



Church of Perth Intercessory Team

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

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HOW WE HAVE FAILED THE ABORIGINAL PEOPLE

As time passes the Aboriginal problem deepens. Despite a veritable pipeline of financial assistance flowing from Canberra since 1972 to Aboriginal communities their plight is now worse than ever. Alcohol abuse and domestic violence are rampant; health problems abound; glue-sniffing among both children and adults is rife; and indolence is endemic as social welfare payments are squandered on drinks and junk food. Many are caught up in a web of law-breaking, deprivation and squalor. Obviously we have failed somewhere. In spite of a plethora of earnest, well intentioned efforts to assist our Aboriginal brothers and sisters, they still live as third class citizens in this prosperous land.

Unfortunately, our philosophy and methodology have been greatly flawed--- mainly because of a failure to address the real issue, which is spiritual. Moreover, not only has the diagnosis been faulty, there also seems to have been an appalling lack of honesty in facing up to the reasons why a 40,000 (?) year-old culture experiences so much poverty, sickness and death while Western culture has enjoyed such prosperity. The question that must be asked is this: If the leaders of this nation avoid facing (and even cover up) the real cause of the Aboriginal predicament, how shall they ever find real solutions? Change has to begin with the spiritual dimensions of life.

It is vital we recognise that the ongoing plight of the Aborigines is due to their traditional culture more than to any other single factor. We need to realise that Aboriginal culture is deeply spiritual. Furthermore, we must confront the truth that this spirituality is demonic and brings Aborigines into greater bondage, both spiritually and materially. It was for this very reason that God chose the greatest missionary power of the day, Great Britain, to colonise the continent. Godly men like William Wilberforce, Henry Venn and John Newton, working through the English Parliament, ensured that the gospel of Jesus Christ would be brought to this "barren land" and its indigenous inhabitants through sending the Reverend Richard Johnson and his wife with the First Fleet to help establish this as a Christian country. Sadly we have largely failed in our mission (individual missionaries excepted) to liberate the Aborigines from witchcraft and bring them into the Light of God in Christ, our Lord. We have failed because of the back-slidden state of the nation as a whole and a lack of spiritual understanding of our Godly mission. We need to understand that this is God's world in which God has a mission. That mission is the kingdom of God, and we are never fully a part of the kingdom until our relationship with God is right - that is unconditionally surrendering to JESUS CHRIST and allowing the HOLY SPIRIT to assist us to renew our hearts and minds daily.

Over many years missionaries gave of their blood, sweat, toil and tears with little government support and little thanks from anyone as servants of God to the Aborigines. Now they are condemned by atheistic socialists and intellectuals from their comfortable armchairs --- people who believe that granting widespread land rights and heavily financing special Aboriginal departments are the answer. However this is not the solution. Land rights tend to lock Aborigines into their witchcraft religion with its attendant curses of poverty, sickness and death for generations to come. True Aboriginal welfare lies in fulfilling our Godly mission, leading them out of the evils of witchcraft and superstition and into the liberty of Christ. It should be recognised that the Aborigines were full-on socialists long before Marx or Lenin. Everything is shared, thus there is no concept of creating; no motive for the future, only surviving now. The concept of building a business is foreign to Aboriginal

spirituality, so socialism and witchcraft are cultural bedfellows. This is why left-wing sympathisers have such an emotional interest in maintaining Aboriginal culture. Despite the fact that socialism has failed worldwide it still lives on as a fantasy of prosperity which its adherents are determined to foist upon us all, Aborigines and white Australians alike.

The best solution to this massive problem is to establish Aboriginal settlements under the guidance of Christian Aboriginal ministers together with Aboriginal and white missionaries so they can learn to build Christian communities free from the powers of darkness and their diabolic control over their lives. Their conversion to Christianity in large numbers would remove the spiritual, mental and physical blocks to their growth as a civilised people; reduce the prevalence of poverty, sickness and death; and bring forgiveness, love, joy and peace, where there is now anger, rejection, fear, shame and hatred. True reconciliation between man and God is through JESUS CHRIST, and man and man, no matter what their colour, culture or race.

Yes, we have failed our Aboriginal brothers and sisters, but it is not too late to redress our mistakes. Let us resolve this by looking to our Lord God and yielding to His Holy Spirit for direction, wisdom, understanding and help to take our authority in Jesus' Name to speak Life and forgiveness into the hearts and minds of the Aborigines to set them free from all bondages; and to turn them to the Lord of Life and Light – JESUS CHRIST, who alone can deliver them from the chains of discord, evil spirits, witchcraft, anger, violence, sickness and death that bind them now; to release the spirit of love, faith, forgiveness and obedience to God's Holy Spirit and Word to set them free on the road to God's grace and mercy to true freedom and a better way of life in the majestic Name of JESUS CHRIST of Nazareth.

OUR PRAYER

Abba Father, we praise and worship You for being our sovereign, awesome, covenant God who keeps Your covenant of loving-kindness for all who are nourished to have a personal relationship with You in JESUS CHRIST in union with Your Holy Spirit. Holy Father, we thank You that the source of all life is found only in Christ who is our Lord and Saviour, the Author and Finisher of our faith.

Gracious Father, we join the hosts of heaven to humbly stand in the gap to pray and commit our nation of Australia to You. We acknowledge and confess to You, Lord God, that within the dark heart of our sinful nation proceed evil and wicked thoughts through witchcraft, rebellion, false gods, idols, pride, lust of the flesh, pleasure and spiritual ignorance culminating in lawlessness, drugs, rampant crime and making hell on earth for the elderly and families. Sovereign Lord, we unconditionally surrender all the sin and evil from the heart of our nation and lay them at the Cross and beg for Your grace and mercy. We thank You for blotting them with Your precious Blood.

Father God, we thank You for your goodness that calls our nation's leaders to repent and not take Your Blood Covenant Word for granted, but to look to You, Lord Jesus, to renew their hearts and minds to be led by Your Holy Spirit of Truth that Your will and purpose be done and carried out in Australia. We thank You, Lord Jesus, for commissioning all of us to preach Your Good News of grace and mercy to the lost and poor, to proclaim freedom for the prisoners, recovery of sight to the blind, to release the oppressed and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.

Create in Australia a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within her. Cast her not away from Your presence. Restore unto her the joy of Your Salvation and deliver her bloodguiltiness. In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, we declare done. Thank You, Lord God for watching over Your Word to perform it in Jesus wonderful Name. Amen and glory to God.

YER

C.O.P.I.T. Led by our Lord Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit to glorify the Fatherhood of God with the Brotherhood of Man, in love and faithfulness to bring glory to our Eternal Father in Jesus' Name. Amen and Glory.