

W O R D A T W O R K

Dear Friend:

As Christians in an ever increasing secular society, we are living with the reality of Proverbs 29:1 and 2, *“He who is often reprov’d, and hardens his neck, Will suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy. When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people groan.”* It is our biblically revealed and God-given Holy Spirit anointed job to reprove unrighteousness. The church is called to be the voice of righteousness. As Governors and Legislators spit in God’s face by promoting homosexuality to innocent school children, we groan and have to watch destruction come.

Within two short weeks, those of us who live in California have groaned twice and have lived Proverbs 29:1 and 2. Near the end of the second week of October Governor Schwarzenegger signed bills passed by the California Legislature that for all practical purposes make our Public Schools to be indoctrination centers for homosexuality and lesbianism. SB 777 and AB 394 were both signed into law enabling any student who “feels” like they are a sex other than that of which they were born may use the locker room or bathroom of the gender based on how they “feel.” Harassment training is mandated for all teachers. Homosexual and lesbian teachers are empowered to prosecute any opposing voices.

What do the righteous do except to groan whenever the devastation comes? It came by fire and we are groaning – again! The truth of Scripture tells us that we all pay for the perverse decisions of our leaders. California is living proof, with over a billion dollars in devastation in just San Diego alone. If there is “good news” it is only to be found in Scripture. It is found in an area that few leaders are willing to take the church. It is found in the Davidic Psalms where the church begins to demand divine justice and the removal of wicked rulers in prayer. God has an answer. The real question is – are we willing to learn it and employ it? None of what is transpiring in America today has taken God by surprise. The truth is He provided an answer. Now the question is – will we take His provision?

Yours in Him,

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WORD AT WORK

Imprecatory Mercy II

SATURDAY, December 1

Scripture: John 8:1-5

In John 8:1-5 Jesus is confronted by legalistic scribes and Pharisees who have caught a woman in the very act of adultery. Their opening statement in addressing Jesus characterizes the essence of a demonized religious spirit. They said in verse 5: “Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?” During His earthly ministry, Jesus brought God’s mercy for the sinner. While the on-going act of violating God’s laws brings national judgment, the same mercy that Jesus showed to individuals can be claimed for a nation but there has to be significant qualification. Moral failure reveals the difference between Islam and Christianity. The demonic spirit of Islam has one rule concerning serious moral failure - the loss of limb, or life, from which an individual can never recover. Using law is very appealing in many ways when it definitely delineates the difference between right and wrong. But to be continually judged by it, no man or woman would survive. Promising people revenge and allowing them to take it on their enemies has great appeal to the flesh but carries no redemption for their failures. We have been ordained as agents of both justice and mercy to redeem people, cities and nations where possible!

SUNDAY, December 2

Scripture: John 8:6-10

In verses 6 through 10 of John 8, Jesus shows mercy to the woman caught violating the law. Every one of those ready to stone her were convicted by their conscience and beginning from the oldest, even to the youngest, they dropped their stones. Conscience is the very first barrier that God gives to the losing of any nation. If we continually violate our conscience by behavior that transgresses God’s law, we will wake up one day to realize we have become a law unto ourselves. On the college campuses throughout America, thanks to the treasonous seed being sown by professors, many kids graduate as a law unto themselves with no moral compass. It gets completely erased in the brain-washing of the educational process. Since

Governor Schwarzenegger signed on to the homosexual agenda the terms “Mom and Dad” and “husband and wife” appear to be banned in California schools. He also ordered public schools to allow boys to use girls locker rooms and vice versa. California schools have now become homosexual indoctrination centers. Perhaps God’s primary purpose in revealing the covenant of “Sure Mercy” is releasing justice through prayer, on every Antichrist politician, professor and teacher because of the devastation they are bringing by erasing the moral compass of a generation. May the LORD cut them off!

MONDAY, December 3

Scripture: I Timothy 4:1-5

In I Timothy 4:1-5 we find out what happens when we consistently violate our very own conscience. This passage says, “Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.” The California Governor and Legislature are living proof! Conscience can be seared to the point that it no longer registers resistance. When an individual’s conscience no longer registers resistance their moral compass is gone and judgment is assured as they find themselves in a place where there is no more room for repentance. Just as an individual has a conscience, a nation has a conscience. I wonder if the same fate befalls nations that befalls individuals who sear their conscience? The flaming fire of hell has a slippery slope.

