

W O R D A T W O R K

VOLUME XXXV NUMBER II The Way of the Lord III

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Scripture: Genesis. 18:16-19

Genesis 18:19 says, *“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.”* One foundational purpose that God had for Abraham and all the believers that would follow was that they would keep the way of the Lord and walk in righteousness so they could grow in strength and character to execute judgment. They were to be the arbiters of justice in the earth. The job of the church was to bring justice by praying judgment! If we cannot pray and move God’s Hand judicially then we can never gain justice. But God intended that every believer be able to access His Throne-Room and that by walking in righteousness their prayers would execute judgment thereby gaining covenant justice. Once we understand that God’s purpose in the earth for believers is different than what religion presents then we can set our hand to it and embrace it with our heart! Are we willing to do righteousness so that we can be His agents of gaining justice by praying judgment in the earth?

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Scripture: Isaiah 9:6-7

Isaiah 9:6-7 says, *“For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.”* The two words we see in Genesis 18:19 are the identical words we see here for judgment/**mish-pawt** and justice/**sed-a-khan**. This prophecy, however, says in addition that Jesus will establish the Kingdom of God and that He will order and establish it with judgment and justice or righteousness. He will establish the way of the Lord and He will give us the Holy Spirit Who will help bring that to pass. Is this really New Testament? It is certainly pointing us in that direction. It goes on to say, from that time forward forever the zeal of the Lord of Hosts will perform this. Have you ever asked God for His zeal? It is coming! Are we ready for it? How long will we allow religion to pedal fear from the Sermon on the Mount through Matthew 7:1,2, *“Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.”* We know we have to qualify but that is why “the way of the Lord” lists righteousness first as a precursor for doing judgment. We all have to stand in the fire we call down! If we choose righteousness, we can pray judgment!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Scripture: Matthew 12:16-18

Matthew 12:16-18 speaking of Jesus says, *“Yet He warned them not to make Him known, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: ‘Behold! My Servant whom I have chosen, My Beloved in whom My soul is well pleased! I will put My Spirit upon Him, And He will declare justice to the Gentiles.’”* One of Jesus’ primary purposes was to release the Holy Spirit and that when the Holy Spirit was released He would declare judgment, The Greek word here is **kree-sis**. **Kree-sis** is the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew word **mish-pawt**. This word in the New Testament reflects confidence in our following the Holy Spirit! Judgment therefore becomes a primary issue of the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Jesus’ purpose under the anointing of the Lord was to declare the judgment of our God and we know He preached righteousness and walked in it. Are we ready to follow His path? The end-time anointing is both Kingly and Judicial. Those who hoard wealth and use it to promote evil are worthy of God's full judgment! As individuals have shed the blood of innocent children or used their wealth to support evil, so shed their blood or take their wealth away oh Lord! Reward evildoers according to their works!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Scripture: Matt 12:19-21, Acts 13:10-12

Matthew 12:19-21 says, *“He will not quarrel nor cry out, Nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets. A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench, Till He sends forth justice to victory; And in His name Gentiles will trust.”* Jesus forever connected judgment and victory. He made the Throne accessible for you and I so that we could also have access to covenant justice guaranteeing that we would carry the way of the Lord. There is really no excuse for us not walking in it! What God declared to Abraham, Jesus obviously exhibited and made available to us through His death, burial and resurrection. There is no backing up on this. It is as clear as it can be. What God declared to Abraham, Jesus makes available to you and I! When the Apostle Paul faced a false prophet perverting the way of the Lord, he declared judgment and the Holy Spirit performed it! Acts 13:10-12 states, *“[Paul] said, ‘O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord? And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time.’ And immediately a dark mist fell on him, and he went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand. Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had been done, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord.”* Truly Paul carried the judicial anointing in Bible days and that same Holy Spirit still declares judgment today!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Scripture: John 16:7-11, Matthew 7:1

Verses 7-11 say, *“Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.”* The Holy Spirit has a job to do and that job includes declaring, proclaiming and exhibiting the will of the Lord. Two of the elements of the will of the Lord that the Holy Spirit will accomplish are righteousness and judgment. How clear can this be? It is in God’s declaration to Abraham! It is in what Jesus bought and paid for all of us and then it is the fruit of the Holy Spirit that is given to us. Does this not clearly declare to any one of us who is honest, that God expects the church to do righteousness so that we can do judgment. We have to wake up and deal with the fact that we have been sold a pile of tradition. It is the mis-emphasis of Matthew 7:1 and it has been wrong, just plain wrong! Are we willing to go back and balance out Who Christ is so we can move forward and do righteousness and declare judgment?

