

America, Repent or Perish!

"Our Blessed Hope" Part 4 of 4

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AMERICA, GOD HAS ALREADY GIVEN US THE ANSWER FOR SAVING OUR NATION—REPENT!

"If we ever forget that we are One Nation under God, then we will be a Nation gone under." ~ Ronald Reagan

The words so eloquently spoken by our late President Ronald Reagan could not be more precise. America, our country is on the brink of forever losing her sovereignty because we have lost our way and **must** turn back to our first love—Jesus Christ, living according to His precepts and principles found in His Word, and our Judeo-Christian foundation America was founded on.

Furthermore, the fate our beloved country is contingent on His people—who are called by His name ***to turn from our wicked ways*** based on 2 Chronicles 7:14. It is only then will God Almighty intervene on our behalf and heal our land.

If we would only turn from our sins and circumcise our hearts so we become Christ-centered, Christ-directed, and Christ-empowered. Instead, we are operating independently from God, being led by our flesh, and giving into a prideful spirit which leads us to try everything else other than submitting to God. "We the People" are trying everything **humanly** possible to save our nation when God has already given us the answer—Repent!

*"If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, ***and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, THEN I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned.*** And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, ***and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, THEN*** I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it." ~ Jeremiah 18:7-10 (NIV)*

The Lord is fed up with our “lip service” as conveyed by Isaiah 29:13 which states, “*These people come near me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, **but their hearts are far from me.** Their worship of me is made up only of rules taught by men.*”

America, hear what the Lord is saying to His church:

*“**Only acknowledge your guilt. Admit** that you rebelled against the LORD your God **and committed adultery against him** by worshiping idols under every green tree. **Confess** that you refused to listen to my voice. I, the LORD, have spoken!” ~ Jeremiah 3:13*

*“I myself said, ‘How gladly would I treat you like my children and **give you a pleasant land, the most beautiful inheritance of any nation.**’ I thought you would call me ‘Father’ and not turn away from following me. But like a woman unfaithful to her husband, so you, Israel (America), have been unfaithful to me,” declares the LORD. ~ Jeremiah 3:19-20 (NIV)*

*“A cry is heard on the barren heights, the weeping and pleading of the people of Israel (America), **because they have perverted their ways and have forgotten the LORD their God.**” ~ Jeremiah 3:21 (NIV)*

“Return, faithless people; I will cure you of backsliding.” ~ Jeremiah 3:22 (NIV)

*“**Remember** the height from which you have fallen! **Repent and do the things you did at first.** **If you do not repent,** I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.” ~ Revelation 2:5.*

THE REPERCUSSIONS OF WHAT AMERICA WILL REAP IF WE CONTINUE ON OUR CURRENT PATH

When Jesus removes the lampstand from a person or a nation great darkness and despair ensues. There comes a point in time the Lord will not issue any more warnings and will allow us to choose death instead of life. God wants His people to know the truth because the truth will indeed set us free **IF** we repent. Many are “hearing” but not heeding the warning to repent. America is already under the judgment of God and we are reaping the curses of Deuteronomy 28. See the writing under the 2010 Prophetic Word on my website dated July 21, 2010 titled, “***God’s Judgment on America is already underway.***”

Leviticus 26:14-44 details what we can expect as punishment for our **continuing** disobedience by breaking both the Abrahamic Covenant **and** the terms and conditions of the New Covenant Jesus Christ established with His church! If you have not yet read these writings the Lord mandated I release, both of these writings are under the 2011 Prophetic Word on my website. One is titled, ***“Understanding the Terms and Conditions of God's Covenants of the Old and New Testaments”*** and the other is titled, ***“Why is it Critical We Understand and Honor the Abrahamic Covenant?”***

Also take the time to listen to this sermon by Damon Williams titled, *Naaman's Flesh “Issue”* dated 12/26/10 #21 at the following link at <http://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/the-ramp-audio/id400302562>. Damon Williams confirms how we have negated the terms of the covenant God established with His church.

If we do not fully repent and return to God America will experience the following judgments from God Almighty himself:

1. Total economic collapse.
2. Famine due to natural disasters, drought, flood, war, etc.
3. Plagues.
4. Sword (terrorist attacks/civil unrest, war on our soil).
5. Our cities, towns and churches will lie in ruin due to natural disasters, war, terrorist attacks and civil unrest.
6. America will be given over to and owned by our foreign enemies.
7. America will perish among the nations; the land of our enemies will devour us (radical Islam and China).

HOW DO WE STOP THE IMPENDING DESTRUCTION OF THE GREATEST NATION EVER TO EXIST? WE CANNOT BUT GOD CAN IF...

