

## ***FOR THE SAKE OF OUR CHILDREN AND OUR NATION***

### **Introduction**

The powers of evil are clear on their intent and what they seek to do upon the people and nations of the world. America has been blessed to have a spiritual heritage upon which she was founded upon. It is because of our spiritual inheritance that darkness hates our nation and seeks to destroy it by polluting our children and youth with all forms of sin and activities of the flesh. The nations of the world are at a crossroad and the only hope for them is to turn completely to the Lord for refuge and to yield to His leadership.

### **I. BLESSED IS THE NATION WHOSE HOPE IS IN THE LORD**

***Psalm 33:12 "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people He has chosen as His own inheritance."***

- A. Nations choose to align themselves with certain powers, gods, and alliances that they put their trust in. More and more of our society is choosing to rely upon the wisdom of man and the strength of the flesh rather than recognizing the Lordship of Christ over the nations. It's the self will of leaders and the turning away from moral principles that causes Jesus Christ to return at the second coming and release destructive judgments upon the nations of the earth.

***Psalm 2:9-12 "You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel. Now therefore, be wise, O kings be instructed, you judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish in the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him."***

- B. When a nation chooses to yield to the principles of the word of God and to the leadership of Christ, righteousness is exalted over darkness. The exaltation of God's standard is what opens the doors to blessings upon the nation and its citizens.

***Proverbs 14:34 "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."***

1. ***Righteousness-*** "justice, virtue, righteous acts:
2. ***Exalts-*** "to be high actively, to rise or raise up"
3. ***Sin-*** "an offence, habitual sinfulness"
4. ***Reproach-*** "reproof, wicked thing"

- C. The sure way for a nation and its people to experience the blessings of God is to repent from their wicked ways and make the Lord God of their nation.

***2 Chronicles 7:14 "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."***

1. “If my people”- God’s people must pray. The Lord places great responsibility, honor, and authority into the hands of the church.
2. “Humble themselves”- The church must willingly accept the responsibility that God has given unto her to bring revival and restoration to the nations. Scripture is clear of the identity of the church being primarily a “House of Prayer”. If we will pray, God will move.  
*Isaiah 56:7, 62:6-7, Matt 21:12-16*
3. “Turn from their wicked ways” – God deals first with the sin in the church before He deals with the sin of the unbelievers. We must turn from our wicked ways of prayerlessness, selfishness and living just like the world.
4. “I will hear and heal your land” – The fruit our prayers will be God hearing us and moving upon our nation to heal the land.

***Joel 2:12-13*** “Now, therefore,” says the LORD, “Turn to Me with all your heart, With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.” So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the LORD your God, For He is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm.”

## II. THE ENEMY SEEKS TO DESTROY THE YOUNGER GENERATION

- A. It was the custom of many conquering kings to kill off the seed of the conquered king to avoid any possible rivalry or uprising against the new king that had overcome the previous royal family. Satan fears that God’s people will wake up to their true identity thereby challenging the reign of darkness on any society. His purpose is to wipe out the people of God but especially the younger generation.

***John 10:10*** “The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”

1. Egypt- ***Exodus 1:16*** “and he said, “When you do the duties of a midwife for the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstools, if it is a son, then you shall kill him; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live.”
2. Pharaoh- ***Exodus 10:9-11*** “And Moses said, “We will go with our young and our old; with our sons and our daughters, with our flocks and our herds we will go, for we must hold a feast to the LORD.” Then he said to them, “The LORD had better be with you when I let you and your little ones go! Beware, for evil is ahead of you. “ Not so! Go now, you who are men, and serve the LORD, for that is what you desired.” And they were driven out from Pharaoh’s presence.”

3. Herod- ***Matthew 2:16*** "Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men."
  4. Satan- ***Revelation 12:4*** "His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born."
  5. Antichrist- ***Matthew 24:22*** "And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened."
- B. God's remedy for our children is to teach them and include them in the activities of faith.

***Joel 2:15-17*** "Blow the trumpet in Zion, Consecrate a fast, Call a sacred assembly; Gather the people, Sanctify the congregation, Assemble the elders, Gather the children and nursing babes; Let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, And the bride from her dressing room. Let the priests, who minister to the LORD, Weep between the porch and the altar; Let them say, "Spare Your people, O LORD, And do not give Your heritage to reproach, That the nations should rule over them. Why should they say among the peoples, Where is their God?""

1. Include the children when fasting and seeking the Lord.
2. Teach children to sanctify themselves unto the Lord.
3. Gather the children to come together with the rest of the body in corporate gatherings.
4. Prepare the children for the prophetic outpouring of God's Spirit.

***Joel 2:28*** " And it shall come to pass afterward, That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions."