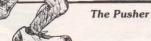


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# IS AMERICA A FOOL'S PARADISE?

Jesus, in one of the most sobering messages that He issued to all His present and future disciples, warned: "Take heed, and beware of covetousness (i.e., selfishness): for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." Luke 12:15-21.

In relating this very remarkable parable to the company in His presence, Jesus boldly enters into the field of economics and talks about money, grain. and barns in relation to spiritual values and physical survival. He sets forth the tragic predicament of a man or nation that becomes rich in material things, while impoverished spiritually. In a very real way, Jesus is saying that money and wealth is the worst master a man can have. Also as Christ's apostle writes in the scriptures: "But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some have coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee these things." I Timothy 6:9-11. However, on the other hand, the Lord teaches that money can be a very good servant to a man of great dedication to the work of God's kingdom: "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell that ye have, and give alms . . . For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Luke 12:32-34.

This generation, although living in the lap of luxury, is actually faced with the problem of survival, living in constant danger of devastating judgment from the skies in this nuclear age. This threat hangs over every home, farm, and factory of America like a dark spectre. While leisure and pleasure increase daily in our lives, the day of decision and judgment will surely come upon us as it did the rich man of the Bible story, as we continue to base our future security on full barns and material wealth.

"Is America a fool's paradise?" you may ponder. First, we must determine God's definition of a fool. The rich man of Jesus' story said as millions of Americans are saying: "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease (i.e., retire early and while young), eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, **Thou fool** . . . So is he (that is, any other individual is a fool) that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." Luke 12:19-21.

"Fools make a mock at sin," God warns. Proverbs 14:9. Our nation is guilty of this foolhardiness! "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God." Psalms 14:1. America is full of professed atheists and agnostics while other millions mock the commandments of God and His promised judgments.

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction." Proverbs 1:7. Also: "Fools hate knowledge (i.e., the knowledge of God's Word)." Proverbs 1:22. Americans are "Ever learning, but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." II Timothy 3:7.

God says, "A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident." Proverbs 14:16. America is filled with fun spots and the songs of fools, but God warns, "The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth (i.e., fun and gaiety). It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools." Ecclesiastes 7:4-5. The Lord reminds us also: "He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool" (Proverbs 28:26); so that we will not be fools, God exhorts: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thy own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5-6. Upon a close examination of these scriptures which give God's definition of a fool, could America be a fool's paradise? Well, it could be, because, "The foolishnesss of man perverteth his way: and his heart fretteth against the Lord." Proverbs 19:3. American's ways are perverted!

# RICH, BUT SORROWFUL AND POOR!

In our reference to barns, grain, and money, I realize there are those who will say that these things have no place in religion; but, judgment and disaster will inevitably come to the man or nation who lose the balance between that which is in the hand, and that which is in the heart. Oliver Goldsmith expressed this so well in "The Deserted Village:" "Ill fares the land to hastening ills a prey; where wealth accumulates, and men decay." How true this prophecy is in relationship to America's affluence amid our moral and spiritual decay.

Jesus was neither an economist nor politician, but He spoke again and again on the subject of material possessions and their relationship to our spiritual values. The one great theme of the Bible is that we are only stewards of money and material wealth with responsibility of sharing with others less fortunate in material and spiritual needs. Jesus commanded: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth . . . But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven . . . For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Matthew 6:19-21. Where is the most of your money? That's where your heart is — in heaven or on earth! Colossians 3:1.

When a rich young ruler came to Jesus, He told him, "One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions." Mark 10:17-22. What a paradox! A young man, very rich, but very sorrowful! He was sorrowful because he feared to face the challenge of bringing a balance between his spiritual poverty and his material wealth. We cannot separate our material wealth from our spiritual experience. Jesus

commanded His disciples to preach the soul-saving gospel to all men, everywhere — but also to be a "Good Samaritan" to all those maimed, poor, and halt along life's highways who are hungry, naked, and bleeding — victims of Satanic oppression.

This is a moral universe ruled by moral law. The magnetic forces of cause and effect move like the mighty tides of the oceans — and, men who store money with no concern for their fellowman and brethren in need, will be judged in their end as fools.

#### JUDGMENT IS NEAR!

Even the affluent church of today, Laodicean in character, is caught up in this spirit of selfishness. "Unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write . . . I will spue thee out of my mouth (This is Jesus speaking). Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked." Revelation 3:14-17. The church's policy is detente with the world, lolling in the lap of luxury, while a world that is lost has ripened to the harvest and to judgment. Throughout the world, we can hear the distant thunderings of the coming judgment of nations. Matthew 25:31-33. The have-nots are rising up in revolution all over the world, and their cries will not be ignored. Communism is embracing the emerging new countries of Africa — and, already in these new nations, Christians are enduring blood baths aimed at their extermination while America's Christians boast, "It can never happen here." But, the shocking truth is: It will happen to Christians in America and that, very soon! We are becoming a ripe prize for Communism or a repressive dictatorship as our nation becomes a fool's paradise!

#### WHERE DOES OUR SECURITY LIE?

In God's reprimand to backslidden Israel: "O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me is thine help. I will be thy king: where is any other that may save thee in all thy cities?" (Hosea 13:9-10), and so God pleads with America to return to Him in true repentance before we destroy ourselves.

Who but God can save us from destruction and famine in the coming "Gathering Storm" of severe judgments? In the mid-1950's, our barns and storehouses were filled with over one billion, two hundred million bushels of wheat — enough for our needs and our exports for two years. In 1978, there is barely enough for 20 days and our surplus is diminishing. In the 1950's we had in surpluses over seven billion dollars worth of wheat, rice, corn and cotton. Now, we have only a few million dollars worth of surplus commodities in our national food banks. The spectre of severe famine which grips many nations of the world, has begun to appear in America, and the prospects of severe food shortages and hunger are close at hand. And why should not God severely judge us? Severe floods, storms, freezes, drouth, earthquakes, pestilence and other natural disasters will soon sharply reduced our food supply.

#### OUR FOOLISHNESS

Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed by divine judgments because of the same terrible moral corruption that is prevalent in our nation right now. What conditons are existent that brought about this terrible spiritual and moral decay — a corrupt society of millions of American youth and couples living together like alley cats and not like human beings created in the image of God our creator? Remember God has said, "Fools make a mock at sin!" Proverbs 14:9.

Here are the causes God gives: "As I live, saith the Lord God, Sodom thy sister hath not done, she nor her daughters, as thou hast done (this is America), thou and thy daughters. Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom:

- (1) Pride,
- (2) Fullness of bread,
- (3) Abundance of Idleness

was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away as I saw good." Ezekiel 16:48-50. These three conditions always lead an individual or nation into moral decay — and are chief contributing elements to the creation of a fool's paradise.

In a fool's paradise, men become "lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God." II Timothy 3:4. Jesus has warned Christians of their participation in a Sick Society such as ours thusly: "And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard (i.e., the Word of God), go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection." Luke 8:14. Also, God warns: "But she (or he) that liveth in pleasure is dead (i.e., spiritually) while she liveth." I Timothy 5:6.

# OUR EXCESSIVE WICKEDNESS

The hallmark of a fool's paradise is the license or liberty to sin and live lewdly. This libertine freedom always degenerates into excessive wickedness

### INSTANT OBEDIENCE

Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse told of a missionary home in the Congo where a little son was playing in the yard. Suddenly he heard his father's voice.

"Philip, obey me instantly! Drop to your stomach!"

The boy obeyed without asking a question.

"Now crawl toward me as fast as you can!" Again the boy obeyed.
"Now stand up and run to me!" The lad obeyed and ended in his father's arms. Only then did he turn to look at the tree by which he had been playing. Hanging from a branch was a fifteen-foot snake!

Suppose the boy had paused, to ask, "Why, Dad?" or, "Do I have to right now?" He would have been killed by the snake! Instant obedience is a mark of faith and love. Philip knew he could trust his father, so he obeyed his voice. "Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth!"

—The Evangel

which is remedied only by severe divine judgments. "But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly." Genesis 13:13. The results: God destroyed that fool's paradise — "Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and Gomarrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven." Gen. 19:24.

America's society is wicked and sinful before the Lord exceedingly. This is the generation and we are the people with whom the Lord contends with this rebuke: "There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness. There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes, and their eyelids are lifted up." Proverbs 30:12-13. And, the Holy Prophetic Scriptures declare of this perverted society: "Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin." II Peter 3:14. What an epitome of fools living in a fool's paradise! They cannot quit or cease from their sinning! This is also a characterization of today's professing church.

And lest God's true saints be led astray with these errors of the wicked (II Peter 3:17), Jesus our Lord and Master warned: "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness (i.e., spiritual vertigo) and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be able to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Luke 21:34-36.

In the midst of excessive wickedness and idolatrous abuse of the human body, God's saints must give the more earnest heed to the Holy Ghost's warnings, "Keep thyself pure" (I Timothy 5:22), and, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." II Corinthians 6:17. Jesus has prayed to the Father for us: "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil." John 17:15. In the moral perversion and corruption, in the violence and excessive wickedness created by the radicals and libertines of our spiritually darkened society, "let us be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom (we) shine as lights in the world; holding forth the word of life," (Phil. 2:15-16), so "that we can by all means save some." I Corinthians 9:22.

#### **OUR IDOLATRY**

God has cried out: "Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider. 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." Isaiah 1:2-4. America's spiritual profile is: Rebellion against the Word of God! The desecration of the human body in our nation is appalling — God calls it idolatry! God gave us pure air to breathe into healthy bodies as "temples of God", but lewd Americans blow the smoke of 9 billion dollars worth of cigarettes a year into God's pure air and pollute it. This

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smoke also passes through the bodies of millions in America, thus defiling them.

Nudity is also idolatry, and this pagan and heathen custom is epidemic in the USA. American women display their bodies lewdly everywhere nakedness is defiling America. Sex is exploited by immodest dress — this is idolatry and adultery which God is going to severely judge. Matthew 5:27-28. God warns: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." I Corinthians 3:16-17.

Americans spend 5 to 6 times as much on cards, toys, and trees at Christmas than they give to missions in an entire year. We are failing miserably "to give the hungry the true Word of Life." Americans also spend more on dog food than all that is given to the cause of Christ annually. We are worse morally than Sodom and Gomorrah at the time of their destruction by God. Our nation "tolerates" over 20 million homosexuals — and that is enough reason for our destruction by divine judgments. Over 6 million illegitimate babies are born annually. There are more bar maids in the U.S. than college girls. Over forty million sex magazines are published annually, and read by over one-half of the America people. Where is the Bible to be found? These idolaters have corrupt minds. Titus 1:15; II Timothy 3:8.

