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History shows that God will be longsuffering with a nation in moral decline, but when their cup of iniquity is full he will surely bring judgment. I have searched in prophecies of the end-time for some mention of this nation we call the United States of America. I can find no mention of it. Is it possible that this nation will be destroyed for its sin and will not be around in the end-time?

The Psalmist has warned Psalm 9:17 "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." How we do need to pray for God to bless America with a revival of truth, integrity, and salvation from sin. ♦



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In honor of Brother Wayne Camp 1938-2015
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This issue includes articles by Bro. Camp that appeared in various newspapers during his pastorate at Pilgrims Hope Baptist Church in Millington, Tennessee. These articles were collected by Jerry Harris, a member of Central Baptist Church of Grenada, Mississippi.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

Rom. 9:17: *So then faith cometh by **hearing**, and **hearing** by the word of God.*

Have you heard that the people of God are to be a separated people? Paul called on the church at Corinth to so live as to be separated from the world 2 Corinthians 6:17 “Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.” Some of these folks were mingling with the pagans in their places of worship and eating at their pagan feasts. This should not be.

I am reminded of a statement by Evangelist Vance Havner. He said, “Our Lord sent His disciples out as sheep among wolves; now the wolves are being invited into the sheepfold.” In their effort to “evangelize” and increase their membership many churches will do anything to get “converts.”

Havner further stated, “There is a trend today that would put a new robe on the prodigal son while he is still feeding hogs. Some would put the ring on his finger while he is still in the pigsty. Others would paint the pigsty and advocate bigger and better hog pens.”

How true that is of some churches. In the name of evangelism, they bring in folks who are no more changed in nature than a sow that is washed and just returns to her wallowing in the mire. 2 Peter 2:22 “But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.” Come out from among them! ♦

Have you heard that God hates hands that shed innocent blood? “These six things doth the LORD hate...hands that shed innocent blood” (Pr 6:16-17).

Michigan. He has been tried three times and is heading for his forth trial but no jury can be found so far that will convict him.

The last time I checked nearly half the marriages in this country end in divorce. Infidelity is rampant. Premarital and extramarital sex, known in Scripture as fornication and adultery, are common. We are becoming Sodom.

We are told over and over that morals do not matter when it comes to governmental office. A six-year-old is suspended for giving a classmate a kiss but a fifteen-year-old succeeds in getting his suspension from school overturned, a suspension he received for carrying a loaded pistol. Many of the judges of this country think themselves law makers instead of law interpreters.

Much, much more could be said about the immoral state of this nation. That is why I have asked the question, “Is sin no longer a reproach?”

I know that all that I have mentioned is a reproach to many and I do not want to offend those to whom it is a reproach. But to the majority, sin is no longer a reproach. If it were, there would be an uprising of people who would demand higher morals of public servants, from dogcatchers to the President. There would be evidence at the voting booth that morals do make a difference that immorality is not to be condoned.

But “Morals don’t count,” we are told by many. They are not important. Just ignore a man’s morals if he promises what you want. Even if he is a known liar you should believe his promises.

Since righteousness is what exalts a nation, is it any wonder that this country has such little respect in the international community? **Sin is a reproach to any people.**

Those who comfort themselves that God will not execute justice to the line and to the plummet need to remember the flood. God pronounced judgment 120 years before he executed it. But, when he did, every man, woman, boy, girl, and nursing child on this earth was drowned in the flood with the exception of Noah and his family. Remember Sodom and Gomorrah. Remember Lot's wife who for looking back, was turned to a pillar of salt. The mills of God grind slow, but they grind exceedingly fine. Justice will prevail in God's court, and there is no appealing his sentence! ♦

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IS SIN NO LONGER A REPROACH?

Proverbs 14:34 "Righteous exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.

Is sin no longer a reproach? Drug use is up among teenagers. The streets are filled with violence.

We kill unborn babies by the millions. We kill more while in the process of birth in a procedure that is called partial birth abortion. In this procedure, a baby that is being born is turned in the womb so that it comes out feet first. When the child has emerged, except for the head, a sharp instrument is driven into its brain from the rear base of its skull, a suction tube is pushed into the hole made by the scissors or whatever instrument was used, and the brains are vacuumed from the baby's skull cavity. This is supported by enough of our legislators in Washington that a recent veto by the president of a bill outlawing the procedure could not be overturned. The result is that this nation is on record saying that doctors can kill these human beings, these living infants.

