

Where is God?

I graduated from high school in 1957. In those days, we began every school day by repeating the Lord's Prayer, and pledging allegiance "to the flag of the United States of America, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." This morning exercise was concluded by a scripture reading from the King James Version of the bible over the P.A. system. Sixty five years later, I can still hear the voice of the young lady who read the scriptures every day. This particular morning she read from the first Psalm; "*Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper*" Psalms 1:1-3. It is the next verse, however, that I remember so clearly; "*The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away*" Psalms 1:4. Those words have impacted my life until this very day.

In those days there was a small minority of people who hated Jesus Christ and every mention of God. They believed the influence of God in the public schools was unconstitutional, and began to bring lawsuits against the public schools. The Supreme Court in the 1960's agreed, and ruled against school sponsored prayer and bible readings, and thus the "war against God" in the schools began. It continued until the Ten Commandments were forbidden to the schools, and in effect the great majority of our children have received no moral or spiritual influence toward godliness in the public school systems in America. Fifty years have passed since school sponsored prayers and bible readings were taken away, and the result is a nation that is no longer "under God," and is deeply divided. In our public schools, our children are still morally influenced, but not by God. Where is God? He has been "cast out." In many schools today, the student reading from the bible has been replaced by a "drag queen story hour," designed to glamorize the LGBTQ lifestyle to our innocent children. Some in our elementary schools claim a right to teach the children about sex change and alternative lifestyles as early as kindergarten.

America is even now reaping the harvest from the seeds which were planted over a generation ago. We have succeeded in destroying ourselves. The Supreme Court took school sponsored prayer, bible reading, and the Ten Commandments out of the public schools. The court approved abortion on demand in 1973, and later approved the pornographers "freedom of expression,"

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Galatians 6:7

which polluted the minds of our youth. In 2015, they approved gay marriage, which also paved the way for the forced acceptance of the LGBTQ lifestyle. Meanwhile, in the "church," surveys show 68% of the men, and 54% of the pastors regularly consume pornography. As one who has preached the gospel of Christ for 58 years, my judgment is that the modern church has completely failed to "keep" America, and as "*the salt that lost its savor*," it is being "*trodden under foot of men*" Matthew 5:13.

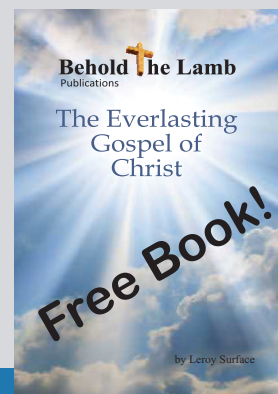
"Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger; they are gone away backward. Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment. Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers." Isaiah 1:4-7

These verses describe perfectly the present condition of America. These were written about a hundred years before the city of Jerusalem was destroyed the first time. Yet, God gave a promise of restoration. He said, "*I will restore thy judges as at the first ...afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city*" Isaiah 1:26.

The morning after Donald Trump was elected president I awoke from sleep hearing these words in my spirit; "*I will restore thy judges as at the first.*" I recognized these words from the scripture concerning Jerusalem, but now God promised restoration to America through righteous judges He would give to us. When I heard these words, I knew God had given us President Trump for this purpose, to appoint righteous judges to our courts. During his administration, he appointed 226 federal judges, as well as 3 Supreme Court justices. His criteria for choosing judges was that they must be originalists, which is what God called "*as at the first.*"

For the first time in my life we have a "righteous majority" on the Supreme Court. God will work to restore America through the same institution that destroyed America. Those who hate God are rioting in the streets, but if we who trust in God will hold our peace, vote our Christian conscience, and pray for the justices God has given us, we will live to see a much better day.

"Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up." Hosea 6:1



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