

prayers, money, and vote. Yes, it is our duty to pursue and vote the path of Christianity and our LORD, but regardless of who is in leadership, the world will not return to the "good ol' days." This is not a defeatist attitude; it is an end-time reality. Oh, there will be good things and good moments as the world slides downhill.

Satan will not only keep attacking the Name of Jesus, His Body, and God's Word, but he will be fiercer in his attacks because his time is short. Now is the time that we must become stronger in the Lord, grow deeper in the Bible, become more vocal using God's Word, stronger in our faith, and reach the lost with His Light, living a life that is pure, and clean before the living God. Regardless which way the political/religious pendulum swings, the Church must not sway from its foundation of Truth built on Jesus Christ. These are the "best of days" for the Saints of God. For we shall see His Might and Glory as He gathers unto Himself those that will hear His Voice, through His Children, the Body of Jesus. We are the generation of the "latter rain," the "Great Harvest," and we will hear the Trumpet sound as God says "ENOUGH!" Sending His Son Jesus to bring His Children Home. Yes, we may walk through the fire, but not be burned. We are the ones that will walk in the Light of God while the world stumbles in the darkness of sin. "We Are The Redeemed of Jesus Christ!" We WILL walk in His Victory, when we walk in HIM!

"OH JESUS, how many of my covenant family will be lukewarm to you?" "Heavenly Father, I ask you to, right now, quicken the hearts of Your dear children. Draw your children unto You as never before. Give us a fresh desire to serve You, to walk in Your Righteousness. Give us a passion to walk close to You. Show us Your way and give us Your Wisdom for our everyday walk with You. Prove Yourself to us again, Father. You are NOT a dead god of wood or stone. You are the Living, Loving, Caring, and Passionate Father. Show Your Power in Healing to a sick and dying World. Your Word says "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent," and Your rebuke and chastening is by Your Word and by Your Holy Spirit, not by sickness, disease, or want. Father, breathe upon us through Your Word and Your Spirit as you draw the lost unto You. Father, may Your Words and Love soak deep into our spirits, Your loved ones! May we be found watching the Eastern sky when you say, 'ENOUGH!' 'Son, bring My Children Home!' In the Name of Jesus, my LORD, my Savior, and my King, Amen."

Your Covenant Brother in Jesus Christ,



Phillip Buttram

PRAISE THE NAME OF THE LORD - FOREVER!

Just like you, there are days that weigh heavy upon us. Sometimes, it is the never ending deadlines that we face. Other times, it is just the pressure and speed of life itself. God knows when we need an encouraging word. He has sent us some wonderful uplifting notes and letters. We want to share a few of them with you today.

"Dear Brother Buttram,

I would like to give my praise testimony. My daughter had liver cancer last year. The doctors said it was incurable. She was so bad, and it was a very rare kind. [This cancer was] so rare that they did not have a chemo [cocktail] for that type of cancer. But, with all of the prayers and God's miracle of healing her, she is now cancer FREE. What an awesome God we serve.

Deloris S."

"Dear Brother Phillip and others in Christ,

Just a note of thanks and recognition for all [your] hard work and faithfulness to God's work in helping those in need in Haiti, and so very many others here on the home front And the world abroad.

It is my prayer that God will continue to Gift [you] with a fresh Anointing of His Holy Spirit to continue to Bless and help all God will Allow you to help here in these last days. Keep up the Good Work; Love,

Your Brother In Christ Jesus, Brother L. J."

"Allow me to reintroduce myself. My name is SC a brother in Christ doing time with Jesus. Thank you for always sending us gospel tracts whenever I ask you for some. God is still doing a mighty work behind these prison walls. I would really appreciate it if you could send us some more tracts so our Lord can continue His work on this yard. Thank you, for everything. God bless you!

