



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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CAREERING TOWARDS CALAMITY

Lemmings are small vole-like rodents found in Norway which sometimes become overpopulated and consequently huge groups of them dash off across the countryside in search of food. Most of them die on the journey but others, heedless of danger, hurl themselves over cliffs into rivers and the sea---and perish! An interesting story, but so applicable to our Western society today. We are careering down a highway towards impending calamity while, paradoxically, science opens door after door of advancement through countless inventions that almost take one's breath away. Yet such a thing was prophesied long ago.

Knowledge Shall Increase

Five hundred years before Christ, the prophet Daniel forecast that in the end days, “knowledge shall *increase*”. Today, in the year of our Lord 2007, that prophecy rings ever so true. In the last 30 years mankind has accumulated more knowledge than throughout the rest of history. In fact, one computer can store as much information as that learned over the past thousands of years of known civilisation. Just as a film spool runs faster and faster as it nears its end, so is this earth of ours spinning faster and faster as the pace of life and events escalates and the rate of change accelerates at a mind-boggling pace. We now live in an age that even our grandparents could never have dreamt of---a world of personal computers, ipods, iphones, plasma and LCD TVs, DVDs and navigational GPS even in private cars; an age when we can travel anywhere on this planet in spacious, comfortable planes with every seat equipped with its own computer games and movies. Possibly most of all, this acceleration is witnessed in the phenomenal advances in communication, especially in the use of satellites that reduce planet Earth to little more than a global village. Ours is now a world which can be traversed in a matter of hours and also destroyed by nuclear weapons at the press of a button. It is also a world where national debt is escalating at an alarming rate and many nations face bankruptcy in the near future and control by the international bankers.

Kamikaze Spirit

Despite the furious pace of life, however (or because of it), people are living today as though there is no tomorrow. There seems to be an ever growing kamikaze spirit that tomorrow will never come. A what-the-heck attitude is pervading our society, as though nothing really matters, that everything is meaningless---a chasing after the wind. So that now there is a constant demand to “have fun”, from both the young and the not-so-young. Yet the “Have-it-now” philosophy that is so prevalent today breeds nothing good. It flies in the face of all the traditional values. What is worth having is worth working for, and worth waiting for. The advent of the credit card has opened a vast treasure house of “today” consumption. Get it today, pay later (if ever). We are swamping ourselves in debt. Cars, boats, financially crippling home loans, holidays and household luxuries are put on the ubiquitous credit card without any real consideration of the financial millstone we are tying round our necks. The nations of the world are also caught up in the same vicious cycle. Our external debt continues to soar to unprecedented levels as the good ship “Australia” gradually sinks beneath the waves of international indebtedness. However, it is in the moral realm wherein lies **our greatest folly**. We are so concerned with eliminating all kinds of pollution in the air, sea and land, but completely ignoring the pernicious, soul-destroying moral pollution that flows unabated into our homes every day through the various kinds of media.

A Nation of Zombies

Since the advent of the sexual revolution of the 1960s there has been a steady slide into a miry pit of immorality and inanity as films, literature, the internet and television, in particular, spew forth a steady diet of sexual perversion, violence, infidelity, nudity, blasphemy and profanity into our receptive minds. As a result, in the face of all this constant indoctrination into depravity we are fast becoming a nation of zombies, immobilised by this overwhelming flood of trash. Why do we let them con us? Filth is filth; it is not social comment. And it is fast destroying our souls. We are God's highest creation, created in the image of our Maker—"crowned with glory and honour". We are meant to glorify God with thoughts of purity, words of honour and acts of valour. Consequently every day that passes by, like the lemmings, we are hurtling towards the destruction of our souls. How sad! How pathetically sad! Fortunately, however, in all this gloom there is a flicker of light. Whereas 30 years ago TIME magazine ran a famous cover story headlined "Is God Dead?" about the rapid growth of atheism, God suddenly appears to be very much alive. Here, in Australia as in other parts of the world, we are suddenly experiencing a profound push toward Christianity. Record numbers of worshippers attended Christmas services across the country. In the schools, religious education has been reintroduced and the Christian class is attracting children of all faiths. Spiritual counselling is being introduced with a chaplain in every high school in the guise of "pastoral care". In Canberra there is an unprecedented opposition to gay marriage, stem cell research, euthanasia and the abortion pill RU-486 by the government, and Intelligent Design is being suggested as an alternative to evolution. Undoubtedly God is moving amongst the youth of this nation and many are finding Jesus, not as a swear word, but a real live Saviour and their lives are being turned upside-down (or rather, the right way up) by God's awakening grace.

A Fork in the Road

Where are we heading? As a leading politician has said, "We have reached a fork in the road." In other words, Australia is at the crossroads. We can either continue along our present course which will inevitably lead to our demise, because it always has done. (No civilisation has ever prospered that has followed the path of immorality, permissiveness and depravity.) Or we can take serious heed to these words of Scripture: "*Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.*" How do we become righteous? There is only one way. Through sincere repentance. That is, confessing our sin, turning around and heading in a new direction, towards God, not away from Him. Because of the ungodly, wicked ways of the world, judgment is coming---and fast. Australia, however, can stay His hand on this land---as He has promised in His holy Word: "If at *any* time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned." (Jeremiah 18:7) Whether people realise it or not the world is careering to the end of the age, the age of grace, when God winds up our present way of life which we think will last forever. A new age is dawning---not the new age of Aquarius, but the millennial reign of Christ on earth. Jesus Christ is coming back again. His saints know it. The Bible teaches it. The powers of darkness realise it and are feverishly spreading their vile campaign of lies, deception and hatred because they know their time is short. Now is the time to recognise that the deeds of today will be the harvest of tomorrow and sow the virtues of faith, honesty, courage, self-control, love, kindness, discipline and persistence which will yield holiness, hope and happiness, not fear, despair and regrets in the exciting, climactic days ahead. We throw down the gauntlet and challenge every Australian to commit themselves to the restoration of this nation in this great Battle of Australia---and their own souls for eternity.

PRAYER

Lord God Almighty, Author and Finisher of our faith, we rejoice with thankful hearts as citizens of Your glorious Kingdom of Truth and Love to praise and worship You as the Great I Am. Abba Father, thank You for giving us Your omnipresent Holy Spirit, so that in Your infinite grace and mercy we may partake of the rich blessings of Your glorious Kingdom of Peace and Righteousness. Sovereign Lord, reign in us all so we may have an intimate relationship with You, Father, through Jesus Christ the Son. Heal Australia of its unrepented sins, we pray, as in Jesus' all-conquering name we pull down the strongholds of unbelief, deception, corruption, lust and disobedience in this country. Gracious Father, we fervently pray, release Your River of Life to flow across this land and cleanse us of all dross and sin, setting us free of our apathy, hedonism and pride. Moreover, open the hearts of leaders of all other nations so they too will repent and turn to the only true God so that their citizens may find a personal relationship with God the Father through Jesus Christ the Son before His soon return to reign in righteousness on earth. In Jesus' majestic name we pray, for the glory of God. Amen.

R.A: Led by our Lord Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit to glorify the Fatherhood of God with the Brotherhood of Man, in love and in faithfulness to bring glory and honour to His holy name.

REJOICE IN COVENANT PRAYERS FULLY IN THE HOLY SPIRIT DAILY FOR AUSTRALIA'S REVIVAL.