Dr. Death continues his assisted suicide program in the state of

Partial birth abortion, or any other kind of abortion, in which a baby is deliberately killed is one manner of shedding innocent blood. Partial birth abortion is a gory murder of babies just before they are born. The abortionist turns the baby in the womb so that it is born feet first. Just before the head leaves the mother, the abortionist drives a pair of scissors or other sharp instrument into the back of the neck and into the brain cavity. A suction hose is then inserted and the brains of the baby are vacuumed out so that it is instantly and painfully murdered.

Just recently a bill was vetoed that would have outlawed most partial birth abortions. In doing this, the one vetoing the bill stamped his approval on this gruesome killing of babies, this ghastly shedding of innocent blood. Murder is rampant in this country and many times the victims are innocent. When evil Manasseh ruled Judah and shed innocent blood God brought severe judgment on the nation (Read II Kings 21-24). One wonders how long God will withhold his judgment from this nation. How long before God judges and avenges innocent blood? ♦

Have you heard the false notion that one can receive Christ as Savior but not receive him as Lord? A few years ago I began to hear some Baptist preachers who were preaching that one could receive Christ as Savior but defer until later the matter of receiving him as Lord. When the Philippian jailer asked Paul, "What must I do to be saved?" Paul answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

Note the three-fold designation of Christ. To be saved one must believe on Christ as Lord and Master. He must believe on him as the one and only Savior. The name Jesus means Savior. Matthew 1:21 "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS:

for he shall save his people from their sins.” And, one must believe that he is the Christ, the anointed one of God. The declaration reveals also that one must believe in the deity of Christ for only God is worthy of being our Lord. It reveals that one must believe in the humanity of Christ for the name Jesus and the designation of Son of Man both have to do with his humanity. And one must believe that Christ was especially sent by God to be the Savior of his people. Of believers Christ said, “They...have known that I came out from thee...and that thou didst send me.” ♦

Have you heard that it is right to hate false doctrine, doctrine that is contrary to or not in agreement with the word of God? I received a couple of letters recently in which I was accused of hatred. This was in response to an article I had written and published in *The Grace Proclamator and Promulgator*, a monthly publication of the Pilgrims Hope Baptist Church I had written an expose of the heresy of two men aligned with the Promise Keepers movement.

This accusation of hatred caused me to consider the question, “Is it wrong to hate false doctrine?” Based on the word of God, I came to the conclusion that in fact, it is right to hate false doctrine, doctrine that is contrary to, in conflict with or in addition to that which is found in the inspired word of God. Psalm 119:104 “Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.” In verse 128 David says essentially the same thing. He hated every false way. In this Psalm that so magnifies the word of God David also praised God for his harsh treatment of those who were guilty of advocating false doctrine. Psalm 119:118 “Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statutes: for their deceit (is) falsehood.” It is right and godly to hate every false way! ♦

28:17 “Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.”

We have a problem. Parents threaten their children with chastisement and never carry it out. A mother, whose son was recently shot in a car-jacking said that all she could do was pray for her son. He committed his first crime when he was ten years old. When he was about that age, one of my sons shoplifted some things. I assure you did more than pray! There is little discipline in many homes.

There is little discipline in the schools. When I was in school, we conducted ourselves in class according to the teacher. We had one teacher, Mr. Young, in whose class every student was a model student. We all did our homework, we entered the room, took our seats and focused our attention on what he was saying. One look from Mr. Young would bring absolute silence! He was one of the best teachers I ever had. No student left his classes not knowing how to work every math problem in the book. I went back to the school to speak on one occasion after I graduated. I thanked Mr. Young for being the kind of teacher he was. Other students who had graduated loudly applauded what I said.

Another problem in our nation is the lack of justice in the courts. Many judges are soft on criminals and crime. Convicted murderers average serving about three years in prison. A very high percentage of crimes are committed by people who should be in jail but have been let off by some judge or let out by some misguided parole board.

When you add all these things together—little discipline in the homes, little discipline in the schools, and little justice in the justice system—an idea grows in the minds of people that God is the same way. “...I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself.”

tained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will.” Paul insists that one’s being chosen unto salvation and predestined to adoption of a child (Eph 1:4-5) is grounded in “the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will.” In other words, God is sovereign in all things, including the salvation of men. ♦

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PAYDAY SOMEDAY

Ecclesiastes 8:11 “Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.”

Romans 12:19 “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.”

Dr. R.G. Lee had a famous sermon which he preached many times that was called, Payday Someday. I have borrowed his title to use for this article. Solomon said that men get the false notion that because sentence against an evil work is not speedily executed, it will not be executed at all. Paul assures us that this is not so for God will repay.