TUESDAY, December 4

Scripture: Leviticus 20:1-5

In {BIBLE}Leviticus 20:1-5{/bible} we are told about four things that destroy conscience and guarantee judgment. Verses 1 and 2 deal with the sacrifice of innocent children. Abortion sheds innocent blood. Verse 5 reveals God’s view of such people, “...then I will set My face against that man and against his family; and I will cut him off from his people, and all who prostitute themselves with him to commit harlotry with Molech.” The sacrifice of innocent children was done to the god Molech, in Bible days, and it is no different from what abortion does today. God made it precisely clear what He would do and what would happen. The economic consequences alone are devastating. We have over 50,000,000 (fifty million) less people in America – thanks to abortion, than we could have had without it. The vacancies of those 50,000,000 create a giant unfulfilled job pool that is luring illegal immigrants. 50,000,000 less workers in our nation to contribute to Social Security means that there will be a dramatic decrease in benefits accompanied by a dramatic increase in taxes and contributions. The impact of 50,000,000 less workers than we need in our economy is already being felt and all the consequences are judicial. One can only say that the fruit is already manifesting justice!

WEDNESDAY, December 5

Scripture: Leviticus 20:22-24

In Leviticus 20:22-24 we see the second barrier to losing a nation, which are the statutes or laws of the land and what they prohibit when they line up with scripture. Our forefathers encoded biblical morality by making what would destroy the nation illegal. Those laws became our national conscience. Leviticus 20:22-24 says: “You shall therefore keep all My statutes and all My judgments, and perform them, that the land where I am bringing you to dwell may not vomit you out. And you shall not walk in the statutes of the nation which I am casting out before you; for they commit all these things, and therefore I abhor them. But I have said to you, ‘You shall inherit their land, and I will give it to you to possess, a land flowing with milk and honey.’ I am the LORD your God, who has separated you from the peoples.” The Hebrew word kates translated “abhor” means a loathing disgust or sickening nausea that causes one to vomit. What Governor Schwarzenegger and the California Legislature have done to schools makes God vomit! The root means to sever or cut off. Our forefathers believed these scriptures and they made abortion and homosexuality illegal. Just as liberal professors have stolen our Christian history by their revisionist historical techniques in editing out all relationship with God and the prayer lives of our forefathers, so do perverse Law professors and attorney’s, through the ACLU, consistently strive to remove anything Christian from the public arena. They have been more successful than the church. We have covenantal access to God’s Sword. David modeled its use. It is time to follow his example and pray as he did!

THURSDAY, December 6

Scripture: Genesis 18:20-22

When we find ourselves in a historical setting, where it appears that our nation is losing its national conscience, the question is, “What are we to do?” Another question is, “Will God intervene?” The answer to both questions is in Genesis 18:16-22. Verses 20-22 state: “...Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous, I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me; and if not, I will know.” That could be said of California. When barrier number two is crossed and lost in a nation, two things happen – the land cries out to God for relief from the people who are filling it with iniquity. Before the Lord Jesus cleaned house in the Temple He went in and surveyed all that was happening there. We need to realize that God is surveying America and all that is happening here, just as the angel did in Sodom. Once the survey is complete God reveals His plans by what He says to those who have cultivated relationship. “...Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing, since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice, that the LORD may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him.” Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever – meaning He still looks for intercessors. He looks for prophetic people. He looks for those who will stand in the gap and call forth a deliverance for the righteous. It is not that justice does not have to come – it does. But when it comes it often falls on the evil and the Just. Intercession can save the

righteous when God reveals His plans. If He does not, then everyone groans. So the issue becomes, how much of the land do we lose? Every city has concentrations of evil, when it is partially or utterly defiled. Hopefully we don't have to lose the whole land, but we may lose a significant portion judging by the increasing depth of defilement!