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Scripture: Luke 1:26-33

In Luke 1:26-33 we get documented proof that Jesus fulfills Isaiah 9:6,7. Verses 32 and 33 make that very clear! This passage says of Jesus, *“He will be great and will be called the Son of the Highest and the Lord God will give Him the Throne of His father David and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever and of His Kingdom there will be no end.”* The Kingdom of God in the New Testament is built on the foundation of the way of the Lord that comes through in the Old Testament. It is interesting that the church in the New is referred to as **the Way**. In several versions of the Bible the church is called **the Way**. So here we are as recipients of the Kingdom but having had our tradition divorce us from the way of the Lord. Anyone who thinks we can fully represent the Kingdom without doing judgment seriously cripples the development of the church in the heart of God from the Old Testament to the New. If we are going to get serious about the Kingdom based on what was written about Jesus in Isaiah 9:6,7 that He is going to order it and establish it with righteousness and judgment, then we have to accept declaring judgment as part of our future! That means the Kingdom has to be established by judgment and righteousness and unless we walk in righteousness so we can pray judgment we are not establishing the full Kingdom of God. We might be building a kingdom. It is just not the Kingdom of God! So the real question is, what kingdom are we building? Are we building the real biblical Kingdom of God? If we are, it comes by righteousness and judgment restoring the fear of the Lord!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Scripture: Acts 2:34-36

Acts 2:34-36 says, *“For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: ‘The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.’”* Here we again see David being quoted and the Lord making our enemies our footstool. Verse 36 culminates everything saying this, let all of Israel know assuredly that the God of Israel has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Judge and Savior. Lord and Christ, Judge and Savior means Author of righteousness and judgment! This is the way of the Lord! Do we know that? Do we know that assuredly? Do we know the Author of righteousness assuredly? Do we know the Author of judgment assuredly? And can we represent both the Author of righteousness and the Author of judgment assuredly? Truly in Christ dwells all fullness, and as the church, we are to represent Him fully! The early church did. It is time we did too!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10:1-9

1 Corinthians 10:1-9 says, *“Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, ‘The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.’ Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents;...”* Is there any doubt that Jesus has not changed? The same Judge in the Old Testament is Judge in the New. The main purpose of this passage is to declare that to everyone who reads it. There is no difference. Jesus has not changed. He is still the same! And if He is still the same, guess who has to represent Him as judge in judging righteous judgment? It is our job to represent the King!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Scripture: Matthew 5:5:19-20

Matthew 5:19-20 says, *“Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven, for I say to you that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.”* In this passage Jesus is articulating the way of the Lord to the disciples in the Sermon on the Mount. He is making it very, very clear that judgment and righteousness are the foundation to walk with Him and to represent Him. Judgment is real, righteousness is real and as we walk in righteousness we are called to be demonstrators of God’s Own judgment! The Holy Spirit facilitates this judgment as we walk with Him praying, proclaiming and declaring His will! It is good to be reminded that we are to pray His will – not our own! Judicial prayer is not about retribution or pay back. It is about careful, deliberate attention to God’s voice and leadership, and then praying as He leads!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Scripture: Exodus 19:5-8

Exodus 19:5-8 says, *“Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”* These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel. So Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before them all these words which the Lord commanded him. Then all the people answered together and said, *‘All that the Lord has spoken we will do.’* So Moses brought back the words of the people to the Lord.” God just offered Israel a tremendous deal as a nation of Kings and Priests. They would be to Him a Kingdom of Priests and a Holy nation. So Moses called the elders and the elders asked the people and the people answered him. The people said, *“All that the Lord has spoken we will do.”* Moses brought back those words of the people to the Lord. At America’s inception the people believed they were covenanting with God to found a Christian nation! I know that because I have a whole textbook that was taught in a college on the East Coast about how the early founders believed that America could be to the New Testament what Israel was to the Old. Studying that concept was the main part of the college course called, ‘The New Israel.’ Chapter after chapter of that book pointed to America as a new Israel. Our Founding Fathers covenanted with God to represent Him as a New Testament nation. According to early writings and documentation that is what our founders wanted us to do, regardless of what we may have been told. We need to realize that history has been rewritten by erroneous, unrighteous professors who have hijacked and manipulated real events to influence rather than accurately report. Many of these teachers were the ‘radicals’ of the sixties. But in truth, the founders of America wanted a nation that represented Jesus. Are we going to give God what He wants, A Kingdom of priests who will represent Him, doing both righteousness and judgment? God desires a committed remnant who will stand for truth and impact the culture around them. Many of today’s youth and young adults have been trained in an age of revisionist history. Communistic ideas permeate our universities and colleges! Radical ideas and students of the ‘60s have molded and shaped history classes. When will we come out of denial and begin praying to reclaim what our nation has lost? May God measure His intended judgment on every revisionist teacher! May God cut off their jobs and their influence to the measure that they have disregarded the truth!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Scripture: Exodus 19:9-11

In these verses Moses began to let them know what the problem was going to be for them to walk in righteousness. This passage says, *“And the Lord said to Moses, ‘Behold, I come to you in the thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and believe you forever.’* So Moses told the words of the people to the Lord. Then the Lord said to Moses, *‘Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash*

their clothes. And let them be ready for the third day. For on the third day the Lord will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.” There were three things they were going to have to do to be ready. They were to sanctify, which means to set themselves apart from all that is profane. They were to wash, which meant to clean and make soft by beating and kneading in cold water. That sounds unique! ‘To make clean and soft by beating and kneading in cold water...’ is not fun! That was a little tougher than throwing it in a present day clothes washing machine. And thirdly, they were to be ready. That Hebrew word means to be firmly established, fixed, secure and determined. Do we stand in readiness when it comes to these preparational attributes regarding our walk in righteousness? That was the price! Are we a willing, determined people to gain our full inheritance?

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Scripture: Exodus 19:14-15

Exodus 10:14-15 says, *“Then Moses went down from the mountain; And sanctified the people and they washed their clothes and he said to the people, ‘Be ready. For the third day do not come near your wives.”* Sanctify means to separate from all that is profane. Wash is to make clean and soft by beating and kneading in cold water. And be ready which opens the door to being firmly established, secure and determined. Not only did Moses tell them but he led them into it. Preparation is essential to walk with God, especially in judgment! A season of transition often requires we sanctify, wash every manmade tradition and be ready! Moses received insight from the Lord for his nation in their season of change and transition. It is clear that mature spiritual leadership is needed to usher nations through the turmoil in this era. No greater season of transition exists than one in which people discover their once-trusted national leaders have unilaterally disarmed a nation so that we cannot defend ourselves against attack. Our vulnerability is unprecedented and given the current international climate, I suspect only Jesus the Judge can save America!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Scripture: Exodus 19:20-22, 12

Exodus 19:20-22 says, *“Then the Lord came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mountain. And the Lord called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up. And the Lord said to Moses, ‘Go down and warn the people, lest they break through to gaze at the Lord, and many of them perish. Also let the priests who come near the Lord consecrate themselves, lest the Lord break out against them.”* It is interesting that the Lord told Moses twice to sanctify, wash and be ready. The third time was followed by a warning about judgment. Exodus 19:12 says, *“You shall set bounds for the people all around, saying, ‘Take heed to yourselves that you do not go up to the mountain or touch its base. Whoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death.”* That brings us to an interesting subject. Given the condition of this nation that most likely reflects the condition of the church, would we suspect that God may be about ready to break out and deal with the leaders? What will God do if the condition of the church is a mirror image of our nation’s leadership and consequently that is why we are in danger of losing the nation? What if the compromise that comes through the spirit of mammon in church leaders trying to create something successful is, in actuality harming the church rather than helping it? What will God have to do in order to get leaders to say what He wants said and do what He wants done? What kind of transformation are we going to have to see in the church? The Father wants to embrace and flow through a Bride that is without spot or wrinkle. The way of the Lord is righteousness and judgment! Can we represent the Judge?