When men were engaged in acts of wickedness, God said, Psalm 50:21 “These things hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself: but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes.” Men simply think that the silence and longsuffering of God is a license to do evil without fear of retribution.

Recently a person was expressing grave concern about the prostitution of justice in the O.J. Simpson trial. He asked, “Is there no justice anymore?” I replied, “O.J. has not faced the final Judge yet.” When he does justice will prevail to the line and to the plummet. Isaiah

Have you heard that Hillary Clinton has been consulting with the dead? She has recounted conversations with Eleanor Roosevelt and has even quoted Eleanor on things the latter told her during their conversations. ***Have you also heard*** that one who consults with such spirits of the dead is an abomination to God? Deuteronomy 18:10-12 “There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.”

Those who consult with psychics, spiritualists, necromancers, and other such are playing with the devil. These folks, though many of them claim they have a gift from God, are actually demonically deceived and controlled. Hillary is close friends with such New Agers as Michael Lerner, Jean Houston, and Mary Catherine Bateson. The latter two are known to be consultants with the spirits of the dead and holders of séances. Can you imagine a professed Christian being close friends with such persons? Mrs. Clinton consults and associates with them. ♦

Have you heard that there was nothing in Jesus that could or would answer to sin or to the enticements of Satan? Jesus was impeccable. By impeccable we mean that he was incapable of sin. He said, “The prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in me” (John 14:30). This expression -“hath nothing in me”- means that there was no place in Christ’s nature or character in which Satan could get a toe hold to lead Christ to sin.

At various times there have been heretics who have advocated that Christ could have sinned. It is true that Jesus was made in the like-

ness of sinful flesh but that likeness did not extend to his having a nature that was susceptible to sin.

Because of the union of the Divine nature with the human nature in the person of Christ, he could not sin. God cannot sin; God cannot lie. And Jesus was Emmanuel, God with us. It is essential that you realize he was sinless in nature and in practice. If Jesus was himself a sinner he could not have borne our sins in his body on the tree. If Jesus were a sinner in nature or practice, he could not have paid his own sin debt, much less pay ours.

I point you to Jesus, the true and only Savior of sinners. ♦

Have you heard that salvation is not a plan, it is a Man, the Man Christ Jesus? 1 Timothy 2:5 “For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”

We hear much today about “the plan of salvation.” Tracts have been written about it. I recall one titled “God's simple Plan of Salvation.” Another was “The Romans Road to Salvation.” All of these suggest the sinner takes certain *steps* to salvation.

The truth is that salvation is not in some plan where the sinner takes Step 1, then Step 2, etc. Salvation is the Man Christ Jesus. Our text makes that perfectly clear. There is ONE (note that number) mediator between God and men and that is the man Christ Jesus. Peter expresses a similar thing when he declared there is no salvation in any but Christ Acts 4:12 “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”

The only plan is the Man, Christ Jesus. The only way is Jesus who is the way. John 14:6 “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the

But the question arises, “is God absolutely sovereign in all that he does?” God forever settled that question for Nebuchadnezzar, the proud king of the Babylonian Empire. Nebuchadnezzar thought he was such a great man that God had to teach him “That the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.” (Daniel 4:25). After seven years of insanity and living as a beast of the field Nebuchadnezzar was Divinely restored to his throne. Now, instead of proclaiming his own greatness, he heralded the greatness of our great God. He said, “All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou? (Daniel 4:35). Nebuchadnezzar had learned that God is absolutely sovereign in heaven and in the earth and no one can control him.

Consider also the words of David, Psalm 115:3 But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased. Again, Psalm 135:6 Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places. According to the inspired Psalmist, God does whatsoever he pleases. He is not controlled or swayed by any other being, angel or man. He does as he pleases in all places, at all times, and in all matters. He is sovereign or he is not God! The very Godhood of God rests in his sovereignty.

Hear this Divine proclamation. “...My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure...yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.” (Isa 46:9-11) There could be no greater declaration than this as to the absolute, irresistible, irrepressible sovereignty of God.

It was shown above that Paul set forth God's sovereignty in the bestowal of his grace. Note one other statement of Divine sovereignty from the pen of Paul in Ephesians 1:11 “In whom also we have ob-

WHAT IS A SOVEREIGN GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH?

In a recent call I received from a gentleman in New Orleans, LA, I was asked the question, “What is a **Sovereign Grace** Baptist Church?” The gentleman had heard that the Pilgrims’ Hope Baptist Church was a Sovereign Grace Baptist Church and he was unaware what that meant. A few weeks ago I mentioned in this space that our church was a **Sovereign Grace** Baptist Church. Some of the readers may also be wondering about that so I will explain.