FRIDAY, December 7

Scripture: Romans 1:21

Romans chapter 1 weighs in on the loss of conscience and consequently a nation. Losing national conscience is a process. Romans 1 reveals a significant amount of clarity in this descent to the pit. It doesn't happen over night. It usually takes decades. Verse 21 says: "...because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God,..." A perfect example of that would be the removal of prayer from the schools. "...nor were thankful..." is seen in the Supreme Court disallowing any Manger Scenes at any public venue, which marks an utter and complete perversion of the separation that our founding fathers had in mind. Thomas Jefferson's definition of separation of church and state was the state had no right to tell the church they couldn't have a Manger Scene, or they couldn't celebrate Christmas, or they couldn't celebrate Thanksgiving, or they couldn't put "In God We Trust" on their coins, or they could not inscribe it on their buildings. This historical perversion is an absolute abomination! It is blatant stealing of our Christian heritage and every American who knows God has the right to ask God to avenge us of our enemies and cut them off from the court! The real shame that accumulates to the church is that we have allowed these individuals to stay in their positions without moving the hand of God upon them as the thieves of our heritage and the Antichrist enemies they really are! We have allowed destruction to come to our nation because we were so intent in making sure that every individual received mercy. We have been way more merciful than God is to the hurt and possible destruction of the land! If the church does not wake up, we could lose the land!

SATURDAY, December 8

Scripture: Romans 1:21

The third step in the process of losing a national conscience states they "...became futile in their thoughts..." The Supreme Court decision typifying this tenet was the removal of the Ten Commandments from school walls. The utter and complete stupidity of that decision means every Christian who knows who he is should be asking for covenant vengeance on those Judges until they are removed and carried out! Jesus in Revelation is very like God in the Old Testament – the Judge of the whole earth! The God of Revelation kills more than He saves – may He start in California. Number four, "...their foolish hearts were darkened." A perfect example of that is the Roe v Wade decision that allowed abortion and now has resulted in an "outcry" against our nation coming before God's Throne! He is currently surveying our condition. He is looking at the culture but what is He finding in the church? Are we really ready for "Custer's last stand" as we identify and realize that our national conscience has been removed?

SUNDAY, December 9

Scripture: Romans 1:22-32

Number five of the seven step slide is in verse 22 which says, “Professing to be wise, they became fools,....” A good example of that would be secular humanism replacing biblical morality, as taught in our school system. Number six is the environmental movement and the worship of nature to the point we are willing to bankrupt our nation because we won’t go find and use the oil that is resident within our borders and boundaries. The utter stupidity of nature worship where we give animals rights and take them away from man brings judgment on a land and causes us to lose the nation. The final step of this seven step slide to the total destruction of national conscience is when we have those in leadership who approve homosexuality and lesbianism. When the House of Representatives passed House Bill 1592, they made it possible to jail any pastor who preaches Leviticus 20 or Romans 1, as being guilty of hate speech. Canada already has that law and if the same party controlled the White House as controls Congress, it would probably be signed into law now. Our founding fathers died for free speech and now the party in power in Congress wants to jail pastors and ministers for preaching against homosexuality! This is enough to make God vomit and when He does, I trust it will land on every Legislator who voted for House Bill 1592.

MONDAY, December 10

Scripture: Isaiah 59:17-21

Once a nation loses its conscience, there is still hope that all is not lost. That hope rests within the voice of the church. Isaiah 59:17-19 tells us the Lord’s reaction when He finds there is no justice over issues of righteousness. It says: “For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, And a helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, And was clad with zeal as a cloak. According to their deeds, accordingly He will repay, Fury to His adversaries, Recompense to His enemies; The coastlands He will fully repay. So shall they fear The name of the LORD from the west, And His glory from the rising of the sun; When the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him.” It is quite obvious that standard is the church but the church has to speak it so God can do it and He is ready to repay according to their deeds. Scripture makes it clear that there is a third and final barrier to the loss of any nation and that is the church and its willingness to stand up for righteousness and declare the Word of the LORD and to bring the vengeance of God. The problem we have in the church is that the only One wearing garments of vengeance is the LORD – the church is afraid to put on their Judicial robes. As long as we are afraid to put it on, we’ll continue with the mess we’ve got in our nation until it is lost!

TUESDAY, December 11

Scripture: Hebrews 10:26-31

Since the church is the final barrier to any loss of the land, our next question would be, “What happens if the church begins to ordain homosexual priests? Then where does the nation stand?” Hebrews 10:26-31 makes it very clear what God does to a church that goes apostate! We’re told: “For if we sin willfully after

we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.” Where is the church who understands the necessity of calling down the justice of God on perverse priests and apostate leaders who have the audacity to spit in God’s face by ordaining homosexual bishops, blessing homosexual unions and turning public schools into homosexual recruiting stations! The author of Hebrews was not confused about what to expect in such a situation. Where is the standard being raised up against the level of filth and perversion that is baptizing our society? God must be looking for a remnant and if He finds a remnant what will He do? It is increasingly likely that He may show up as the Messenger of the covenant, the JUDGE of all the earth. If He shows up as JUDGE of all the earth, Malachi 2 will become reality! God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah as a witness! The fear of the LORD could be restored and we could possibly restore the desolations of many generations!

