

America's Decline Into Darkness

SESSION 11 – We Cancelled The God Of The Bible

“He alone, who owns the youth, gains the future.” Adolf Hitler

Proverbs 22:6, *Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.*

Ephesians 6:4, *And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.*

“God who gave us life gave us liberty. Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are the gift of God? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, that his justice cannot sleep forever.” Thomas Jefferson

Judges 21:25, In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

Proverbs 14:12, “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.”

Cancelled – Prayer In Schools

Our country's First Amendment: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof... was designed to allow Christian and Pagan religions to practice freely and openly without the interference of the government.

A house stands or falls based on the foundation upon which it was built. Our nations foundation appears to be built on a solid rock little do most Americans know there was a dark undercurrent that has always been at work to bring about a dark agenda a secret destiny. Because of our Constitution it still allowed 13 independent states to become the most advanced and powerful nation on the planet.

This concept of “separation of church and state” has become so prevalent in our world today that **many Americans believe it is in the Constitution**. Most Americans are totally unaware that those who use this “wall of separation of church and state” concept got it from a personal letter

of reply from Thomas Jefferson to the Danbury Baptist Association. Jefferson was assuring them of their “natural rights” their inalienable rights which come from “the common Father and Creator of man” thus the rights to exercise religious beliefs were above federal jurisdiction. In fact, in 1878 Court in **Reynolds v. United States** the court published Jefferson’s full letter, and correctly interpreted the letter to thus conclude: (1) Congress was deprived of all legislative power over mere [religious] opinion but was left free to reach actions which were in violation of social duties or subversive of good order. (2) The rightful purposes of civil government are for its officers to interfere when principles break out into overt acts against peace and good order. In this...is found the true distinction between what properly belongs to the church and what to the State.

“Overt acts against peace and good order” as later stated by the Court gave the government the right to intrude when in the name of religion such activities as human sacrifice, polygamy, bigamy, incest, infanticide, avocation, and promotion of immorality, etc. were committed.

“Separation of church and state” a metaphor for the First Amendment which was used twice in the first 150 years of our Supreme Court has become a rod used to silence the church. Now the First Amendment has been high jacked by those that want the God of the Bible Cancelled from the history of our country. Over the last 73 years the “separation” argument has been used countless times in decisions at all levels of our government.

The first use of this “separation” argument began in the 1947 Court case of **Everson v. Board of Education** where the court announced: The First Amendment has erected a wall between church and state. That wall must be kept high and impregnable. We could not approve the slightest breach.

Those who have high jacked “separation of church and state” not only take the phrase completely out of the context in which it was used but totally ignored the multitude of actions and statements made by Thomas Jefferson placing the religious issues squarely in the hands of the state and never in the hands of the federal government.

The End Result

The Everson case of 1947 and its “separation” clause was the position used by the Court in the **Engel v. Vital case of 1962** where New York schools long tradition of opening the school day with this prayer “Almighty

God, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee, and we beg Thy blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers and our Country” was declared unconstitutional. Now, understand there was no coercion involved in this prayer, the schools did not require that anyone say it against their will or the will of the parents. The Court explained its decision this way: “Neither the fact that the prayer may be denominationally neutral nor the fact that its observance on the part of the students is voluntary can serve to free it from the limitations of the Establishment Clause, as it might from the Free Exercise Clause, of the First Amendment...It ignores the essential nature of the program’s constitutional defects...Prayer in its public school system breaches the constitutional wall of separation of Church and State.” So, the decision is about prayer and not forcing kids to pray. The Court in their decision stated that **“A union of government and religion tends to destroy government and to degrade religion.”** WOW! How far removed from the founders of our Nation – **George Washington** said, “True religion affords to government its surest support.” – **Thomas Jefferson** said, “The liberty to worship our Creator in the way we think most agreeable to His will is a liberty deemed in other countries incompatible with good government and yet proved by our experience to be its best support.”

The power of prayer removed from our schools! Another block in the foundation that keep our country from collapsing into darkness was removed!

Proverbs 9:10 – The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

As I write I keep this verse of scripture in mind;

1 Peter 4:17 – “For it is time for judgment to begin with God’s household; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God?”

The ultimate responsibility for the place we find our country starts with all of us who profess to be followers of Jesus Christ!!!

While listening to a conversation at church recently someone was talking about how we can no longer give children candy at school when suddenly one of the members said but we can give them condoms. My jaw dropped at what I heard next, a member then said, “I would rather them have

condoms then all those children.” This person who has been a Christian longer than most of us have been living just said don’t teach them God’s way, teach them the ways of the world regardless of the long-term consequences, a total contradiction of God’s teachings.

Leviticus 11:18-20 – “Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.”