The Body of Christ returns to our first love—Jesus Christ by acknowledging our guilt **and** by turning from our wicked ways.

What type of repentance is the Lord is looking for? Take the time to listen to this sermon titled, “A Call to Anguish” by David Wilkerson. This video can be accessed at the following URL: <http://www.worldchallenge.org/node/2621>.

God is not looking for us to just “say” we are sorry for what we have allowed His church and this nation to become. He wants us to be so brokenhearted by the consequences of our sins we will respond to what breaks His heart and “do” something about it.

There have been times I have become profoundly sorrowful for no apparent reason and could not stop weeping. I asked the Lord what was wrong with me. He told me He was allowing me to feel the pain in His heart and I was weeping His tears for what He is about to let the enemy do to His church and our nation. He also shared with me the one thing He wants most from His children is our love and devotion. Instead we are busy doing acts of service for Him rather than just spending time abiding in His presence. He wants our hearts not our sacrifices, He wants our love not our religion. Other than developing a personal intimate relationship with Jesus Christ how do we truly demonstrate our love and devotion to our Savior? The answer Jesus gave us is found in John 14:15, *“If you love me, you will obey my commandments.”*

The Body of Christ starts applying God’s precepts and principles found in His Word by the way we live our lives.

Sisters and brothers in Christ the hour is late and the Lord is returning for a bride who is **already** without spot or blemish. We are admonished to lead holy and godly lives in 2 Peter 3:11-12, *“...And what kind of people should you be? **You should lead holy and godly lives.** Live like that as you look forward to the day of God. It will make the day come more quickly. On that day fire will destroy the heavens. Its heat will melt everything in them.”*

What good comes from “saying” Jesus is our Lord when we do not obey Him or His Word? Many think by serving the Lord with their good deeds is sufficient. The truth is we can be serving God and doing a great work for Him, yet still be disobedient and reap His punishment as a result of not living according to the terms and conditions of the covenant He established with us. This truth is substantiated by the story found in Exodus 4:24-26 concerning what Moses’ wife Zipporah did by rectifying Moses’ disobedience to spare Moses from being killed by God. Even though Moses was being used by God to bring deliverance to His people from their bondage in Egypt, he was almost killed by God Almighty because he violated the Covenant of Circumcision God established with Abraham.

Another example of Moses reaping the consequences of being disobedient to God is found in the Book of Numbers beginning in Chapter 20. As a result of Moses’ disobedience he was not allowed to cross over into the Promised Land. As a matter-of-fact, only two out of three thousand people were allowed to enter the Promise Land because of their unbelief and disobedience. How does this apply to us? We are to obey the terms and conditions of both the Abrahamic Covenant **and** the New Covenant God established with His church. Otherwise we break the covenant God established with us and He is no longer obligated to

fulfill His promises. As a result of us no longer qualifying to receive God's blessings we can only expect to reap His curses.

We must seek to reestablish our Judeo-Christian heritage our nation was founded on. The Body of Christ must arise and become the salt and light we are called to be by establishing God's Kingdom in our culture. However, this mandate is contingent upon us having a personal intimate relationship with Jesus Christ and living according to His Word in our homes. It is only then will we return to being the people worthy to legitimately claim to be "One Nation under God."

GOD'S WILL IS FOR AMERICA TO RETURN BACK TO HIM SO WE CAN FINISH OUR END-TIME ASSIGNMENT

As I stated in earlier writings time is very short and we are now entering the time of the fullness of the Gentiles and the dispensation of the grace of God. The leading missionary organizations project from statistical data that the gospel will be presented to ALL 6,000 ethnic people groups among the 238 nations by 2015. This will fulfill one of God's main mandates for His church and America based on Matthew 24:14, "*And this Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world as a witness unto all nations, and the end will come.*" The word "end" used in this passage of Scripture does not mean the end of the world. It means the end of one assignment and the beginning of another one.

As it was in the beginning so it shall be in the end. Before our nation was birthed Israel was God's chosen nation until many rejected the Messiah—Jesus Christ. America was birthed to be the new spiritual vineyard until the time of the fullness of the Gentiles comes to completion.