WEDNESDAY, December 12

Scripture: II Timothy 3:1-9

In II Timothy 3:1-9 the apostle Paul made it clear, by the Holy Spirit, that in the last days we would find perilous times. We would find traitors. We would find a people who would turn away from godliness. We just never expected them to be leaders. He even said that we would face demonic opposition at the same level of Jannes and Jambres. But He also promised they could only go so far and that He would begin to meet them, overpower them and do for us what He did for Moses. We need to prepare a generation to confront evil beyond anything we have ever know or seen. The time is here and the time to prepare is now because the enemy is everywhere in manifestation. God invites us to move His hand.

THURSDAY, December 13

Scripture: Acts 13:17-19

Acts 13 records the longest sermon the apostle Paul preached. These verses come right out of the middle of that message. He says: “The God of this people Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an uplifted arm He brought them out of it. Now for a time of about forty years He put up with their ways in the wilderness. And when He had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, He distributed their land to them by allotment.” It is obvious that the people had to wait in Egypt until the land they were going to possess was filled with iniquity by the former inhabitants. Mercy to Israel meant destruction to seven nations. Covenant mercy to Israel meant death and destruction to seven nations. Has Jesus changed? Is He the same as He was then? Why have we neglected so great a salvation? Demanding covenant mercy for America as a nation means bringing covenant judgment on the enemies defiling it! David was not confused about this issue. He understood mercy to Ahithophil meant his own death. David prayed accordingly in Psalm 55. Our problem is we do not have David’s heart! Pray Psalm 55 over every Legislator supporting the homosexual agenda – they are just as dangerous as Ahithophil.

FRIDAY, December 14

Scripture: Acts 13:20-22

In verses 20-22 we are told: “After that He gave them judges for about four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet. And afterward they asked for a king; so God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, ‘I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.’” The issue of having a heart after God’s is the issue of: “Are we willing to execute His justice?” Saul was sent on a mission to utterly destroy the Amalekites. The Amalekites did the same thing then that radical Islamists do today – they murdered innocent people and they attacked Israel at the end of their procession where the women and the children were marching at the end of the day. Because they did not conduct war honorably, God said I will have war with them until they are utterly destroyed (Deuteronomy 25:19). The Amalekites in scripture are today’s radical Islamics. David had a heart to kill them all. Where is that heart in intercession? Joshua was so adamant in intercession that God killed more with hail than the Israelites. He is the same yesterday, today and forever!

SATURDAY, December 15

Scripture: Acts 13:23

Verse 23 says: “From this man’s seed, according to the promise, God raised up for Israel a Savior – Jesus -” Notice the context. We automatically default when we see the words “Savior” and “Jesus” to everything we’ve heard in church. Jesus the Savior has a broader application than dieing for sin. We are exhorted in Hebrews that there are kingdoms which have to be conquered – political, educational, judicial, financial, etc. There are many kingdoms where the perverse, the filthy and the vile absolutely rule and are corrupting a whole generation. What are we doing about it? God has already promised He will put on the clothing of covenant vengeance. He will come. But He needs somebody to ask Him. Our job is to move the hand of God on the enemy so the land can be saved. The question is: “Are we willing to wake up and understand covenant mercy to the nation means covenant removal to those who are defiling it.” Until we cross that boundary we haven’t even picked up an intercessory sword. Tradition makes the Word of God of none affect!

SUNDAY, December 16

Scripture: Acts 13:24-26

Verses 25 and 26 state: “ And as John was finishing his course, he said, ‘Who do you think I am? I am not He. But behold, there comes One after me, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to loose.’ Men and brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to you the word of this salvation has been sent.” The “...word of salvation...” always comes to the people who have a hearing ear. Those who do not have a hearing ear cannot get it and therefore will not act on it rending it just another worthless word. A “...word of salvation...” is one that is heard and then acted on so God can honor it. If we will hear the message of “Imprecatory Mercy” and act on it, God will honor it and things

will change in this nation. It is a "...word of salvation..." for the land. Covenant mercy to the land means destruction to every advocate of perversion regardless of political party. Political affiliation means nothing when calling down God's justice. The only way to save the land is for God to remove the ones destroying it. The Bible says He is willing to "avenge" us of our adversaries – but we must ask!