When a nation so unanimously rejects the True Word of God as America has done, and the Bible becomes the object of scorn and ridicule in our schools, colleges, on television shows, and in the market place as a popular pastime, no other provocation is necessary to stir up the wrath of God against this nation, and invite His severe judgments. This whole Sick Society and end-time apostate generation has sorely polluted this good land which the Lord God gave to our forefathers for an inheritance in which to be free to serve and worship Him. "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people." Proverbs 14:34.

God has sorely judged all nations in the past which defiled their land with wickedness and perversion of God's natural and moral laws. Romans 1:21-32.

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- Gospel Digest (The Beacon Light)

And the Lord God has reproved this nation: "And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination. The priests (ministers) said not, Where is the Lord? and they that handle the law (i.e., the Word of God) knew me not; the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit. Wherefore I will yet plead with you, saith the Lord, and with your children's children will I plead." Jeremiah 2:7-9. America, a fool's paradise, is overrun with false prophets and religious soothsayers who are phonies, as in the Apostle Paul's censure: "For ve suffer (allow) fools gladly, seeing ye yourselves are wise. For ye suffer (allow), if a man (i.e., a phony preacher) bring you into bondage, if a man devour you, if a man exalt himself, if a man smite you on the face." II Corinthians 11:19-20. Look out for religious racketeers, God warns here! Also II Corinthians 11:13-15. Soothsaying preachers by the thousands are guilty of contributing to America's wretched spiritual plight by not showing God's people the difference between the clean and the unclean, between the holy and profane, between sin and righteousness. Ezekiel 22:26; Hebrews 5:14; Isa. 5:20.

Here is another warning from God that judgment will swiftly come upon an entire nation when the moral and spiritual condition reaches the immoral and polluted nature of America today: "Hear the Word of the Lord, ye children of Israel: for the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood. Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven: yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away." Hosea 4:1-3. This is a spiritual and moral profile of pagan America and God says, I'm going to take away your thick steaks, your juicy chickens, and your lucious seafood platters to punish you! Very few of our fellow Americans even look up and give God thanks before they devour the good food His hand has given them. Psalms 50:10-12; James 1:17. These sordid moral conditions that God mentions in the prophetic scriptures of Hosea 4 prevail all over our nation, making our homes, streets, and countryside increasingly unsafe, and even terrifying in most of our cities. The days of Noah are upon us — the darkness of the Gathering Storm of God's judgments are hovering ever lower, and the day in which most Americans will be judged by God as being fools is drawing near.

# HOW MUCH TIME DO WE HAVE LEFT TO REPENT?

America is a land of cursing kids, and adulterous mothers and fathers. Pleasure is our national deity! Parents sit in front of the idiot box (TV) with their children for hours — smoking, drinking beer, watching and listening to the filth pouring into their minds with no regard for the Bible nor any thought that they are appointed to die and meet God in judgment. Hebrews 9:27. The average American parents spend hour upon hour filling their minds with filth and lurid subject matter that degrades and defiles, but spend virtually no time for the Bible or subjective matter that is pure and virtuous — that graces, and enobles their life-style and thoughts. "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and

their children's teeth are set on edge." Ezekiel 18:2. How much time is there left for foolish Americans to repent? How much time is there left for pleasure, sin, and escapades into sensuality, idolatry, and revelling? Not long!

Americans spend over 15 billion dollars a year on alcoholic drinks. Drinking is a problem in our military forces to such a degree it's epidemic. A survey (1974) of 9,910 servicemen indicates that 35 percent of the officers, and 70 percent of the enlisted men are heavy or problem drinkers. Veneral disease costs our government over four million dollars an hour to treat our infected youth. Over 500,000 girls become prostitutes annually. We harbor three times more criminals than college students. One hundred forty policemen are gunned down every year on our streets and highways. A major crime is committed every 20 minutes. There are over 100 suicides daily. America has over 10,000,000 alcoholics, plus another 10,000,000 suicides daily. America has over 3,000,000 acres of America's best farmlands are used in the production of fruits and grain for making alcoholic beverages for a nation of liquor-heads. Over 7 billion gallons of alcoholic beverages are produced in the U.S. annually. Lost production in man hours because of alcoholism costs our nation's economy over 10 billion dollars every year. Fools mock sin! "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Proverbs 20:1.

Most of our national, state, and local politicians are beer guzzlers or drunks. God warns us: "It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink: Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted. Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish." Proverbs 31:4-6. Also: "But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way." Isaiah 28:7. Woe to America with fools at the helm of the old ship of state!

