



REPENT

AUSTRALIA

"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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AUSTRALIA AT THE CROSSROADS

The future of this nation Australia is at the crossroads. Two very different scenarios face us as we begin this new year of grace, 2004. The first is to continue along the downhill road of compromise we now follow. Over the past quarter of a century the rise of secular humanism and the decline of Christianity as our national religion have made a significant impact on the fabric of our society. Consider how we have slipped from the high moral ground we held only thirty or forty years ago when Australia believed in God and enjoyed a morality based on its Christian heritage. Today these are fast being lost under our new god of secular humanism. Immorality, corruption and violence have increased alarmingly. Crime has proliferated and our country has become less safe and often dangerous. Australia today is a prodigal land that has squandered much of its God-given inheritance and we are now living on the husks of hedonism and materialism. Sex has become an obsession that pervades all society. As a result the moral issues of the day are concerned with sexual gratification: pornography, abortion, infidelity, and homosexuality. That's why we have governments legislating "reforms" – all designed to cater to the appetites of strident minorities flouting biblical standards on sex. In fact most of today's ideology has emanated from sexual deviants. Evolutionist Julian Huxley has admitted that the reason intellectuals embraced Darwin's Origin of the Species so enthusiastically was that "natural selection got rid of God, you see, and God was a tremendous bother to one's sex life"

A War Between Gods

Whether we like it or not we are at war, a war between gods: the God of the Bible and the god of this world, evidenced most in spiritual deception and in the sexual revolution. Already the humanists have control of the key battlegrounds: education, legislation, the judiciary, journalism and entertainment. Subsequently our standards of morality have been well and truly broken down by the sheer volume of obscenity in books, films, on the internet and in the media. Good culture is noticeable by its absence. Most modern works of art can only be described as meaningless, crude, ugly or obscene. The social gospel has replaced the true gospel in many churches more concerned with pleasing the world than proclaiming the Word of God. Social agencies such as anti-discrimination boards now exercise powers once given only to the courts and the courts themselves seldom administer true justice. Even multiculturalism is part of this war. The constant influx of people of other faiths undermines our Christian heritage and helps destroy our common spiritual values.

The Second Scenario

Well, that is the way we are going now. The second scenario is to take a sharp right turn and return to the high moral ground back to God in Christ. Like Lot of old, many people today are grieved by the ungodly behaviour of our nation as it rushes headlong down the path to moral ruin. They long to see us take the way back to the moral high road. O, Australia, how long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow Him; but if man is god then follow him. If the secular humanists are right – that there is no God, that man can live as he likes and die as he likes; that there is no morality; that everything has come about by chance; that the Bible is a lie; that Jesus never shed His blood for lost humanity and that there is no eternal hope for any of us – then follow them. But if not. If the Lord really does love each one of us enough to suffer and die on a cruel Roman cross for us; if He has provided us with the moral basis of our nation; if He has blessed us in countless ways in the past; and if He promises us eternal life and hope, joy

and peace – then follow Him. Because whether we realise it or not, we are souls with a spirit at our centre that is linked with Christ. **WE NEED GOD!**

National Repentance

This scenario begins with sincere repentance. God in Christ is merciful. When we offer Him our national repentance the whole mood of the nation will change from one of greed, materialistic goals and division to a land united under the banner of Christ where righteousness and justice will flow. We will become a country where the leaders fear God and serve the people; a country where a spirit of co-operation prevails between workers and management; a country that works its way out of its crippling national debt. We shall see our education systems revitalised with discipline replacing laxity, true values and high standards in place of social engineering. We shall see the media cleansed of explicit violence, permissive sex and obscene language, supplanted by programs that uplift and inspire. We shall see real justice in the courts where the Ten Commandments undergird all judgments, ensuring fair and equitable verdicts. And consequently our homes and streets will again be safe. Our scenario envisages a moral society free from pornography, drugs, occult practices, violence and hopelessness. Overall, we shall be one nation under God working together as Australians no matter what our creed may be.

Just a Pipedream?

Is all this just a pipedream? Could it really happen? Indeed it could. Even as God spoke to the ancient kingdom of Judah through the prophet Joel He speaks to us today: "Consecrate a fast; call a sacred assembly; gather all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the Lord your God and cry out to the Lord." Then what did God promise to do? "I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten... You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied and praise the name of the Lord your God." We must repent if God is not to forsake us altogether. His Word assures us through the prophet Isaiah: "Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land; but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword." He **will** give us a clean sheet if we repent and turn from our wicked, worldly ways. We **must** return to Him!

Eternal Destiny

Long ago, in 1606, the Portuguese explorer de Queiros (in the service of Spain) named Australia del Espiritu Santo, a land he believed stretched as far south as the pole. Thus we became the Great Southland of the Holy Spirit and our eternal destiny was cast. Moreover we are a Chosen People linked to Ancient Israel through our Christian roots, our birthright bequeathed through the line of the tribe of Joseph. It is time to heed these words from Deuteronomy, "If you ever forget the Lord your God and follow other gods and worship and bow down to them, I testify against you today you will surely perish." It is time for Australia to acknowledge Him as Lord who created the world and all things in it and to love and serve Him for the rest of our days until He returns to rule on this earth. And come He will for He has promised, "I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive forevermore! Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with Me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. Amen **COME, LORD JESUS.**" And may Australia be ready!

PRAYER

Our loving Father, Almighty God of infinite grace and mercy, the Great I AM, as Your ambassadors, we humbly come in the unity of the spirit to praise You for Your protection and unconditional love for our nation in 2003. Holy Father, we thank You for Your continued loving-kindness in JESUS CHRIST, our Saviour and Mediator, and we beg You to breathe the Spirit of repentance upon this Great Southland of the Holy Spirit and cleanse us with His precious blood. Omniscient Father, we thank You that You have called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to Your own purpose purchased for us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time. Merciful Father, forgive us as a nation for disobeying Your Word and choosing to walk in the soulish realm of man's wisdom and deception. Lord, fill us with the Spirit of grace and discernment for the advancement of Your Kingdom in this Land of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus' victorious name, bind the many counterfeit spirits of deception and compromise. Spirit of Grace and Mercy, release Your fresh anointing upon us to do God's will for we know that all things work together for good for those who do. Blessed Spirit, reign in us as we focus on the coming of the King of Glory, **JESUS CHRIST the LORD.** Amen: To God be the glory.

RA: Led by our Lord Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit to glorify God with the Brotherhood of Man and in love and faithfulness to bring glory and honour to His Holy Name. Amen

REJOICE & SHARE IN FAITH THIS MESSAGE IN PRAYER WITH OTHERS & BE BLESSED TO BE ONE IN CHRIST JESUS.