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Scripture: Exodus 20:6,7

How we talk and the words we use are really important! Number three of the Ten Commandments says, *“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.”* That is commandment number three. In commandment number two He has already said, *“...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, but showing mercy to thousands, of those who love Me and keep My commandments.” The Ten Commandments are the foundational stones of moral righteousness. No person that desires to do righteousness is going to ignore the Ten Commandments. Only those who honor God's moral code can represent Jesus the Judge!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Scripture: Exodus 20:8-11

Commandment number four says, *“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 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. 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.”* Honoring the Sabbath means to keep one day weekly as holy to the Lord and honor Him on that day with minimal activity. Many of us have enjoyed the movie, *Chariots of Fire*. Eric Liddell in this true account was a Christian Scotsman who was the fastest runner in the 100 and 220 meter races for the 1924 Olympics. But because the races were run on Sunday, he bowed out – forfeiting a sure Gold Medal in the 100 and possibly in the 4x100 relay. This movie dramatized the events of the 1924 Olympics. Romans 14:5,6 states, *“One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind. He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord;[a] and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks.”* Had Eric Liddell understood Romans, perhaps he could have had 3 Gold Medals, but no one would remember. Eric was giving up the Gold for refusing to sacrifice principle that gained him the recognition for his strength of character in honoring God!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Scripture: Exodus 20:12

Commandment number five says, *“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you.”* The New Testament adds, that it may be well with you on the earth. We live in a season where many parents fail to live up to their responsibilities and their children suffer through lack of involvement, discipline and supervision. But still God says ‘Honor your parents!’ Can we choose to obey God even when our parents forfeited their right to honor? Can we choose to obey God even when parents do not deserve it? If we can, there is a blessing to be possessed! It needs to be added here that we are not suggesting giving parental honor where there has been gross negligence, injury or abuse.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Scripture: Exodus 20:13, Matthew 5:20-26

In Exodus 20:13 we are told, *“You shall not murder.”* Jesus extended that definition in the New Testament in Matthew 5:20-26 which says, *“For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.’ For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, ‘Raca’ shall be in danger of hell fire. Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother,*

and then come and offer your gift. Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny.” It does not say that if you are angry with a cause not to enter into judgment, it says without a cause! It is specifically dealing in this passage with how we respond to a ‘brother’. We are told that if we bring our gift to the altar and there remember that we have something against a brother we need to go and straighten it out. Jesus added a number of qualifiers to commandment number six that bears looking at in the New Testament. How we respond determines liability!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Scripture: Exodus 20:14, Matthew 5:27-30

Commandment number seven is about sexual purity and not committing adultery. And again we have amplification in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5:27-30. It says, *“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.”* Jesus certainly did not mean that we are to lose an eye or lose a hand. What He did mean is that drastic action is needed if we are entering into any dimension of sexual sin. And that, of course, includes pornography. Involvement with pornography forfeits God’s righteous standard. We cannot afford compromise with sexual sin and enter into the judicial realm. Commandment number seven is a major issue and one to which we need to pay heed.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Scripture: Exodus 20:15

Commandment number eight says, *“You shall not steal.”* Righteousness demands honesty and integrity. The question is, are we willing to rein in our flesh and not take what we want just because we feel we should not have to pay for it. Do we cheat on our taxes? We probably all agree that the government takes way more than it deserves. We may even feel that they do it illegally. Nevertheless, Jesus tells us to render unto Caesar what is Caesar’s and unto God what is God’s. We do not want to jeopardize our assignment as judicial prayer warriors as a result of improperly or dishonestly handling our taxes.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Scripture: Exodus 20::16