Cancelled – Bible Reading

The first 106 of 108 schools in America were founded on the Christian faith. Look at this from the **Rules and Precepts of Harvard University 1642 – #2**. Let every Student be plainly instructed, and earnestly pressed to consider well, the main end of his life and studies is, to know God and Jesus Christ which is eternal life, John 17:3 and therefore to lay Christ in the bottom, as the only foundation for all sound knowledge and Learning. And seeing the Lord only gives wisdom, Let everyone seriously set himself by prayer in secret to seek it of him Proverbs 2, 3.

Just to show you how far removed we are from and beginnings in August of 2021 Harvard filled the position of Chief Chaplain with an Atheist!

This is what the Bible has to say about those that would cause our young ones to stumble or to be led astray.

- **Matthew 18:6** – “but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him to have a heavy **millstone** hung around his neck, and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.”
- **Mark 9:42** - “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe to stumble, it would be better for him if, with a heavy **millstone** hung around his neck, he had been cast into the sea.
- **Luke 17:2** –”It would be better for him if a **millstone** were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea, than that he would cause one of these little ones to stumble.”

The **School District of Abington Township v. Schempp**, 1963 is yet another case where the voluntary activity of students, which involved the reading of Scriptures, came under attack. The foundational issue was this policy in the State of Pennsylvania: “Each school...shall be opened by the reading, without comment; of a chapter of the Holy Bible...Participation in the opening exercises...is voluntary. The student reading the verses from the Bible may select the passages and read from any version he chooses.”

Just as with the Engel v. Vital case this seemed to be rather innocuous activity – it was voluntary; it was student-led; no additional instruction or comments permitted. But this activity was said to be coercion. Yet to the contrary, one of the Schempp children had been allowed to read from the Koran. The second big argument raised was that the schools were no place for religion that was to be done in the home or in a private school. This reminds me of a quote by Adolf Hitler to the Church in Germany, “You confine yourself to the church. I’ll take care of the German people.”

This is the dissent by Justice Stewart: “It might be argued here that parents who wanted their children to be exposed to religious influences in school could...send their children to private or parochial schools. But the consideration which renders this contention too facile [simplistic] to be determinative [a factor] has already been recognized by the Court: ‘Freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of religion are available to all, not merely to those who can pay their own way.’ **Murdock v. Pennsylvania**, 319 U.S. 105, 111.

It might also be argued that parents who want their children exposed to religious influences can adequately fulfill that wish off school property and outside school time. With all its surface persuasiveness, however, this argument seriously misconceives the basic constitutional justification for permitting the exercises at issue in these cases. For a compulsory state educational system so structures a child’s life that if religious exercises are held to an impermissible activity in schools, religion is placed at an artificial and state-created disadvantage. Viewed in this light, permission of such exercises for those who want them is necessary if the schools are truly to be neutral in the matter of religion. And a refusal to permit religious exercise thus is seen, not as the realization of state neutrality, but rather as the establishment of a religion of secularism.”

Here is one quote of many by our Founding Fathers about the Bible, and its use in schools. This from Benjamin Rush, Signer of the Declaration: “The great enemy of the salvation of man, in my opinion, never invented a more effectual means of extirpation [extinguishing] Christianity from the world than by persuading mankind that it was improper to read the Bible at schools. The Bible, when not read in schools, is seldom read in any subsequent period of life...It should be read in our schools in preference to all other books from its containing the greatest portion of that kind of knowledge which is calculated to produce private and public temporal happiness.”

Not only did the count totally disregard similar quotes by many of our founding fathers but they went on to falsely assert: The First Amendment’s purpose was not to strike merely at the official establishment of a single sect...It was to create a complete and permanent separation of the spheres of religious activity and civil authority. But the original intent for the First Amendment was to “strike at the official establishment of a single sect” not to completely and permanently separate the religious and civil spheres.

Here is what the “Father of Our Country” George Washington had to say: The great pillars of all government and of social life... [Are] virtue, morality, and religion. This is the armor, my friend, and this alone, that renders us invincible.

There is a desire by some powerful individuals and groups to secularize official society to completely separate religious activity and civil authority. The way they are doing this is by a total revision and reinterpretation of our history to an American populace, totally illiterate, to our nation’s history. It is hard to imagine this revision/reinterpretation occurring given all the quotes by our founding fathers, the references to Scripture in the discussions during the writing of the Constitution, the monuments, art and sculptures referencing the Ten Commandments and Moses in our Capital, the references to God in our State Constitutions, and the purpose of education in this nation. The American settlers, understood that the best protection against civil abuses was a Bible Literate People that were able to read and thus able to evaluate the acts of civil authority by the teachings of the Bible. The First Laws passed on public education for all children was the “**Old Deluder Satan Law**” passed by Massachusetts in 1642 and Connecticut in 1647. These laws were designed to provide for the education of our young people in order that they would learn to read and

write so as not to be kept from the knowledge of Scripture and thus preventing the abuse of power by civil authorities on a Biblically Illiterate people.