# THE DISSIPATION OF PARENTHOOD

Homes and marriages are disintegrating under the impact of ERA and immorality. It has been said wisely: "The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that moves the world." But alas, in our pagan oriented society, almost 50 percent of marriages will end in divorce, while millions of other American couples will live together like animals without marriage vows — thus defiling and bringing ruin to this great land whose motto used to be, "In God We Trust." Permissiveness, Drinking, Dope Addiction, Smoking, and other perversions have defiled the womanhood of America. These Women Libs mock sexual purity and marital faithfulness. God has warned them: "Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge." Hebrews 13:4. Also: "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." Psalms 9:17. This means both men and women — mothers and fathers! Deformity and birth defects in tens of thousands of babies occur annually because of the genital effects of birth control pills, smoking, alcohol, dope, and veneral disease in women. In 1978 women are smoking more than men, and drinking more! Woe to motherhood! America sheds the blood of millions of innocents and God hates this . . . "hands that shed innocent blood." Proverbs 6:16-17. Over 3 million

abortions were performed last year in America by conscience-less doctors on rebellious women. The prolific use of drugs by foolish Americans can alone bring self-destruction to our nation.

Unisex is ruining American men and women — unisex is rebellion against God's Word — it is also a major cause and effect of our Sick Society's cancerous ills. All discipline by God's Word affecting the individual and especially our homelife, so basic and vital to the strength of our nation, went out with today's new morality. No self-control! II Timothy 3:1-3. No nation can survive such wanton destruction of the home, and the discipline derived from God-fearing parents.

#### GIVE ME MORE!

The hue and cry all over America to God and Uncle Sam (the government) is: "Give me more!" I want more money, more vacations, more rights, less work, a better job, car, house, medical care, etc. Gimme! Gimme! This is disgusting to God and to a Real Christian!

If for any reason there is a doubt in the reader's mind that America is a fool's paradise, may I add these overwhelming factual evidences to corroborate this true accusation: The latest statistics show that during the last decade Americans smoked more, drank more booze, watched more television, traveled more, vacationed more (and played the fool more) than ever. Also we must add — Americans committed immorality more than ever, and have told God, "Leave Us Alone" more. However, you Americans who profess to be Christians and participate in these revellings remember: "Be not deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man (or nation) soweth, that shall he also reap." Galatians 6:7-8. We can expect more frequent disasters of storms, earthquakes, floods, drouths, extreme cold, pestilences, and famine very soon — in a terrifying magnitude!

#### A VISION

The Lord gave me a sobering revelation this year, June 16, 1978, of terrorism arising in America that will create an environment of fear and panic. The Lord showed me terrorists firing guided missiles at schools, government office buildings, factories, electric plants, and huge passenger planes — wreaking massive destruction of property and lives. The Holy Ghost said, "My son, the Communists are arming international terrorists with missiles that will be fired hundreds of miles away from their targets, but they will be fired with deadly accuracy. America will soon become the major target for global terrorists — not Israel, Lebanon, or Europe — this is part of America's judgment for their rebellion against Me. Tell My people that they will be involved in this terror and in many natural disasters. My people love to hear prophecy preached and they love singing, but they are relating all prophetic fulfillment to the future saying, 'We'll not be here — Jesus is coming to catch us out of it all.' Tell them for Me that My saints will be here to endure the rising Gathering Storm." Please read Amos 3:7.

Then the Lord gave me several scriptures to confirm this revelation: "The word of the Lord also came unto me saying, Son of man, thou dwellest in the

midst of a rebellious house, which have eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear, and hear not: for they are a rebellious house (this is the church's condition today)." Ezekiel 12:1-2. Then the Holy Ghost continued: "Again the word of the Lord came to me, saying, Son of man, behold, they of the house of Israel say, The vision that he seeth is for many days to come, and he prophesieth of the times that are far off . . . (but) it shall be no more prolonged: for in your days, O rebellious house, will I say the word, and will perform it, saith the Lord God." Ezekiel 12:25-27. The Holy Ghost said to me, "The church uses this same vain flattering divination saying that they will be raptured and escape the great judgments that are coming upon this nation and the world — but warn them for me that the Christians are going into these, my great judgments." Then the Holy Ghost concluded the vision and revelation with another prophetic scripture of confirmation: "And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them." Ezekiel 33:33.

#### A MORAL AND ECONOMIC COLLAPSE IS VERY NEAR

Our paradise is nearing its end — the inevitable results of deficit government spending, inflation, and God's judgments for moral perversion. The Lord also spoke to me in the vision: "Warn My people that a total moral and economic collapse is right at hand. The dollar will fail. Natural disasters will rend this nation. Panic and violence will overcome America. Millions of Americans will look to the government for help in the midst of these rising calamities, But both of Uncle Sam's hands will be empty — insurance companies will go bankrupt because of an avalanche of claims. My son, tell my people that my unseen hand will be their only source of help in the darkness arising — and, that they must turn to me in holiness, and fear me with all their hearts."

#### IS AMERICA'S SICKNESS INCURABLE?

Ever since the corrupt old Supreme Court ruled that the Bible and the Lord's prayer were illegal in our public schools (in 1954). America has become a fool's paradise! The sordid spiritual condition of America is graphically described in the words of God's prophet: God says, "How shall I pardon thee for this? thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by them that are no gods: when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses. They were as fed horses in the morning: every one neighed after his neighbor's wife. Shall I not visit for these things? saith the Lord: and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?" Jeremiah 5:7-9. Answer: "Ye shall not be unpunished," saith the Lord to America. Jeremiah 25:29.