In commandment number nine we are instructed not to bear false witness against a neighbor, nor to tell any lie concerning our neighbors. Neither are we to accuse them falsely. As mature believers we aim to be people of absolute, utter, total, complete integrity. This truth is reinforced in Psalm 15. In this Psalm we are instructed in climbing the holy hill of God. We are told to do no evil to our neighbor. If we are willing to be people of complete honesty, then the blessing is, we get to move forward and qualify for doing judgment. The Ten Commandments are just as valid now as they ever were. Jesus made it very clear that He did not come to do away with the Law and the prophets but He came to fulfill them. The Biblical standard for morality is outlined in the commandments and then amplified throughout the Word but this is certainly a major part of biblical morality. *“A false witness shall not go unpunished, And he who speaks lies shall perish.”* We do not want to perish, therefore we must speak truth!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Scripture: Exodus 20:17

Commandment number ten declares that we shall not covet our neighbor's house, his wife, his manservant or his maidservant, nor his ox, nor anything that our neighbor has. We have to choose to be willing and content with what we have. If we are and trust God and learn to walk that way, then we can fully expect the blessing of the Lord and we can expect to qualify to pray judicially. Where do we stand in keeping the Ten Commandments? Do we desire to be fully pleasing to the Lord and to move forward in a posture of anointed integrity? The Ten Commandments outline the biblical morality that every generation needs! This standard does not change according to the times we live in. It is a constant because it is founded in God's Word. When we choose to line up our lives with God's righteous standard, we choose life, and we choose blessing!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Scripture: Romans 1:18-21

Romans 1:18-21 says, *"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened."* These are the verses that tell us the wrath of God is coming to be revealed against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who 'suppress the truth in unrighteousness.' As we absorb this, we realize that there are probably some serious acts of God that have to come and they are going to start with people who suppress the truth because they knew God and yet have not glorified Him. A very good example of that is the act of America's 1972 Supreme Court removing prayer from our schools. What they opened the nation to and what they have brought upon the land is a weighty matter in the eyes of God. Number two on the list of unrighteous issues is, *"nor were they thankful."* In a measure that would be like the disallowing of all public displays of Christianity such as the ban on public manger scenes. They knew God, yet they did not glorify Him as God, nor were they thankful. There is a move today to remove all crosses and other Christian symbols from the public square. If the particular politicians we support and vote for push or even tolerate culture-warping morality, then we are in part responsible. We must look at our own heart motivations and purposes. Is our own spiritual compass off center? Let the judgment of God come on those who knowingly violate biblical principles! May God cut off their influence and their voice. To the same degree that they invite darkness for the nation, let it fall on them. Romans 1 outlines the seven steps of rejecting God that culminate in the destruction and loss of a nation. Are we almost there? Are we lining up with what our forefathers stood for in honoring God's righteous path? The question now is, will the church rise up and become the conscience of the nation? We need to read and reread this first chapter of Romans. Will we stand for righteousness in the midst of a culture that is moving toward perversion?

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Scripture: Romans 1:21

Step three in the slide to destruction says, 'they became futile in their thoughts.' A tragic example of futile thinking is when the Supreme Court determines the Ten Commandments posted on their building walls is unlawful. The highest court should get a reward for that pinnacle of hypocrisy. Number four, and 'their foolish hearts were darkened.' There is no greater example of that than Roe versus Wade. The making legal of the shedding of innocent blood has brought the shedding of blood to America with dramatic events we are now experiencing on our streets, and even in our schools. If this nation continues to take pleasure in supporting abortion we may continue to see the growth and development of heart-wrenching events like terrorism and violence. Some might

say, I do not take pleasure in abortion, but I do not want to get involved. Joshua 18:3 says, *“Then Joshua said to the children of Israel: ‘How long will you neglect to go and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers has given you?’”* We need to stand faithfully against those who oppose and depreciate integrity, truth, purity and Bible morality. As the Spirit leads, we must not shrink back from praying judicially even if those prayers are directed to some of the highest offices in the land. As believers we need to aspire to what God says in Psalm 119:128 which states, *“Therefore all your precepts concerning all things, I consider to be right; I hate every false way.”*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Scripture: Romans 2:22