A Brother in Christ, S. C., Imperial CA"

"Greetings My Family in the Lord,

I have waited too long to order a special tract that has a "pearl & shell" on the front & I can't remember the name or the order number on the back. When you get to 84 yrs. Things just go by too fast.

It's going in to my Christmas cards! I'm sorry to make you dig to the bottom of the pile to find it!

We have been hearing about a revival of Harry Potter & much on mysticism & the Contemplative Prayer which has slipped into many churches & the blinded Christians who are embracing these false teachers.

Wow, we are living in the "last" days! Anyway, thank you for your ministry to me for SO many years (35 yrs.)

May I have about 25 ct. please, if they can be located? Thank you, My love to all. In His Name,

Mrs T. L., Murdo SD"

"I loved the Old Testament names of our Lord. Thank you for the list! The entire article is excellent! Praise God you all the articles in the October issue. They uplifted my soul today! Blessing to you, Sincerely,

V. L. - Lewiston ID"

All Honor and Glory to our Heavenly Father!!!

"When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, 'I will return into my house from whence I came out;' and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation," Matthew 12:43-45.



Dear Servants of the Soon Coming *King of Kings*,

This morning's scripture verse and artwork may seem a little odd to you. Maybe even, a little strange for the subject matter to start our monthly letter. It did to me at first. All I can say is that the LORD has laid this message and this image upon my heart for weeks. While a little odd, it is a *voice of warning*, if you will, to the Body of Christ and it's Shepherds about the wicked generation of today's world.

As I read letters, listen, and talk with my covenant family, I have noticed a trend. The levels of spiritual hunger, knowledge, and passion for our LORD fall into different categories. The first category (and largest group) are saints who appear to be "just passing through" life. They do not show or live life with much joy, happiness, victory, spiritual depth, nor do they have any visible healthy spiritual activity in their life. The second category [group] perplexes

me the most as they are "Word" knowledgeable Children of our LORD that are living in a noticeable level of distress, disappointment, neediness, weakness, anger, discouragement, or are just plain "luke-warm" towards life and God.

They express a love for God, but bear little, or no, spiritual fruit from God. This appears to come from walking under the *cares and burdens* of the daily walk in today's modern, increasingly high-tech, fast-paced, lifestyle. In addition, there are those who are living in the deep battle of physical, financial, family issues, or emotional needs.

Lastly, and by far the smallest category, are the followers of Jesus that are either living in Victory, or holding high the Banner of Christ during the battles that are being waged by our LORD on their behalf. This small group is standing in faith for their soon coming victory. Oh, yes, there is a fourth very small segment of believers. They are

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warring against the enemy, poised and positioned to be used of God. All the while, they are waiting and watching for the *soon* return of our LORD and Savior, Jesus Christ, no matter what their state of affairs are here on Earth.

While all of these fellow warriors believe in Jesus, it appears that only a handful know and believe that they really have been positioned in this hour by our Heavenly Father, to be a **powerhouse** for Him in this world. His Holy Spirit is in these earthen vessels on this Earth. The Lord's Holy Spirit is within every believer with His power, strength, wisdom, and love. Every child of the Lord is capable of living and walking in God's Power. We are accountable for, and we are expected to change our life, our family, our nation, and in fact, our world with the Word of God and the spoken word of our testimony.

As satan wages war, our Father provides **Power, Wisdom, and Protection** for the Body of Christ. When satan brings accusations and charges against us, our Father brings His **Truth** to us. The darker satan makes the day, the brighter Jesus **shines in the night**. The greater the sin is in a person's life, the greater **God's Grace** is for their soul.

