

America Is in Trouble
Hosea 4:6-11; 11:1

INTRO: I love America; I love especially the Southland and my home state of Mississippi. I am an old-fashioned preacher who believes the Bible is without question the Word of Almighty Jehovah God! I believe: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (Gen 1:1).

When the Pilgrims journeyed to this country, it was for Christian religious liberty! These folks were Bible reading, praying folks. The three day feast declared on December 13, 1621 was not to give thanks to the Indians, but to give thanks to God for His watch care and provision. In 1789, President George Washington issued a proclamation for a Day of Thanksgiving to God. Which God? Jehovah God!

I. YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW

- A. Friends, America is in trouble. We have been headed in the wrong direction for a long time, and now, we are reaping what we have sown. Galatians 6:7 says: *Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*
- B. What have we been sowing in America?
 - 1. Hostility to the Bible. We must have the Bible if we are going to survive. The Bible is the absolute truth, and only the truth will set you freed. Lies will damn you and put you into bondage.
 - a. D. L. Moody said of the Bible: "This book will keep you from sin or sin will keep you from this book."
 - b. General George Washington, Father of our nation, said: "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible." Washington was not citing just any God, but Jehovah God, the Creator of the universe.
 - c. The great American Daniel Webster wisely said: "If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper. But if we and our posterity neglect its instruction and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm and bury all our glory in profound obscurity."
 - d. John Adams, our second president said: "The Bible is the best book in the world."

- e. Our third president, Thomas Jefferson, said: “The Bible is the source of liberty.” He went on to say: “The Bible makes the best people in the world.”
 - f. John Quincy Adams, our sixth president, said: “So great is my veneration of the Bible that the earlier my children begin to read it, the more confident will be my hope that they will prove useful citizens to their country and respectable members of society. I have for many years made it a practice to read through the Bible once a year.”
 - g. Chief Justice, John Jay, urged: “The Bible is the best of all books, for it is the Word of God and teaches us the way to be happy in this world and the next. Continue, therefore, to read it and to regulate your life by its precepts.”
2. The lie of evolution has been sown.
- a. “When the Christian people of this country understand the ravages of agnosticism caused by the substitution of the unsupported guesses for the Word of God, they will compel the atheists and agnostics to build their own schools instead of using the public schools for the spread of unbelief” (Wm. Jennings Bryan). I take it we are not at that point yet. Bryan said these words in the 1920's.
 - b. “If cosmic theistic evolution is accepted and pushed to its logical results, the Bible as the inspired book of authority in religion will be eliminated. This matter is fundamental in the moral and religious life of the world” (Alfred Fairhurst, A. M. D. Sci., Intro. To Theistic Evolution, p. 8). This quote is also from the 1920's. We are now reaping what we have sown. Evolution is taught as fact, and in many schools the Bible is banned.
3. We have sown immorality. John Adams our second President observed: “Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”
- a. We live in a very loose society, a wicked nation morally. All types of unspeakable and deplorable acts are being committed by deviant men and women.

- b. Erwin W. Lutzer, pastor of Moody Memorial Church in Chicago, says: “Our society is fast becoming openly hostile to Christian values. The media trivializes and ridicules Christianity in the name of humanistic and pluralistic concerns. American culture is dominated by television and movies, whose profanity and lewdness tramp God’s honor into the mud, inculcating non-Christian values from infancy. Public schools teach our children how to practice various forms of immorality. One school curriculum in America teaches acceptance of homosexuality in the first grade and mutual masturbation in junior high.”
 - c. Over the last 30 years, despite greater funding and strict laws, we find that violent crime has increased 500 percent. Illegitimate births- 400 percent. Single parent homes are now in the majority. Hopeless teens are committing suicide at a rate 200 times greater than it was 30 years ago. America is in trouble. We have sown the wind and are reaping the whirlwind (*Hosea 8:7 For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: it hath no stalk: the bud shall yield no meal: if so be it yield, the strangers shall swallow it up.*).
 - d. Because of immorality we will reap destruction (*Jeremiah 5:7-10,29*).
4. Abortion is another area were we have sown the wind and are now reaping the whirlwind.
- a. It is sad to note that one in six Christian church going women have had an abortion. That is over 200,000 church women who have an abortion each year. Why? Many Christian parents, including preachers, take their children to an abortion mill to avoid the shame and disgrace that an unplanned pregnancy brings.
 - b. Dr. David Kinnaman, President of the Barna group says: “But I don’t think most Christians fully understand why most young women have abortions. The reality is they don’t want to admit they are pregnant not finding support from the father, not from the church, and they don’t have the economic means