Cancelled - The Ten Commandments

No Ten Commandments Can Be Posted In Schools (Stone v. Graham, 1980)

Summary Statement – It is unconstitutional for students to see the Ten Commandments since they might read, meditate upon, respect, or obey them.

If the posted copies of the Ten Commandments are to have any effect at all, it will be to induce the schoolchildren to read, meditate upon, perhaps to venerate and obey, the Commandments.

The key issue in Stone v. Graham was the passive use of a portion of the Bible. The Ten Commandments had been posted in the schools of Kentucky because the states legislature believed it beneficial to the students to be exposed to the historical codes that formed the basis of the civil laws in western civilization. As with the other cases involving scriptures or the Bible it did not matter the passive use of the Ten Commandments hanging in the halls with other historical posters, or even the statement found at the bottom of the poster which said, “The secular application of the Ten Commandments is clearly seen in its adoption as the fundamental legal code of Western Civilization and the Common Law of the United States.” It was obvious from the beginning that the Supreme Court was holding a certain religious prejudice claiming that the purpose of posting the Ten Commandments was “plainly religious in nature.” It is amazing while ruling on this case they are in the presence of a permanent symbol of religion: Moses with the Ten Commandments. In fact you will find more displays of the Ten Commandments in our government building than in most churches. Then the Court’s complaint of what would occur if students were to view the Commandments: If the posted copies of the Ten Commandments are to have any effect at all, it will be to induce the schoolchildren to read, meditate upon, perhaps to venerate and obey, the Commandments.

Excuse Me! So these all wise Judges decided that to honor your mother and father, not to murder, not to steal, not to lie, not to covet, would somehow be something that would negatively affect our children and our society!

Deuteronomy 4:2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.

Deuteronomy 12:32 What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

Jeremiah 18:15-16 Because my people hath forgotten me, they have burned incense to vanity, and they have caused them to stumble in their ways from the ancient paths, to walk in paths, in a way not cast up; 16 To make their land desolate, and a perpetual hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished, and wag his head.

Judges 21:25 – *In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.*

Just as it was with the people of Israel we have abandoned God and His Bible and the results,

“There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.”

Proverbs 14:12

A Culture of Death!

In just the last 2 days as I am writing this we experienced two high school shooting, one with non-life threatening injuries and one with the death of a young teenager. This is in just over a week of school starting!

In 2012 when had the Sandy Hook elementary school massacre involving children only six and seven years old. The people demanded answers to the why and how questions. The answer from the experts;

- **We Have A Gun Problem** – It is all about too many guns, the wrong type of guns, people being able to get guns, and not enough laws or failed laws regulating everything about guns

- **We Have A Mental Health Problem** – they tell us because a certain group of politicians did not approve funding to support our growing mental health issues in this country young people like the boys who committed the Columbine murders and the young man that killed his mother, twenty children and six adults were failed by an underfunded mental health system
- **We Have A Hollywood Problem** – Hollywood of course is the blame because they make moves that are all about violence, and they produce TV programs that are violent
- **We Have A Video Games Problem** – we have to blame the game industry for producing so many graphically violent games.

WE HAVE A SPIRITUAL PROBLEM AND THERE IS NO POLITICAL OR LEGISLATIVE SOLUTION TO A SPIRITUAL PROBLEM

Sacred - *a* : dedicated or set apart for the service or worship of a deity *b* : devoted exclusively to one service or use *a* : worthy of religious veneration : HOLY *b* : entitled to reverence and respect - Sacred means Revered due to association with holiness. Holiness, or sanctity, is in general the state of being holy (Divinity) or sacred considered worthy of spiritual respect or devotion; or inspiring awe or reverence among believers.

The Ten Commandments God Meant for Them to Teach Us What Is Sacred!

Exodus 20:3-17, ³“You shall have no other gods before Me. ⁴“You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness *of anything* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth; ⁵ you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me, ⁶ but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments. ⁷“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold *him* guiltless who takes His name in vain. ⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the LORD your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates. ¹¹ For *in* six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

¹²“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³“You shall not murder. ¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵“You shall not steal. ¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that *is* your neighbor’s.”

- 1) **“You shall have no other gods before Me.”** Is the God of the Bible Sacred to the Christian in American and to God’s Church? Is He who created all Revered as Holy by those created in His Image? Do we believe He is worthy of our respect and devotion? Does God inspire awe among Americans or is He just an order taker who’s only purpose is to fulfill the desires of our hearts regardless of how far removed those desires are from the will of God? Do we have a reverent fear of God based on His Holiness, His Righteousness, His perfect Justice and Judgment, His Mercy? Is the God of the Bible Sacred to the Christian in America?
- 2) **“You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth; ⁵ you shall not bow down to them nor serve them.”** How many things do we worship that are of this material world? How many things will we put before God? Is God last on our to do list? When we carry kids to sporting events during Sunday Church time what message are we sending to our children? Whose image is on the coin? Whose image is on you? Do you believe that you will take on the image of that which you worship? Is the image of God sacred to the Christian in America?
- 3) **“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold *him* guiltless who takes His name in vain.”** When we profess Christ as Lord then live a life that is contrary to the Word and Will of God we have taken His Name in vain. Men when we fail to be the Husband, Leader and Worker in the marriage and family we have taken the Name of God in vain. Women when you fail to submit to your husbands and be the organizer of the home you have taken the Name of God in vain. In American and the Church is His Name just an expression – words to be tossed around with the refuse of a profane culture? Is His Name Sacred to the Christian in America?

- 4) **“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the LORD your God.”** Do we work six days per week? Do we rest and focus on God? Is there any time or day that we set aside for God? Is all we give God is a few hours on Sunday’s and then back to our business? Who created time? Is time set apart for God sacred to the Christian in America?
- 5) **“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.”** Honor – Respect – Obey – Are they a thing of the past when it comes to parents or any position of authority in America? Are we past this outdated command and what if I don’t like my parents? Really, do we think this is conditional? If we will not honor our parents is there a possibility we will honor anyone else? Is authority and the rule of law sacred in America? Is parental authority sacred in America?
- 6) **“You shall not murder.”** Does life have any meaning or purpose? What value is placed on the human life in America when we can murder 70+ million children and call it choice or women’s rights? In whose image are you created? Is life which is a Gift of God sacred in America?
- 7) **“You shall not commit adultery.”** Is marriage sacred in America? Is marriage as God created it just a contract or a covenant? Is marriage as created by God sacred in America?
- 8) **“You shall not steal.”** Do you think freedom and prosperity are dependent on property ownership? How does property ownership affect the self-image of the individual? Do we respect the right of ownership to those that have worked to own that property? Do we believe everything belongs to God and that we are called to be good stewards of the property God has blessed others in ownership? Is personal property sacred in America?
- 9) **“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”** What is the value of your word? Does it have any value or is it worthless? How does your word reflect on God? Jesus said He was the truth and the life. Is your work truth and life? Or is it empty – void? Can you be trusted? Is truth sacred in America?
- 10) **“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that *is* your neighbor’s.”** Are you dissatisfied with your personal blessings? Are

you creating an image which you worship? Are you envious are you jealous of what others possess? Is contentment sacred in America?

Robert Winthrop while Speaker of the House (1847-49) said; “Men, in a word, must necessarily be controlled either by a power within them or by a power without them; either by the Word of God or by the strong arm of man; either by the Bible or by the bayonet.”

We now find ourselves at the point Robert Winthrop described;

- A place where **we have rejected the God of the Bible** and kicked Him out of our schools, our government, our culture, and shamefully we have done the same in our Churches –How many professing Christians do you think would be able to list the Ten Commandments much less in their correct order
- A place where **we have taught our children there is no God** only evolution (nothing + nothing = everything) and have left them with no reason for their existence other than to say they are part of an cosmic accident
- A place whereby **rejecting the morality of the Bible** we gave fornication – sexual promiscuity, an elevated place in our culture and called it freedom of speech
- A place where **murder of the most innocent in the womb** is accepted (over 70 Million), promoted as a for profit industry subsidized by tax dollars and encourage as a right
- A place where **we see the Ten Commandments as something that our children should not read, meditated upon, venerate nor obey**
- A place where **relative morality and situational ethics rules the day** (man does what is right in his own eyes)

Since we have removed the civil and moral foundations this country was built upon, the power without, strong arm of man, and the bayonet will be our future. Unless we return to our Christian Heritage, our government, and our leaders will gain more and more power until despotism and the bayonet.

The so-called experts have it all wrong! The guns, mental health services, Hollywood movies and TV, and the Gaming industry are but a symptom of the heart **disease** that is bringing this nation to its knees.

WORD

Here is what the Bible tells us about the heart of man;

Jeremiah 17:9 – *“The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can understand it?”*

Satan wants us to believe we can be like God without God!

Matthew 15:19 - *For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders.*

We have a heart problem a spiritual problem and until we obey the LORD and do as He instructed His people in His Revelation America Will Soon Be A Byword!

2 Chronicles 7:14 – *and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land –*

We are experiencing just the beginning of the symptoms of our Heart Disease. It is time for a heart transplant, it is time to humble ourselves and seek the God of our fathers, recognize our sins and turn from them, pray without ceasing to our Abba Father, guided by the Holy Spirit, with the intercession of our Savior Jesus Christ to give us a new heart and to heal our land.

Psalms 111:10 *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.*

Proverbs 1:7 *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

Proverbs 9:10 *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.*

WORSHIP

Ezekiel 36:26 - *Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.*

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