe with you on every little doctrine and every little tradition. What is sin? John tells us that sin is the transgression of the law, God's law, and bless your heart, you good people say there is no law for the nation.

Let us read on in Isaiah 42:24. It says, "for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his law. Therefore He hath poured upon him the fury of his anger."

I have tried to show you that our difficulty is that God is angry with us. Nothing has happened to God. God can and will clean up the mess we are in, and there will be just One who will be exalted—Christ and His Word.