As such, the closer we come to the return of Jesus Christ the more God will shift His undivided attention to Israel. Furthermore, His church must line up and get into agreement concerning God's everlasting covenant for the land in Israel and their salvation. It is the Body of Christ God will use to intercede for Israel in the end-times for both their protection and salvation. Furthermore, when the coalitions of nations arise against Israel culminating in the war of Gog and Magog, America will not be able to stand with Israel. Something happens to America to cause us to no longer be a world power due to breaking the Abrahamic covenant and because of our national sins. On our present course of forsaking and rebelling against God Almighty we should not be shocked by this truth. Does this mean America will be totally destroyed? I believe even though America's time as a

superpower is coming to an end, God may spare the nation from total destruction based upon whether or not the corporate Body of Christ truly repents of our rebellion against Him.

From everything the Lord has revealed to me America will turn back to God for a short duration until His purpose for us comes to fruition. Two factors will cause us to seek and honor God once again so America can finish our end-time assignment. One will be the manifestation of the Holy Spirit sweeping over this nation during the Third Great Awakening. The other factor causing many to turn back to God once again will be due to the catastrophic consequences America will reap due to breaking both the Abrahamic and New Covenant.

The Third Great Awakening is already underway in America and as God extends His hand He releases both His glory and His judgment. Therefore, the Third Great Awakening is not necessarily to save our country, rather its purpose is to help bring in souls for the end-time harvest.

Until that appointed time we have a responsibility and are accountable to God to use our talents to establish His Kingdom on earth until Jesus returns. As such we must be faithful to be good stewards regarding America's destiny by arising now before it is too late.

JESUS CHRIST IS "OUR BLESSED HOPE"

Jesus Christ is our blessed hope. However, this is not just concerning His second coming and where we will spend eternity like most believe. If this was the only reason Jesus Christ died for us, the moment we accepted Him as our Lord and Savior we would have an immediate one-way ticket to heaven. We are left here on earth until it is time for us to depart for the purpose of establishing God's Kingdom first within our hearts, then within the earth. Jesus Christ is our "blessed hope" because those who abide in His presence by cultivating a personal intimate relationship will have a place of refuge from **all** ploys of the enemy. We are promised deliverance from **all** works of the enemy only made possible by the blood of the lamb. **The only way we will overcome the end-time events is by being firmly planted in our faith and trust in Jesus Christ!**

Furthermore, His people do not understand our spiritual walk with Jesus must be first and foremost over preparing physically and mentally. We are comprised of Spirit, mind (soul), and body. How many of us reading this spend the majority of our time going to institutes

of higher learning and devote hours of our time to study things of this world so we can get the approval of men in the form of a degree? How many of us spend countless hours in the gym strengthening our muscles and cardiovascular so we look good and get the approval of people?

I am in no way saying exercising our minds and bodies are not needed for they are intricately linked to the overall wellbeing of the temple (our physical bodies) the Holy Spirit indwells in. What God's people fail to realize is He is our source and gives us the ability to use our minds and bodies, and without His Spirit we would not exist. Jesus Christ is our redeemer in all things. In the times we are entering into we will need to fully rely on the Holy Spirit for divine healing, provision, and protection.

How wise is it for us to devote all our energies and time on everything **but** Jesus Christ who will empower us by the Holy Spirit **and** supernaturally provide everything we will need to survive? How many hours a week do most Christians devote to abiding in God's presence and developing a personal intimate relationship with the Creator? We can work on our physical wellbeing for hours on end, we can physically prepare with food, water, gold and silver, we can study and learn about things of this world and gain knowledge, **BUT without devoting the first fruits of our time and devotion to the source of all that we are, we will NOT survive the times we are entering into.** We must above all else first seek the Kingdom of God and keep our focus on Jesus Christ because He is our only hope!

GOD IS BESEECHING US TO RETURN TO OUR FIRST LOVE—JESUS CHRIST, LIVING ACCORDING TO HIS PRECEPTS AND PRINCIPLES FOUND IN HIS WORD, AND OUR JUDEO-CHRISTIAN HERITAGE. HOW WILL WE RESPOND?

The victory and outcome of this spiritual battle we are engaged in to save our nation is contingent on the Body of Christ responding to the heart-wrenching cry of God's heart to return and love Him first again.