MONDAY, December 17

Scripture: Acts 13:27-31

In verses 27-31 we have a description of the majority of people who also heard the word. Many were leaders. We are told: "For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Him, nor even the voices of the Prophets which are read every Sabbath, have fulfilled them in condemning Him." Now there is a statement! How could you read the scripture every week and still not get it when it pops up right in front of you. That is exactly where they were. They were so blinded by their own tradition. Even though they had read the prophets every week, as it was unfolding in front of them, they completely and utterly misread the signs of the times and the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in their midst. It is obvious that significant sections of today's church are led by individuals who do not know Jesus and they do not know the voices of the prophets or they would not ordain homosexuals and bless homosexual marriage. One of the greatest intercessions that can be made is that God will come to the church, which He claims as His own, and with His mighty right hand remove the counterfeits, the charlatans and those who do not know Him at all. The future Ananias and Sapphira's are coming out of the pulpits, not out of the pews. Pray accordingly!

TUESDAY, December 18

Scripture: Acts 13:32-34

In the longest recorded sermon Paul ever preached, other than his epistles, Acts 13 presents the message he most likely used to transform Antioch into the place where they were first called Christians. Paul brought a revelation of the covenant of "Sure Mercy" Paul clearly states, that when Jesus was resurrected, fulfilling Psalm 2:7, "...You are My Son, Today I have begotten You," He offered to all of mankind the "...sure mercies of David." Paul's revelation of Old Testament scripture fulfilled in Christ was amazing. Only God could have revealed this thread. And we need to take note of what it really means. If Jesus guaranteed the covenant of "Sure Mercy" then He also guaranteed the operation of that covenant and we can invoke it, as David did! If we invoke the covenant of "Sure Mercy" as David, we have to embrace a paradigm shift in understanding mercy. We have to expand our understanding to include war, death and destruction as ultimate mercy when the godly win. Most of us who have grown up in Western Christianity apply mercy individually. The covenant of "Sure Mercy" allows mercy to be applied nationally. The difference between mercy individually and mercy nationally is that mercy to the nation means the utter removal and destruction of those who are defiling and destroying the land. While mercy to the individual means life, mercy to the nation means death and destruction to all the enemies of the land who are trying to destroy it through their perversion and defilement. Invoking the covenant of "Sure Mercy" as David did for the

nation asks God to remove, utterly destroy, dismantle, obliterate, pulverize and decimate without hesitation. Be Davidic, pray the prayer!

WEDNESDAY, December 19

Scripture: Acts 13:35-37

We are told in verses 35-37: "Therefore he also says in another Psalm: 'You will not allow Your Holy One to see corruption.' For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption; but He whom God raised up saw no corruption." Verse 36 shows us one of the reasons why David is called "a man after God's own heart." Not only is he quick to repent when he is confronted with his sin but he chooses to serve his generation through the office of king. He chooses not to abuse people through injustice. He chooses to serve his generation through his leadership position and because he chooses to serve, he is willing to obey God. If our leaders were willing to obey God we could crawl out of the national hole we are in. Leaders choose to disobey God when they embrace the statutory protection of abortion and homosexuality. They fill the land with iniquity so that we can no longer defend it. 9-11 was a wake-up call concerning this progression. Just as God raised the Chaldeans against Israel, China and Russia are rising against us! China now has a 3 to 1 advantage in troops that are moving toward equality with aircraft and in another two to three years they will be at parity with our Navy. Russia already has naval and nuclear parity. It is obvious China is getting ready to confront the United States militarily. But we have allowed our land to fill with iniquity and we are losing our ability to defend it. Whether we like it or not war is coming to America. The only hope we have is the covenant of "Sure Mercy"! It enables us to move God's hand against those who are destroying our land by filling it with iniquity. The overwhelming majority of those in Hollywood who hate war - espouse, promote and represent lifestyles that guarantee war on our soil.