The fifth step toward losing our sovereignty is, *“professing to be wise they became fools.”* The perfect example of this is secular humanism replacing Biblical morality in public schools. And it is obvious what this has led to. Among other things it has led to gender confusion in public schools. Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 certain sectors claim *“Discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion,...”* has come to mean by some interpreters that we cannot call boys, boys or girls, girls. Their stated goal is *“protecting”* children that claim gender confusion. But, in effect, it means that schools and teachers are slowly forced to normalize unbiblical, sexual ideas in the eyes of our children. The agenda of gay radicals is to attempt to capture and use the field of education to advance their anti-bible agenda. This accelerating movement is rising to attempt to gain cultural acceptance and it is coming in part through educators, some who are radicalized and some who are deceived or, at the very least, feel bullied into silence. Do we know educators who need our prayers? Do we know educators who are intimidated by the tolerance policies that are trumpeted? These educators need our prayers for supernatural strength and wisdom to withstand cultural decline and shine in this hour. They need our prayers for strategies to walk with keen discernment and courage. It could be that they have come to the classroom for such a time as this. As darkness is rising to attempt to sway a whole generation of children, it is not a surprise that God has said in Revelation that the time will come when He will arise and destroy large portions of the population. Those who teach and attempt to multiply gender confusion may very well mark their own personal eternal reward. Right now we are seeing nations of this world calling good evil and calling evil good. Doe this grieve your heart?

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Scripture: Romans 1:23

Number six on the slide to destruction is to elevate animals over people. In some cases we are now seeing that happen through policies such as the Endangered Species Act. Certain animals have been highlighted as endangered simply to stop oil production. God owns the cattle on a thousand hills. He is the wise and mighty One Who formed and crafted each and every species down to the minutest of detail. Is it foolishness on our part to unquestioningly believe ‘studies’ that report animals to be extinct or endangered. Often, this is information manipulation that can turn our attention from truth and woo our heart from worshipping Him. When people place animals above man that is nature worship and that idolatry can lead to judgment. We are not speaking to those who are wise in respecting water or rescuing a distressed animal. We are not speaking of those who bring trees to deforested countries, but those who with determination raise animals and nature above man.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Scripture: Romans 1:24-32

When gender confusion leads to homosexuality and lesbianism, that opens the door to the decay of a nation so eventually that nation cannot defend itself because of the perversion of its people. Romans 1:32 says, *“Who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.”* ‘Doing righteousness’ means saying no to all seven steps in Romans 1. Embracing the Ten Commandments and doing them is a very clear path to doing righteousness

and judgment. Do we qualify? Is God's righteous standard being actively cultivated in our lives? Will we walk this righteous path out? It is the way of the Lord and the end result is life. And perhaps as we stand together walking in the measure of Christ's stature, we will participate in opening that door to an ever greater harvest!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 6:6-8

1 Corinthians 6:6-8 states, *"But brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers! Now therefore, it is already an utter failure for you that you go to law against one another. Why do you not rather accept wrong? Why do you not rather let yourselves be cheated? No, you yourselves do wrong and cheat, and you do these things to your brethren!"* Righteousness demands that we pass the money test. Life has a variety of money tests that are always significant and demanding. The very first one we face is tithing. But whenever we are taken advantage of by a supposed brother, then the pain is even worse and the recourse, according to Scripture, is one of prayer. Will we write it off? God's great blessing goes to all those who pass the money test whenever it arises. God knows how very difficult this really is and rewards accordingly! I pray you pass every money test that comes your way!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 says, *"Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God."* What happens when we die depends on how we live! Last year on a surgery table, I 'died'. I left my body and found myself among the saints in heaven. There were no leaders but all of us were very aware of being saved by grace. We all had failures and were overjoyed at being in Heaven! Paul lists for all of us the things that will get you barred from Heaven: doing what is on this list **without repenting** means no entrance into Heaven. God is serious about the activities that comprise this list. You do them at your own peril! The Word is clear – no entrance when violating these laws! Remember that no one is beyond God's saving Hand! Our repentance is the key! Therefore, choose carefully how you live!

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