When this message was laid upon my heart, it also came with an image in my mind. While the subject matter and the image in my mind was clear, the source behind the image was not. The plot behind the image had occurred almost thirty years ago. I actually had to do some digging to put the facts of the story to the image. It was from a TV show titled the *"Legend of the Holy Rose"* from the MacGyver series. This plot involved a torture device called the "Pendulum of Truth" (or death, depending upon which side you were on) taken from a story called *"The Pit and the Pendulum."* There are claims that this device was used during the Spanish Inquisition to torture bound prisoners into "revealing their best kept secrets." That is, before they were cut in half by the swinging, razor sharp pendulum which was automatically lowered with each passing swing of the cutting blade. Lower and lower it would swing until it began to slice through the clothing and then deeper and deeper into the flesh of the doomed prisoner. [Oh, the depths of evil the mind can sink to.]

To lay the foundation for this topic of *"choosing to walk in righteousness instead of evil,"* let us look at **2 Kings 22** and the rule and attributes of **King Josiah**. [Please take a little time to read chapters 22 and 23.] To keep this short and to the point, Josiah was the sixteenth (and last righteous) King to rule over Israel. Without a doubt, Josiah was the most righteous King to rule over Israel (or Judah), second only to King David. If you compare the good Kings of Israel to the bad Kings, you will see that the evil Kings outnumbered the good Kings by six to one. [Much like the ratio of our world leaders and governments today – more bad than good.] Asa, Jehoshaphat, Joash, Amaziah, Uzziah, Jotham, and Hezekiah were all good kings.

However, King Josiah pleased the Lord. What does it take to be a good king, or for that matter, a bad king (political leader or even a person)? Men make our lives and God's Word complicated and complex. With the Father, life is uncomplicated, just obey His Word. Simply put, a righteous (good) King did that which was pleasing unto the Lord. Therefore, to be an unrighteous (bad) King, just do that which is dis-pleasing (or evil) before the Lord. Both actions are a result of fear (respect – reverence - honor) of the Lord or the lack thereof. **"He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God," 2 Samuel 23:3.**

A few years ago, I worked with a man that was running around on his wife. He literally lived every moment in fear that she would learn of his shenanigans and take him for all he was worth in a divorce. However, that did not stop him from cheating on her. He monitored his phone calls; always carried a clean set of clothing with him, was always looking over his shoulder, and scheming his every move. He expended an extraordinary amount of effort to not be caught cheating, or, caught in a lie. However, he did not stop running around. His life was miserable. However, that was the lifestyle that he chose and he lived it.

King Josiah chose to live a life pleasing unto the Lord. He became King at the age of eight years old. Josiah repaired the Temple but became brokenhearted when the book of The Law was later found and read to him. Broken hearted because he realized the great sins that had been committed by the Fathers of Israel. He reformed the nation by returning their lifestyle to **walk in the obedience to the Law of God**. He utterly destroyed everything that had been used in idol worship with such passion, that everything was burned, stamped into powder, and put upon the graves of the nation in shame. Josiah restored the Passover and in all of his ways pleased the Lord in serving the nation as a God fearing leader.

Following his righteous leadership were four kings that ranked from bad to wicked, in the eyes of the Lord. Their combined evil was more than the righteousness of King Josiah. Their evilness resulted in the fall of Israel as a nation until the state of Israel was proclaimed on May 14, 1948, an **end-time prophecy fulfilled**.

As you read the Bible, you will see the constant battle (or contrast) between good righteous prophets, judges, and kings and unrighteous and evil prophets, judges, and kings who followed their own distorted path of self-serving pleasure and power. Each time the pendulum of power and leadership swings from the side of righteousness to evil, it becomes more evil as if there are more demons pushing it. Each swing of the spiritual pendulum gets higher and cuts deeper. Moreover, **"Where sin abounds, Grace much more abounds," Romans 5:20.** As this pendulum of lifestyles swings back and forth from good to evil, at what point does God say **"Enough?"** God said **"Enough!"** when a spineless King Zedekiah, the last King

of Israel, chose a righteous name; however, he allowed anything and everything to take place under his reign; no rules, no law, and no accountability, just do your own thing, anything goes, and everybody be happy. Sounds like life today. **"Enough!"**