THURSDAY, December 20

Scripture: Acts 13:38,39

Paul makes a point in this message to place the cross at the center of all human history. What law could not do for the conscience, mercy can through faith. We, in our theology, have preached only a personal saving Jesus. We excluded a corporate saving Jesus. Therefore we preached a different Jesus. We have preached a Jesus who is 100% mercy. But the entire book of Revelation makes that preaching half true. He has not changed. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. The same God who killed them all, in the Old Testament, is going to kill them all again. Does He have mercy? Yes! Abraham based his intercession on relationship with God to get Lot out. There is no salvation in any other. There is no salvation in Islam. There is none in Buddha. There is salvation in JESUS only. That is why Christians will be hated in the last days. Walking through life in a justified position gives us the platform to demand covenant mercy for the land and covenant vengeance on the enemy. A revelation of mercy can transform an individual, a church, a city and a nation. All we have to do is determine we are going to walk in it.

FRIDAY, December 21

Scripture: Acts 13:40

In verse 40 Paul warns us: “Beware therefore, lest what has been spoken in the prophets come upon you: ‘Behold, you despisers, Marvel and perish; For I work a work in your days, A work which you will by no means believe, Though one were to declare it to you.’” Paul warns his hearers about neglecting to use the covenant of “Sure Mercy.” Because if they don’t embrace it for salvation individually, how can they invoke it nationally? The American church is stuck in the individual mode. We only view mercy individually. We don’t apply mercy nationally. We don’t apply mercy corporately. But in Paul’s mind the same salvation that comes to an individual and delivers him from hell, can come to a nation and deliver it from hell. The same covenant of “Sure Mercy” which saves an individual from a fate of judgment can save a nation from a fate of judgment. Again, we need to embrace the paradigm shift of this covenant. Salvation consistently came through death, destruction, judgment and removal of the enemy. That has always been God’s way. God destroyed Egypt to save Israel. He hasn’t changed. He is the same today and we are despising our covenant because we are not using it. Lack of use qualifies for despising. We have a covenant – it is time to use it!

SATURDAY, December 22

Scripture: Acts 13:41 Habakkuk 1-4{/bible}

Habakkuk had a problem, not unlike the one we are facing today. He said in verses 1-4: “The burden which the prophet Habakkuk saw. O LORD , how long shall I cry And You will not hear? Even cry out to You, ‘Violence!’ And You will not save. Why do You show me iniquity, And cause me to see trouble? For plundering and violence are before me; There is strife, and contention arises. Therefore the law is powerless, And justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; Therefore perverse judgment proceeds.” How perverse have the Supreme Court decisions been that threw prayer out of school, took the Ten Commandments off the classroom walls and opened the door to the murder of unborn through Roe v Wade? Congress through House Bill 1592 deprives the church of the very freedom our forefathers fought for. The separation that Jefferson believed in has been utterly perverted. His definition of separation was the State could not tell the church what to do any time, any place, anywhere. That has been completely perverted and is being used to lock the church into utter silence on every governmental issue. We can’t even display a Manger Scene in public because “...perverse judgment proceeds”- that means distorted, crooked and twisted. Our forefathers understood that no nation can statutorily protect perversion like homosexuality and lesbianism and keep their land because God will discriminate against that nation and they will lose their ability to defend themselves. Our forefathers understood the necessity of discriminating against evil because if you don’t it will destroy your land. When we can cry out like Habakkuk did, then maybe we can get the answer he got. Judgment stunned the Jewish people! Will increasing judgments stun America? California is paving the way!

SUNDAY, December 23

Scripture: Habakkuk 1:5-7

In Habakkuk 1:5 we find the verse that Paul warned about (in Acts 13). God's answer to Habakkuk was a straight shot: "Look among the nations and watch – Be utterly astounded! For I will work a work in your days Which you would not believe, though it were told you." I wonder what that "work" was. Was that "work" a work of judgment? Did judgment come to the land of Israel when they perverted justice? God goes on in verse 6: "For indeed I am raising up the Chaldeans, A bitter and hasty nation Which marches through the breadth of the earth, To possess dwelling places that are not theirs. They are terrible and dreadful Their judgment and their dignity proceed from themselves." It doesn't take a whole lot of church history to realize that God's answer to Habakkuk concerning the wickedness of his own nation was judgment coming through the Chaldeans, who were going to conquer Israel. They were going to wipe the land clean, remove the people and it would take seventy years before Israel could get back in their land. Now if we could take the covenant of "Sure Mercy" and save our nation from such a fate, we would have accomplished something great. Paul warned about what would happen if we didn't use that covenant and it appears that his warning was a simple one: you can lose your nation. Everyday we neglect the covenant of "Sure Mercy" is one day closer to losing the land.

MONDAY, December 24

Scripture: Acts 13:40-41

After reading Habakkuk's use of this Old Testament scripture it presents a very different light for what Paul is saying in the context of the covenant of "Sure Mercy." "Beware therefore, lest what has been spoken in the prophets come upon you; 'Behold, you despisers, Marvel and perish; For I work a work in your days A work which you will by no means believe, Though one were to declare it to you.'" God's answer to Habakkuk was that He was raising up the Chaldeans. What would God's answer be to Habakkuk's intercession today? Would it be He is raising up radical Islamics to attack America? That has already happened. Would it be He is raising up the Chinese which are rapidly building their military to confront America. We're facing a war with the Chinese in probably three to five years. That is the estimated time of their reaching parity with our Navy. When they reach parity with the U.S. Navy they will attack Taiwan, take it over and assert themselves militarily as never before. Is God raising up the Chinese like He raised up the Chaldeans? And if He is, and we have a New Covenant based on better promises, then how should we be praying, because the answer to that question determines whether we lose or save our nation!

TUESDAY, December

Scripture: Isaiah 29:1-4 Give America a present – invoke imprecatory mercy

Isaiah 29:1-4 states: "Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city where David dwelt! Add year to year; Let feasts come around, Yet I will distress Ariel; There shall be heaviness and sorrow, And it shall be to Me as Ariel. I will encamp against you all around, I will lay siege against you with a mound, And I will raise siegeworks

against you. You shall be brought down, You shall speak out of the ground; Your speech shall be low, out of the dust; Your voice shall be like a medium's, out of the ground; And your speech shall whisper out of the dust." It sounds like God said through the prophet: "you are going to lose your city, Jerusalem." Is America following the same path? Are we doing what is going to destroy our cities and our nation? Biblically speaking, the answer to that is obvious. The answer is – "Yes." What can the church do? The church can take the covenant of "Sure Mercy" and invoke it over the nation and as we ask mercy for the land we can ask God to cut off every Senator, every Representative that is championing the perversion that will fill the land with iniquity so we can no longer defend it. Because if God doesn't cut them off, we will lose our land. We have a choice, if we are going to ask for God's mercy for the land it has to manifest in the destruction of the enemy. The greatest Christmas present that will ever be given to America is when the church begins to realize that they have a covenant of "Sure Mercy" and mercy for the land means the destruction of the enemy enabling us to pray, declare and decree it. I believe God's hand will move to save the land. But until the church awakens we are extending mercy to people like Jezebel, Balaam, and Absalom. God anointed leaders to destroy Israel's enemies. The longer we extend mercy to those individuals the greater the destruction of the land will be. Give America a Christmas present – invoke the covenant of "Sure Mercy" and ask God to utterly destroy those who are championing perversion. David prayed. God answered and the nation was saved. MERRY CHRISTMAS.

WEDNESDAY, December 26

Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-3

In Isaiah 55:1-3 we are told: "Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price. Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen diligently to Me, and eat what is good, And let your soul delight itself in abundance. Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you – The sure mercies of David." Isn't it interesting that Isaiah picks up the theme and says "Hey, why are you wasting your time? Why are you pursuing what does not satisfy? And why are you spending your money foolishly? Come to the Lord. Yield to Him and He will give you an everlasting covenant – "The sure mercies of David." Isaiah got the revelation that the covenant of "Sure Mercy" was available to everyone but we were not participating because we were pursuing personal gain. But all the personal gain we got would not satisfy if we lost our city or lost our nation. Isaiah was a pretty smart guy. I think what God told him was just as good for him and his nation as it is for us today in our nation. Now the real question is: "What are we going to do about it?" Give America a Christmas present – invoke the covenant of "Sure Mercy." Move God's hand to save the land.

THURSDAY, December 27

Scripture: Isaiah 55:4

Verse 4 stands alone presenting us with a declaratory example of the covenant of "Sure Mercy"! The first three verses warn us to stop pursuing personal gain and save the land. It is sort of like that New Testament

scripture: “Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and all these things will be given to you.” He says in verse 4: “Indeed I have given him as a witness to the people, A leader and commander for the people.” What kind of witness was David with adultery and murder? He was a good witness because he immediately embraced the covenant of “Sure Mercy” – repented – and that sin was never found again in his life. David is probably the best example of all because the covenant of “Sure Mercy” promises if we repent we don’t have to lose our office, our call, or the anointing of the Holy Spirit to walk in the office and fulfill the call. When Absalom tried to take David’s office, he only got it for a short period of time. David invoked the covenant of “Sure Mercy” – God intervened – Absalom died, along with the other perpetrators – God had mercy on the nation and killed the enemy saving David. This is our witness. It is the pattern. Give America a Christmas present – pray like David prayed in Psalm 143: “In your mercy cut off my enemies And destroy all those who afflict my soul for I am your servant.” When we can pray that over our city, our state and our nation then we have embraced the covenant of “Sure Mercy” Until then we are just “Whistlin’ Dixie.”