God said to Moses, “I...will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.” (Ex 33:19) in referring to this Paul said, “For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion ...Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth.” (Rom 9:15, 18). From these references and other which could be cited it is obvious that God owes no man anything. If he is gracious to someone it is because he pleases to be gracious. If he has compassion on someone it is because he sovereignly chooses to be compassionate. If he is merciful to someone it is because he sovereignly wills to be merciful. That is why Paul also says, Romans 9:16 So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.

Paul had said these things in anticipation of negative responses to his declaration a little earlier concerning God’s declaration. “Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.” (Rom. 9:13). Some protest, as Paul anticipated, that it is unjust for God to love Jacob and hate Esau. Therefore, Paul cited the word of God to Moses to show that God is sovereign in the bestowal of his grace, love, mercy, and compassion. He taught the doctrine of **Sovereign Grace** as do we at Pilgrims’ Hope Baptist Church. Thus, we sometimes refer to ourselves as **Sovereign Grace Baptists**.

truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” Salvation is not in a plan; it is in *the Man*. Forget about the plan; believe on the Man, the Man Christ Jesus. ♦

Have you heard of God’s attribute of HATRED? Almost everyone, especially professing Christians, have heard of the attribute of God’s wonderful love, his grace, and his mercy. Most are aware that he is eternal, omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent. But, on many occasions I have mentioned God’s attribute of hatred and immediately there has been a protest that God hates no one.

Those who have a sentimental view of God will say, “God hates sin but he loves the sinner. God loves everyone.” God’s word says otherwise. For instance, the inspired writer in the Psalms says that God does hate certain individuals. Psalm 55 “...thou hatest all workers of iniquity”. Note that he hates the WORKERS of iniquity, not just their iniquity.

Consider this also. Proverbs 6:16-19 “These six things doth the LORD hate...A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood. An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.” In some of these cases Solomon tells us God hates certain members of a person’s body – face (proud look), tongue, hands, heart and feet. But, in verse 19 we see that he hates a false witness and the one who sows discord among brethren. Such are an abomination to God. In Psalm 10:3 we see that the Lord abhors the covetous. God does hate some people! Only by considering all of God’s attributes will we have a balanced and biblical concept of the one true God! ♦

ALTERNATE LIFESTYLES OR VILE AFFECTIONS

Romans 1:25-27 “Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up to unto vile affections; for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.”

We hear much today about the “alternate lifestyles” of some people. It is not politically correct to refer to the facts as they have always been considered in society. But, the word of God does not change and God’s moral standards for his creatures are the same as they have always been. Therefore, I am asking a question: Is the homosexual simply following a different lifestyle, or has he been given up to vile affections?

Since I am a Christian and since I believe the Bible to be the inspired word of God (as do all true Christians), I must answer the question from the Word of God. In the passage above it is evident that the practicing homosexual is engaged in vile affections. There is no way these vile affections can be squared with the word of God and made acceptable. They simply are not pleasing to God; they are, in fact, abominable in the sight of God.

Man, by nature, does not want to retain God in his knowledge. He desires that God leave him alone. And, that is exactly what God has done to the homosexual. He has left him to his own vile affections. He has given him over to a reprobate mind.

One of the worst judgments God can bring upon a man in this life is to simply leave him alone to his own devices. When God sent Hosea to prophesy to the nation of Israel concerning their sins and the judgment he would bring upon them, God instructed the prophet just to leave the tribe of Ephraim alone. Hosea 4:17 “Ephraim is joined to idols; let him alone.”

Their idolatry had become so extensive that God said to the prophet, “Let him alone.” When men and women do not want to retain God in their knowledge, one of the ways God may judge them is to simply forsake them and give them up to vile affections. The sin under consideration in the scriptures above is the sin of vile affections, or homosexuality. When men and women are abandoned to their own depraved affections the men will begin to lust after men and women will begin to lust after women, among other things. It is a mark of Divine judgment when one turns to homosexuality. It is a signal that he very well may have been abandoned by God. This abandonment may be temporary or permanent. If the person repents and turns from his sin of homosexuality, God may grant him faith to lay hold of the LORD Jesus Christ. But, if he goes on pursuing his vile desires, he will be permanently abandoned by God to be lost forever.

The dominant sin of Sodom and Gomorrah was the sin of homosexuality. Men were burning in their lusts for other men. For this God destroyed those wicked cities and they stand in history and Scripture as a monument to God’s retribution against such sins.

Call this unnatural affection an alternate lifestyle if you will but, be assured, God considers it a vile affection and an abomination! ♦

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