It is well documented in our history books (the ones that have not nullified the truth) that this nation was established as a Christian, God-fearing Nation by our founding fathers. The leadership (as the kings of old) guides, or determines, the direction toward or away from righteousness, embracing the LORD and His Word or rejecting the same. That is to say, ruling in the **"fear of the LORD"** or ruling for one's own agenda. It has not been that long ago that a leader indignantly declared, "America is no longer a Christian nation!" **"ENOUGH!"**

As this political pendulum swings from one extreme to the other, getting closer and closer to slicing our nation into pieces, deeper into separation and division, one must stop and ask, **"Where is the Church?"** Isn't the Church supposed to be the salt of the Earth? Aren't we instructed to pray for the leaders of all of the nations? **"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty," 1 Timothy 2:1-2.** Have we prayed enough for the leaders of the world? Or, do we just talked/gossiped about them? It appears that as the pendulum swings from one side to the other, we, the Church, become more complacent with life and less engaged in the affairs of our nation and less concerned about walking in the righteousness of our LORD.

It grieves me to see how our young people kill each other in street conflicts that are truly meaningless, much less the random killings that are done just for the sport of killing. The senseless rage, hate, fear, pain, discouragement, and hopelessness that grips the world is also destroying our nation. People set fires just to watch the forest burn. Drivers run others off the road just because they can. Our law enforcement officers are being shot and killed just because they stand for justice, law, and order. Mothers are killing their children because their children hinder their desire for a "free" lifestyle without the obligation to care or concern for their young. When, oh when, will we hear **"ENOUGH!"**

This week there was an article about a twelve year old boy who stood up in class during the first week of school yelling **"everybody duck,"** as he pulled out a gun, pointed it at point blank range in the teacher's face and pulled the trigger. Thankfully, the gun misfired and the teacher was not injured. **Why?** Our nation, no, our world, and even the Body of Christ has become so calloused to sin – crime – violence – sexual misconduct – cheating and lying leaders, and meaningless murders, that it is hard to find a **Holy Standard of Righteousness** to follow. Where is the

Standard of the Lord within the Church Body? Who can hear the Voice of Righteousness? Where are the lives of purity that should be leading our families, our churches, our nations and the world?

The verse, **"And unto the Angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith [Jesus] ... 'I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth,'" Revelation 3:14-16,** has taken on a new and fearful meaning to me. In this verse, I see the Church of America.

Many in the Body of Jesus Christ have grown stale, stagnate, and have lost their first love with the LORD. They are more comfortable walking as the world walks. Many brothers and sisters in Jesus still feel the Holy Spirit drawing them towards the LORD, but they are not living in true worship of the LORD. They struggle to live in righteousness. The battles of the world overwhelm them. Hope and Victory in Jesus seem like pipe dreams or fairy tales. Most are just sick and tired of being sick and tired.

Why? Because they have gotten their eyes off of Jesus and the Power of the Word of the Lord. **Why? "And the Word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 'Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the shepherds; Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks? Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: but ye feed not the flock. The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them,'" Ezekiel 34:1-4.**

Has the Church given up? Is the Church no longer looking for the soon coming King of Kings? **"ENOUGH!"** Dear Saints of God, you may long for the "good ol' days," and look at the future of this world with **hopelessness and despair** in your heart. According to the Word of our LORD, the days of this world that are ahead are worse than the days behind. However, the Body of Christ that is following the Light of Jesus and walking in Righteousness before our Father has **Power, Hope, Eternal Life, the Great Awakening, and the End-Time Harvest** in their future. We are to be the Light of Jesus to the world. We are to be the Workers in the Harvest Fields. We are to be the Earthen Vessels that pour out the mighty Holy Spirit to those in need. We are to be the salt [the added spice of LIFE] to the world. We are to be on our knees in our Prayer Closet before our Father, praying [interceding] for souls, healings, miracles, our nation's leadership, and all of the leaders of the world! We must look for the best person to support with our