*"Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem: I remember **the devotion of your youth**, how as a bride **you first love me** and followed me through the desert, through a land now sown." ~ Jeremiah 2:1-2*

*"Has a nation ever changed its gods? (Yet they are not gods at all.) **But my people have exchanged their Glory for worthless idols.** Be appalled at this, O heavens, and shudder with great horror, declares the Lord." ~ Jeremiah 5: 11-12*

*"Have you not brought this on yourselves by **forsaking the Lord your God** when he led you in the way?" ~ Jeremiah 5:17*

*"Your wickedness will punish you; your backsliding will rebuke you. Consider then and realize how evil and bitter it is for you **when you forsake the Lord your God and have no awe of me,**" declares the Lord, the Lord Almighty ~ Jeremiah 5:19*

*"I had planted you like a **choice vine of sound and reliable stock.** How then did you **turn against me** into a corrupt, wild vine?" ~ Jeremiah 5:21*

*"...But **you have lived** as a prostitute with many lovers—**would you now return to me?**" declares the Lord. ~ Jeremiah 3:1*

*"...**Return**, faithless Israel (America)," declares the Lord. "I will frown on you no longer, **for I am merciful,** declares the Lord, "I will not be angry forever." **Only acknowledge your guilt**—you have rebelled against the Lord your God, you have scattered your favors to foreign gods under every spreading tree and **have not obeyed me,**" declares the Lord. ~ Jeremiah 6:12-13*

*"...How gladly would I treat you like sons and **give you a desirable land, the most beautiful inheritance of any nation.** I thought you would call me 'Father' and **not turn away from following me.** But like a woman unfaithful to her husband, so you have been unfaithful to me..." ~ Jeremiah 14:19-20*

*"**Return**, faithless people; I will **cure you of backsliding.**" ~ Jeremiah 6:22*

*"If you **will return**, O Israel (America), **return to me**..." declares the Lord. ~ Jeremiah 4:1*

Recently on my way to church I could not shake this profound sadness I was feeling and could not stop weeping. I asked the Lord why I was feeling like this and He replied I was weeping for Him and feeling the sorrow in His heart of what He is about to allow to happen to His church and this nation as a result of our rebellion. The truth is out of God's great mercy and love for each and every one of us He cannot allow us to continue in our rebellion for righteousness and justice are the foundations of His throne. This is why God's judgment must begin in His house because the Body of Christ in its current state is not

ready for the battle ahead. His church must arise now and prepare to be His mighty warriors who will be fully engaged for the end-time scenarios unfolding worldwide. Jesus Christ is indeed our only hope for saving our souls, our country **and** overcoming until the end.

Jesus said in John 8:31-32, "***If*** you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

America you now know the truth of what it will take to turn the tide for our nation and once again become the people who are worthy to claim we are indeed "One Nation under God."

I hope and pray we will choose life not death, blessings not curses for ourselves, our children, and our nation based on Deuteronomy 30:17-18 below. We will reap life, prosperity and blessings if we choose to 1) Love God 2) Walk in obedience to Him 3) Keep His commands, decrees and laws.

However, **if** we choose to keep on our current path we will reap curses, death, and destruction.

Today God Almighty is asking us to choose life or death. How will we respond?

*"Now what I am commanding you today **is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach**. It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, "Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, "Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" No, the word is very near you; **it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it**. ~ Deuteronomy 30:11-14*

*"See, I set before you today **life and prosperity, death and destruction**. For I command you today **to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land** you are entering to possess." ~ Deuteronomy 30:15-16*

*"**But** if your heart turns away **and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land** you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess." ~ Deuteronomy 30:17-18*

*"This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that **I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live** and that you may **love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.**" ~ Deuteronomy 30:19-20*

In closing, God tried to get our attention when He allowed the events of 9-11 to happen. We said we would always remember that tragic day, September 11th, when the unthinkable happened when terror gripped America. As a result, we united as fellow Americans and God was once again sought after with a renewed passion. Now in the span of almost 10 years the very existence of our beloved nation is on the verge of extinction.

Just like the children of Israel, we did forget and went back to pursuing our own agendas and once again we have forsaken God Almighty.

America, we are fighting a spiritual battle for the hearts and souls of people within our nation and this is why God is our only hope. If we truly desire to save our country it begins with each and every one of us first saving ourselves by eradicating our sins and being fully devoted to establishing God's kingdom first in ourselves.

God's people have a severe heart condition that only He can heal. As a result of the events of 9/11 occurring we took notice and immediately sought His face. We were given another chance to change our hardened hearts which is the "root" cause of the spiritual darkness and moral depravity which has permeated every facet of our culture in America. Because we chose not to permanently change our lifestyles, our heart condition is now so grave we may not survive. America is flat lining.

The only way our beloved nation can be saved is by a heart transplant in "We the People." God is the only donor who meets the requirements to take a hardened, corrupted heart and transform it to its intended purpose—to sustain life. We must submit to the "Great Physician" and allow Him to perform this needed surgery. True restoration of our nation begins with the transforming power of the Holy Spirit within our hearts. This is the only form of transforming America we need to embrace. If we choose not to submit to this life saving procedure we will surely die. The epitaph on America's tombstone shall read, "Perished due to heart failure."