FRIDAY, December 28

Scripture: Isaiah 55:5-7

In verse 5 we are told: “Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, And nations who do not know you shall run to you, Because of the LORD your God, And the Holy One of Israel; For He has glorified you.” The covenant of “Sure Mercy” will bring a glory to the church that will cause nations to run to us. The first nation we want is probably the one in which we live, followed by the one God promises in Romans 11 - Israel. The Jews are waiting to see Jesus the Judge. They didn’t recognize the Savior because He came as a “suffering servant.” They were looking for the Judge of all the earth. Romans says the church will make the Jew jealous. I’m convinced the only thing the church could do to make the Jew jealous is to represent their Messiah as the Judge of all the earth in front of them. It may be that only then will they catapult into the Kingdom. We have a choice. The choice is whether or not we are going to use that covenant of “Sure Mercy.” If we use it then we move God’s hand to destroy the enemy. But that is the only way the nation can be saved. Give America a Christmas present – put the covenant of “Sure Mercy” in your mouth and ask God to cut off the enemy and have mercy on the land. Identify in prayer every politician who promotes abortion and homosexuality.

SATURDAY, December 29

Scripture: Isaiah 55:8,9

We are told in verses 8-11 exactly how to implement or use the covenant of “Sure Mercy.” It says: “‘For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,’ says the LORD. ‘For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.’” The Word has been given for the purpose of renewing our mind. If we would use it as God intended, many of our hesitations, hang-ups and theological strongholds would disappear, freeing us to use the weapons of our warfare. War has never been for the faint of heart. The chief accomplishment of military training is familiarity with the weapon which leads to confidence in using it. The goal of all training is proficiency

with the weapon. The church is not proficient because they rarely ever commit to training! Give America a Christmas present – use the covenant of “Sure Mercy.”

SUNDAY, December 30

Scripture: Isaiah 55:10,11

Verses 10 and 11 state: “For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.” You have to put the covenant of “Sure Mercy” in your mouth. You have to declare it. You have to decree it. I would declare it this way, living in California: “Father, in the Name of Jesus, I invoke the covenant of “Sure Mercy” over the United States of America. Have mercy on the land. Cut off all governmental representatives who are championing the transition of our schools into homosexuality recruiting centers. Have mercy on the land. Cut them off in Jesus Name.” Put the Word in your mouth, declare it, send it forth and it will accomplish what God pleases. God says: “...it will prosper in the thing for which He sent it.” Give America a Christmas present – invoke the covenant of “Sure Mercy.” Cut off the enemy. Watch God move.

MONDAY, December 31

Scripture: Isaiah 55:12-13

Verses 12 and 13 say: “For you shall go out with joy, And be led out with peace; The mountains and the hills Shall break forth into singing before you, And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress tree, And instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; And it shall be to the LORD for a name, For an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.” Verses 12 and 13 show the fruit of invoking the covenant of “Sure Mercy.” Thorns and briars were signs of curses on a land, Isaiah says the curse that is on the land can be reversed. But it is only reversed if we put the covenant in our mouth – invoke mercy on the land and ask God to specifically cut off the enemies of the land. If the Governor is an enemy of your State and he has signed on to the homosexual agenda, and he is promoting that which fills the land with iniquity – invoke the covenant of “Sure Mercy” on the State – ask God to cut off the Governor – by name! Stop foolin’ around with God’s Word. Put it in your mouth and use it like a warrior. THIS is the way to start a New Year. The spirit of Jannes and Jambres inhabits legislators, individuals and organizations. We then need to be prepared to move the hand of God in the same measure and magnitude that Moses did in Egypt. Moving the hand of God is a biblical call for every generation and it is time we caught it. If we fail to move the hand of God, we lose our nation to devastating judgments that will make 9-11 seem mild! The future of the nation is in the hand of the church!