



# 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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## MISSING – PRESUMED DEAD

A distraught mother stares tearfully at the telegram in her hand, her eyes fixed on the dreaded words: Your son is missing – presumed dead. Today we are being faced with the very same epitaph on two of the most essential ingredients of a civilized society, the cement that holds us together: Justice and Decency. Day after day we read of cowardly violent assaults, drugs, breaking and entering, road rage, reckless high-speed car chases in stolen vehicles as car theft reaches epidemic proportions, hoonos controlling certain roads, domestic strife and an all-round disregard for the welfare of others. Night after night, we witness on television non-stop immorality in its many forms, obscenities, swearing and blasphemy as Justice and Decency die.

### **Assaulted Repeatedly**

It wasn't always like this. How times have changed! Whatever has happened to us? Why is it that an 85 year-old pensioner is so terrified after being robbed and assaulted repeatedly in her own home that she keeps clubs near the front and back doors and her invalid son sleeps with a machete by his bed? Why is it that a young boutique shop owner in a large country town can be robbed by a gang of teenage girls, one of whom returns to flaunt her spoils, yell insults and death threats at her and the police show little interest? Why is it that a gang of pre-teens can brutally attack a lone tourist and a defenceless woman on a suburban train station without any real fear of the consequences? Why do many people feel unsafe in their own homes despite turning them into veritable fortresses with security devices, barred windows and heavily locked doors? Why are people so fearful? Why are there so many "misfits" around the place today? Why has crime - especially murder, rape, sexual assault and robbery – escalated so much? Why?

### **Plague of Violence**

The answer is pure and simple: Our justice system has failed miserably! The plague of violence in our society can be laid squarely at the feet of those responsible for making the laws (the government), the judiciary and the police. It is incumbent upon governments to protect their citizens – the innocent, not the guilty. The buck stops with them and they must ensure that crime does not pay. And the only way to do that is to see that Justice is done. As never before, judges today continually err on the side of leniency towards lawbreakers, sympathising with the poor fellow's upbringing etc. They seem more concerned with the welfare of criminals and even persecute the victims. So how can law and order be maintained while the guilty are either exonerated or treated so lightly that the penalty would be laughable were it not so pathetic? The law is indeed an ass. Or rather, those sitting on our benches are! The Bible makes it clear how God looks on the matter: "Whoever says to the guilty, 'You are innocent' – people will curse and nations denounce. But it will go well with those who convict the guilty, and rich blessing will come upon them" (Proverbs 24:24, 25)

### **God Appointed Authorities**

God is a merciful God. He is also a just God. He will have mercy on the repentant – He will forgive. But He appointed authorities to administer Justice so there might be order in society. It is time to redress the present situation that is sliding from bad to worse. Obviously stricter measures must be taken, including the restoration of corporal punishment to deter the incorrigible and straighten out their sinful ways. For surely, this biblically ordained form of retribution will accomplish what the present softly-softly approach will never do and help restore true Justice. Indeed, only as our justice system returns to the Hebrew-Christian laws established on the Ten Commandments that kept ours a relatively safe society for decades shall we see a pronounced decline in the crime rate.

## **Decency Verses Obscenity**

And Decency. What is Decency? It is respectability as opposed to obscenity. It uplifts and enlightens. On the other hand, obscenity, meaning indecency or lewdness, depraves and corrupts. Yet it is now widely encouraged and presented as normal behaviour by the media. Traditional values of self-restraint and chastity are either ignored or ridiculed. In our sex-mad, hedonistic society where materialism rules as king, licentiousness dominates our newsstands, magazines, TV programs and many commercials, constantly promoting permissiveness and promiscuity. Our beaches are strewn with uncovered bodies as girls and women (men too) display their private parts with apparent immunity from prosecution. Laws of decorum and decency are brazenly flouted as this cancer of lewdness and depravity continues to spread its tentacles through the media and the community at large.

## **No Longer Even Blush**

Then there is the modern attitude to premarital and extra marital sex – fornication and adultery. The kiss of the fifties has become the sexual intercourse of today. The time when chastity was seen as a virtue more precious than life itself has long gone as girls of today are cheated of their God-given heritage. They no longer even blush. The shame of fornication and its consequences has been completely whitewashed. It feels good, so it must be right. In fact a prominent tennis player and his actress “partner” recently openly flouted her pregnancy to the world. However, they and the rest of us should take serious heed to these solemn words of Scripture: “Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals... will inherit the kingdom of God.” You see, God takes this very seriously indeed. So should we.

## **Bad Language**

Furthermore, there is the matter of bad language which is now rife in both the media and the community at large. Television and radio are frequently purveyors of obscene language that, despite the protestations of the speech libertarians, is an insidious canker in our midst degrading both young and old alike. Words are the very essence of communication and interaction and a major contributor to our spiritual health for either good or evil. Emphasising their importance Jesus said, “I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they shall give account of it in the Day of Judgment.” Moreover, the erosion of language is a reflection of our moral values; they are inextricably linked. We are what we say. “Those things that proceed from the mouth come from the heart; and they defile a man.”

## **Restoration Imperative**

Justice and Decency. They must not die. The restoration of these indispensable elements of a civilized society is imperative if our nation is not to be engulfed in a flood of profligacy and lawlessness. They certainly are missing in Australia today, but where there is hope there is life. And God is not dead. If we really are serious about our future and want to save our country from destroying itself from within through moral decay, indecency and injustice, we must now turn back to God in Christ Jesus who loves each one of us enough to die on the Cross to give us life in the power of His Holy Spirit through total repentance, forsaking our foolish ways and resolving to do what is right.

## **PRAYER**

Omniscient Father, Almighty God of the universe; the Great I AM; the Risen, Glorified Lord of grace and mercy; Holy Spirit of Truth, Life and Power, hallowed be Your Name. As covenant children of the Most High God and prayer-warriors under the Lordship of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, who loved us enough to die for our sins, cleanse us with His blood and deliver us, empower Your people to fight against all injustice and disobedience to Your sovereign will in this ‘Great Southland of the Holy Spirit’. Merciful Father, we come with hearts filled with love, praise and thanksgiving as we yield to the Holy Spirit in worship and minister to You for Who You are and claim the land of Australia given to us as our birthright. Holy Father, we come to pull down all Satan’s strongholds of deception, injustice, pride, fear, greed, lust, lawlessness and death. We pray for the release of the fountain of Jesus’ blood to flood and cleanse this nation to set the people free to repent and acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord. We also release fire from heaven to purge out the dross of any double-minded leaders’ evil plans to replace Your sovereign will for this nation. O Lord, forgive those leaders who neglect Your Word, and in doing so transform this nation into an unjust, indecent place! Blessed Holy Spirit, we pray for our political and social leaders to truly repent and have their minds renewed by seeking Your Word of Truth. Sovereign Lord, may they rule in the Spirit of Your wisdom and discretion – with integrity and dignity to restore Justice and Decency in this fair land. And may every knee bow and every tongue confess that *JESUS CHRIST IS LORD* of this ‘Great Southland of the Holy Spirit’ in fulfillment of Your sovereign plan and purpose. In Jesus’ majestic name we pray. Amen.

**R.A:** 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.

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