The prophet of God has further diagnosed the cause of God's coming judgments upon us: "Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the Lord thy God, and that my fear is not in thee: Thy ways and thy doings have procured these things unto thee; this is thy wickedness, because it is bitter, because it reacheth unto thine heart." Jeremiah 2:19; 4:18. The heart of our society is totally corrupt!

The Fear of God has practically left this nation, and young people and adults alike become demon-inspired and demon-filled, without the Fear of God. What is the condition of a person or nation where the Fear of God has departed? The Bible answers this: "There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God . . . There is none that doeth good, no not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre: with their tongues they have used deceit: the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes." Romans 3:11-18. My, what a sin-infested jungle of pleasure and revelling we've created in unrighteousness — Now, we've lost our way and sense of direction without God's compass (the Bible) — engulfed and trapped in a nightmare that we thought to be a beautiful, Utopian, Never-Never Wonderland!

As our Sick Society reeks and wallows in its filth and pollution, America's wretched and miserable condition is naked before the Judge of all the earth. America must be turned back to the old paths of God's righteousness, and God has raised up this prophetic ministry with a voice like a trumpet, to show God's people their transgression, and the church their sins. Isaiah 58:1. The lukewarm church of this end-time generation must be led to repentance and fasting in sackcloth and ashes to regain power to change the reckless course of our degenerate society. Here's how it will happen: "If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." II Chronicles 7:13-14. These messages and prophetic revelations in each of these monthly magazines, on Word of Prophecy Radio Broadcasts, and on cassette tapes are published to establish this ministry and message as God's voice of warning to the church and our nation before the Gathering Storm of deafening fury and devastating judgment falls upon us. Habakkuk 2:2-3. In the tribulation arising through which God's saints must pass and endure, they will surely see these things come to pass, and they will know that a true prophet of God has been among them. Ezekiel 33:28-34.

The Lord requires His people who understand and believe this vision and message to help get these warnings to our blind and apathetic brethren. May God stir your heart to write me today. We cannot afford for the Lord to judge us as fools, though living in a fool's paradise. "The wise shall understand these things!" Daniel 12:9-10.

#### THE END.

#### BOOK OF BOOKS!

Within this ample volume lies the mystery of mysteries;
Happiest they of human race to whom their God has given grace
To read, to fear, to hope, to pray; to lift the latch and force the way;
But better had they ne'er been born that read to doubt or read to scorn.

— Sir Walter Scott

# WHAT THE CHURCH NEEDS MOST — HELP(S)!

"Help wanted" signs and cries are seen and heard from all sides. There is a critical shortage of helpers, laborers, and servants in God's vineyard everywhere. Jesus exhorted His disciples, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9:38. I am disturbed, as was the prophet in the days of the church of old, at the malaise and apathy among the professed body of Christ — in the prophet's words: "For the hurt of the daughter of my people (the church) am I hurt; I am black; astonishment hath taken hold on me. Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?" Jeremiah 8:21-22. The Lord answered the question: "Thou hast no healing medicines!" Jeremiah 30:13.

Centuries ago the Holy Ghost revealed to the church of our Lord: "God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, **helps**, governments, diversities of tongues." I Corinthians 12:28.

Few and far between are the apostles, prophets, and teachers who are truly called and sent by the Lord, anointed by the Holy Ghost, and are holy men of God. True workers of miracles and gifts of healings are likewise seldom in evidence among God's saints. However, almost in every church I visit, and among most professed Christians I meet, they testify passionately: "O Brother Pringle, God has called me to do a work for him," and then enter into a discourse of many words to explain how great the work is that the Lord has called them to do. This is usually just wishful thinking, imagination, or the results of a dream. These folks are often confused, psychic, discontented - or enamoured (enviously) by the gifts and abilities of others. These are usually very vague about their "calling" by the Lord, and even more vague about what God really has called them to do. Why does everybody think they are called to preach or teach? Answer: the devil seeks to confuse, frustrate, and destroy the effectiveness and usefulness of every true Christian. Listen brother or sister, you've been called, but 99 chances out of 100, you are called to be a help or helper — not an apostle, prophet, teacher, preacher, healer, or worker of miracles!

# WHAT IS A "HELP(S)"?

Moses was a great prophet and leader of God's people — but he needed help(s)! The Amalekites attacked, and fought against Israel under his divinely appointed leadership: "And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand. So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill . . . When Moses held up his hand . . . Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua discomfited

Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword." Exodus 17:9-13. Amalek is a type of the flesh! A helper is one who holds up a man of God's hands to the Lord, so his gifts, energies, and time can be an inspiration and blessing to God's people. I Peter 4:10-11.

Paul the apostle had great success as a soul winner, teacher, and preacher—yet his time honored success was in great part due to those associates who were just "helpers." He was converted to Christ in Damascus and "there abode certain days, and preached Christ in the synagogues." Acts 9:19-20. His enemies were so angered by the "switch" of this persecutor of saints that the governor, Aretas, sought to apprehend Paul. But the apostle revealed later: "And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands." II Corinthians 11:32-33. Praise God for the "helps" who with their hands saved the life of this new convert, Saul, who later became the Apostle Paul. These helps will share in Paul's reward at Christ's judgment seat. II Corinthians 5:10. Beloved, You can receive a prophet's reward by your faithful support of a prophet (true). Matthew 10:41.