- for the caring [of the child].”
5. We have sown ignorance concerning the true history of our nation and our Nation’s God. One of the great responsibilities of the Sons of Confederate Veterans is to teach the true history of our beloved Southland!
 - a. We are in trouble because of ignorance in Washington D. C. Note carefully the words of President James Garfield spoken over 100 years ago: “Now, more than ever before, the people are responsible for the character of their Congress. If that body be ignorant, reckless, and corrupt, it is because the people tolerate ignorance, recklessness, and corruption. If it be intelligent, brave, and pure, it is because the people demand these high qualities to represent them in the national legislature....[I]f the next centennial does not find us a great nation....it will be because those who represent the enterprise, the culture, and the morality of the nation do not aid in controlling the political forces.”
 - b. Samuel Adams in a letter to James Warren on 4 November 1775 wrote: “No people will tamely surrender their Liberties, nor can any be easily subdued, when knowledge is diffused and Virtue is preserved. On the Contrary, when People are universally ignorant, and debauched in their Manners, they will sink under their own weight without the Aid of foreign Invaders.”

II. WHERE ARE WE HEADED?

- A. We are not only headed to socialism, we are already socialist in many respects.
- B. Winston Churchill, great statesman from England, gave these quotes about socialism: “‘All men are created equal’ says the American Declaration of Independence. ‘All men shall be kept equal’ say the Socialists.” “Socialism is a philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance, and the gospel of envy, its inherent virtue is the equal sharing of misery.” “The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of blessings; the inherent virtue of socialism is the equal sharing of miseries.” “If I were asked the difference between Socialism and Communism, I could only reply

that the Socialist tries to lead us to disaster by foolish words and the Communist could try to drive us there by violent deeds.”

- C. The words of General Douglas MacArthur ring louder today than they did when he said them decades ago. “I am concerned for the security of our great nation; not so much because of any threat from without, but because of the insidious forces working from within.”
- D. The citizens of this nation are the means of production. Our government and lots of other folks are doing all they can to have everything under government control. When the working man has no incentive to work, production will cease.

II. THERE IS HOPE

- A. Our hope must be in the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - 1. Lamentation 3:24 says: “The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.”
 - 2. The nation that has hope in the Lord is a blessed nation: “Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.”
- B. Our hope is in a real heaven sent Revival. We need revival! You need it, and I need it, and our nation needs it.
 - 1. Great revivals bring about drastic change for good.
 - 2. Spiritual decline can be arrested by true revival. “Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?” (Psa 85:6).
 - 3. We need a revival of godly morals, of Bible reading, of belief in creation, and of social responsibility.
- C. Our hope is the Gospel; this is our first hope, belief in Jesus who died for our sins, was buried, and arose again. Patrick Henry said: “It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionist, but by Christians, not on religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ.”

CONCLUSION: Listen to the word of Evangelist T. T. Martin as he spoken in the midst of the Scopes Trial in Dayton, TN: “If the one who does not accept Jesus Christ as Redeemer and Saviour does not spend eternity in hell, then God, who has given us over six hundred fulfilled prophecies to prove that the Bible is really God’s word, has put in that Bible the lies that ‘the wicked shall be turned into hell, with all nations that forget God,’ Psalms 9:17.”

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