# HELP(S) — A GIFT

"For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office (i.e., function): So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness." Romans 12:4-8. These are service gifts, or helps that God has put in the body — to help the man of God minister to the body of saints for which he is responsible. "Helps" are considered by too many Christians as the feeble or uncomely members of the body — but this is error! "Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: And those members of the body, which we think to be less honorable (i.e., helps), upon these we bestow more abundant honor; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness (i.e., beauty). For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked." I Corinthians 12:22-24. God has made helps necessary and vital to the success of an apostle, prophet, teacher, or a church, just as a great general could not be an honored conqueror without many valorous front-line soldiers.

The Lord needs fewer big mouths and more helps in the work of the Kingdom of God — this means laborers and servants, laboring and serving without thought of reward or honor in this world. Jesus told of the judgment at His return thusly: "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory . . . Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungered, an ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me . . . and the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have

done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25:31-40. Jesus earlier had asked, "Who is my mother or my brethren? (then answering) . . . For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and my mother." Mark 3:31-35. The body of Christ desperately needs help(s)! Now Jesus did not have a degree in sociology from a university, but He boldly entered into this great discourse on our social obligations to the needs of our more unfortunate brethren in the body of believers. Our Lord was not just lecturing about a social visit — but, of an obligation to minister or to help! He says, "You gave me drink, you fed me, you clothed me, you ministered unto my needs in sickness and in prison." Faith or love without works is dead! James 2:20.

Have you ever visited a home where a saint was bedfast because of illness or old age and saw the need? God says, "If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?" James 2:15-16. Answer: Nothing! Jesus does not reward you for these kinds of visits! If the sick or bedridden brother or sister needs a bath, give him a bath! If he needs the dishes washed, or food cooked — do it! If the clothes need washing or the floors mopped — do it! This is love in action — not a big mouth!You're to be a real helper of Jesus Christ! — not just a mouth!

"My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." I John 3:18. This is real divine love in action — not this old charismatic, phony, pretended love that is mouthed about in today's sick church society. Most love professed by the church today is very much like the disgusting love exhibited by children toward their parents and grandparents. So long as mother or grandmother is well, able, and willing to cook, serve, clean, and give, the children and their families come to visit often and spend their vacations. But, when mother or grandmother waxes weak and old, and no longer is able to cook, clean, serve, and give freely, the visits become less and less frequent. You see, now, since mother and grandmother got old and disabled, the children can plainly see that the house needs cleaning, food needs cooking, dishes need washing — mother needs clothes washed, needs a bath, and much more — so now, their love and professed concern waxes cold. So goes the professed love of the majority of today's professing Christians.

#### A REAL VISIT

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." James 1:27. Here the Holy Ghost is not speaking about a purely social visit as just dropping by or an "eating meeting" — the Lord is speaking out about help(s)! Too many "visits" by Christians are purely social calls or as the Bible reprimands, "and withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not." I Timothy 5:13. The Lord is interested in our sharing, helping, ministering, and serving among those in the body of Christ who are weak, sick, aged, or needy. He exhorts: "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, expecially unto them who are of the household of faith." Galatians 6:10.

The Holy Ghost has ordered: "Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man, Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet (i.e., when they were sick), if she have relieved the afflicted . . . " I Timothy 5:9-10. This is the profile of the real "helper" in graphic detail. Even a bishop or a true man of God is required to be a help, as the scripture commands: "A bishop then must be . . . given to hospitality." I Timothy 3:2. Many preachers and laymen in the body of Christ stagnate because they reject the gift of help(s). This gift, like a fireman on a locomotive, keeps the train moving — not the engineer! The church has too many engineers, not enough firemen — helps!

I am asked very often, "Do you and your wife practice what you preach? Answer — a big ten four on that — yes! And we still minister as helps to the saints of God. My wife has given many people baths who were sick and afflicted as well as cleaned and cooked for them. We have fed, carried fuel and groceries, and ministered to many maimed, poor, blind, and halt. However, the man of God and family cannot do it all by any means — being a help that is. God needs you too!

# LABORERS, SERVANTS, HELP(S)!

The body of Christ everywhere needs help(s)! God has warned: "Before honor is humility." Proverbs 15:33. "(Jesus) made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant . . . Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him." Philippians 2:7-9. Jesus warned His disciples: "The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant (helper) as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?" Matthew 10:24-25.

The great king of Israel, David, could not have reached the throne, nor subdued the enemies of Israel had not God provided "helps", some 600 men, who jeopardized their lives to protect him from King Saul's efforts to slay him. I Samuel 22:1-2; 23:13. King Saul himself would not have been king over Israel except "there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched." I Samuel 10:26. These were "helps" to God's anointed and divinely appointed leaders.

In a eulogy to those "helps" that had made his long, dynamic, and prolific ministry possible, Paul relates: "I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea . . . Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus: Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles . . . Greet Mary, who bestowed much labour on us . . . Salute Tryphena and Tryphosa, who labour in the Lord. Salute the beloved Persis, which laboured much in the Lord." Romans 16:1-12. Servants, laborers, helpers! These are what the church, the sick body of Jesus Christ in our sick society, needs most — not preachers, gospel singers, testimonials, and big mouths! These get the honor now, but they will not get the greater honor and rewards at Christ's Judgment Seat. II Corinthians 5:10-11. Help(s), laborers, servants will be at the front of the line — "And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last," Jesus warned. Luke 13:30.

#### THE CURSE OF BEING NEUTRAL

Thousands of God's people will be severely judged for doing too little — oo late! For many who can sing His praises are too proud or lazy to soil their hands for Christ's sake as helps. This apathy or care-lessness reflects a lack of the true love of Jesus Christ. This aloofness or neutrality from being a help to God's servants on the frontlines brings a curse — not a blessing. "Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the Lord, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty." Judges 5:23. Are you a member of God's silent majority? Did you know that only a pitiful few of God's people are true help(s), servants, and laborers who lift up the hands of true men of God? God has asked, "Who will rise up for me against the evil doers? or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?" Psalm 94:16. Well, who will? Answer — only a few, faithful, courageous soldiers of the cross of Christ. Jesus spoke of his reward to a servant or helper: "If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honor." John 12:26. Praise God!

The mighty but much maligned Prophet, Elijah, was ministered to (helped) by Elisha, who later was to fill his room as prophet of Israel. "Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the Lord, that we may inquire of the Lord by him? And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, **Here is Elisha** the son of Shaphat, **which poured water on the hands of Elijah**. And Jehoshaphat said, The work of the Lord is with him." II Kings 3:11-12. Elisha stood with Elijah even though it was unpopular to do so — as a helper!

Too many of God's people in today's church society exhibit cowardice and a lack of real love because it would invite persecution. "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." II Timothy 3:12. Most preachers lead Christians to do things "religious" but not godly! Those who supported Jesus and His ministry were numerically few because it meant persecution to be His helper. "And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils, And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance." Luke 8:1-3.

Aquilla and Priscilla jeopardized their lives to help the Apostle Paul, moving from Greece to Asia Minor, or wherever Paul ministered, setting up their tent shop, laboring to raise support for Paul's ministry. Acts 18:1-3. They knew their gift of helps was God's enablement to them for the furtherance of the Apostle Paul's prophetic and teaching ministry which was vital to the body of Christ — and they resisted all attempts of the devil to thwart their relentless labor in the Lord's work. No neutrality was ever considered.

"Now there was at Joppa (in the early church) a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: **this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.** And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber. And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them." Acts 9:36-42. Praise God! Peter prayed for this most valuable helper of the church in Joppa, and the Lord raised her

from the dead. The Lord would not have raised some old "drone" of the church — but, he did raise a faithful helper of the saints!

#### A VISION

In 1967 the Lord gave me a very strange vision and subsequent revelation concerning this vital, end-time, prophetic ministry and fellowship. After fasting several days the Lord showed me a great steel wedge driven relentlessly by a great ball of fire. I sought for the interpretation and the Holy Ghost replied: "This great steel wedge is the ministry I have called you into, consisting of hundreds of my true elect, with you at the point of the wedge. The ball of fire is the Holy Ghost which will drive this wedge relentlessly, opening doors of churches and hearts into which you cannot now enter with my message of holiness and repentance, together with my warnings of the coming judgments upon this end-time church. It will grind your life away and some of those that are with you in the wedge, but be faithful for I will be with you, and will reward you and My people with you greatly."

God is giving us help(s) in this wedge which represents this prophetic ministry so essential and vital to the end-time church and our sick and dying society, in spite of the devilish pressure we're encountering. As the apostle warned his helpers, so I warn in his words: "But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions; Partly, whilst ye were made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used. For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance. (Then the Holy Ghost warns) Cast not away therefore your confidence (i.e., that your help to this prophetic ministry is God's will), which hath great recompence of reward." Hebrews 10:32-35.

"Where there is no vision, the people perish." Proverbs 29:18. We have a heavenly vision that this ministry was founded and is sustained by — and we, as the Apostle Paul declared: "O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision." Acts 26:19!

# WHAT KIND OF HELP(S)?

A servant is not the boss — a helper is not the master craftsman — a laborer is not the manager — an aide is not the president. God speaks of helps, servants, laborers — those who will not retreat from toil nor an aching back. The laborers are few, Jesus lamented. Matthew 9:37. Even though the Apostle Paul was the apostle and teacher, the anointed one of God — yet he made himself a servant to all men. I Corinthinas 9:19-23. Also he wrote biographically: "(I am) In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness." II Corinthians 11:27. Why do most people chose to always support and help big-shot preachers instead of true, holy men of God? Where is their spiritual perception and sensitivity they profess? A great woman of the Bible became a helper to Elisha, the much maligned prophet, because she could discern a holy man of God from a soothsayer: "And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually.

Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall: and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither." II Kings 4:9-10. Praise God! What a help to a prophet — a place to rest, pray, and meditate so his energies would not be dissipated but used for the ministering to God's saints. Help(s)! These are essential elements so lacking but so vital to the church of today. The church of today has too many "aides" — not enough help(s)!

"For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods." Hebrews 10:34. This is help(s)! We likewise need such help(s)!

"For I bear you record, that, if it had been possible, ye would have plucked out your own eyes, and have given them to me (the Apostle Paul)." Galatians 4:15! This also is HELP(S)!

"Greeet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus: Who have for my life laid down their own necks." Romans 16:3-4. Help(s)! Praise God!

"For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity. Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account. But I have all, and abound: I am full, having receive of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God." Philippians 4:16-18. Help(s)! Their reward: "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:19.

"Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring feverently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God." Colossians 4:12. Help(s)! Real Prayer is great help!

"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. Let all your things be done with charity. I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,) That ye submit yourselves unto such, and to every one that helpeth with us, and laboureth. I am glad of the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus: for that which was lacking on your part (i.e., what you should have given to help me) they have supplied." I Corinthians 16:13-17. Praise God for such faithful, courageous helpers!

"Let him that is taught in the word communicate (i.e., share) unto him that teacheth in all good things." Galatians 6:6. Help(s)! The body of Christ needs these most!

"The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus; for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain: But, when he was in Rome, he sought me out very diligently, and found me (Paul was in prison). The Lord grant unto him that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day: and in how many things he ministered unto me at Ephesus, thou knowest very well." II Timothy 1:16-18!

We have nothing to call our own but a will to choose. The power to do so comes from God. "Yielding to God" is the condition of His approval.

Hallelulah! What a loving helper that is so rare in Christ's body today. What a reward! Help(s)! These scriptures speak of laborers, servants, and helps — these will have the greatest rewards at the judgment seat of Christ! Matt. 10:41. All our works will be tried by fire, by the way. I Cor. 3:12-15.

#### A HELPER'S REWARD

One of the most moving dramas of the Bible is the account of God's deliverance of the great weeping prophet, Jeremiah. The king and his princes hated Jeremiah because of his prophecies about the coming destruction of Jerusalem and the captivity of the rebellious Jews by the armies of Nebuchadnezzar. "Then took they Jeremiah, and cast him into the dungeon of Malchiah the son of Hammelech, that was in the court of the prison; and they let down Jeremiah with cords. And in the dungeon there was no water, but mire. Now . . . Ebed-melech went forth out of the king's house, and spake to the king, saying, My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast into the dungeon: and he is like to die for hunger in the place where he is: for there is no more bread in the city. Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, Take from hence thirty men with thee, and take up Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon, before he die . . . So they drew up Jeremiah with cords, and took him up out of the dungeon: and Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison." Jeremiah 38: 6-13. Praise God for help(s)! Soon after this the beseiging armies of Babylon with their powerful battering rams broke down the gates of Jerusalem and their fierce legions entered the city — the king, his sons, his princes, and nobles were slain! But, just before this destruction, "The word of the Lord came unto Jeremiah, while he was shut up in the court of the prison, saying, Go and speak to Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring my words upon this city for evil, and not for good; and they shall be accomplished in that day before thee. But I will deliver thee in that day, saith the Lord; and thou shalt not be given into the hand of the men of whom thou art afraid. For I will surely deliver thee, and thou shalt not fall by the sword, but thy life shall be for a prey unto thee: because thou hast put thy trust in me, saith the Lord." Jeremiah 39:15-18. Praise God for a helper's reward! Ebed-melech was a marked man for execution by Babylon, but he still risked his life for Jeremiah the prophet — and God gave him an assurance of deliverance as a reward! You'll need this reward soon!

God needs help(s) today as never before. Most preachers and their messages are leading God's people into worldliness and living in the flesh — away from godliness and holiness. God has raised up this ministry to lead God's people back to old-fashioned holiness, repentance, and the fear of God — warning the church of counterfeit bibles, phony Christians, false prophets, and false teachers. Also, to warn the church of a rising Gathering Storm of great violence and persecution coming upon the church. We must get these messages and warnings of the Holy Ghost to our blind and apathetic brethren — and for doing this, God will remember us and our families in the Gathering Storm. God needs help(s) for this ministry - NOW!

# GOLDEN NUGGETS FOR THE CHRISTIAN

"Then had the churches rest throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied." Acts 9:31.

"Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word." Psalm 119:67.

"My flesh trembleth for fear of thee; and I am afraid of thy Judgments." Psalm 119:120.

"Let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire." Hebrews 12:28-29.

GOD PROMISED — God could have kept Daniel out of the lion's den. But He didn't. He could have kept the 3 Hebrew children out of the fiery furnace, or He could have kept Paul and Silas from being beaten unmercifully, bound in chains, and thrown in prison. But He didn't. God could keep us from enduring tribulation and from going into the Great Tribulation — but He won't. He never promised to deliver us from enduring fiery trials and hard experiences — but, He promised to go with us all the way even to the end, giving us overcoming victory!

# WHICH DISTURBS YOU MOST?

A soul lost in Hell... or a scratch on your new car?
Your missing the worship service... or missing a day's work?
A sermon 10 minutes too long... or lunch half hour late?
A church not growing... or your garden not growing?
Your Bible unopened... or your newspaper unread?
The church work being neglected... or housework neglected?
Missing a good Bible study... or your favorite TV program?

The millions who do not know Christ . . . or your inability to keep up with the neighbors?

The cry of the multitude for bread . . . or your desire for another piece of German chocolate cake?

Your tithes decreasing . . . or your income decreasing?

Your children late for Sunday School and Church...or late for public school?

- A dream is not a vision.
- Inspiration is not anointing.
- Sympathy is not compassion.Conviction is not conversion.
- Smiling and laughter are not joy, a true fruit of the Spirit.
- Feeling is not healing.
- A disciple is a disciplined one and that by the Word of God.

— Ray Pringle