



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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BLOW THE TRUMPET

If ever this nation needed a Christian army to rise up and go into battle it is now. If ever the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ needed to “gird up its loins” and strike against the powers of evil in our midst it is now. If ever there was a need for a united Christian voice to thunder against the nation’s sins it is here in Australia today. However, like Samson of old the Church has been lulled to sleep---into a cosy self-satisfaction that deceives itself by accepting the *status quo*. But the Philistines are upon us. They are stealing our God-given heritage and replacing it with humanist garbage. Our moral values are corrupted; our family structure undermined; our Christian faith usurped. Today we face a danger as great as the threat of Japanese invasion in 1942 as the forces of darkness threaten to overwhelm us in a deluge of ungodly laws and sentiment as they sweep across the land. Christians have been outflanked, outmanoeuvred and outgunned by the enemy of our souls. We have allowed him to take the field with scarcely a murmur in protest. Nevertheless, the battle is not yet over.

Our Christian Heritage

Consider how we have slipped from the high moral ground we held fifty years ago when Australia was noted for its co-operative spirit, its high moral standards and its prosperity---all based on our Christian heritage. Like ancient Israel, whom the prophet Isaiah warned, we are in a moral mess. “Alas, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity...they have forsaken the Lord...the whole head is sick and the whole heart faints.” Yet, sad to say, the only voices heard are those of liberal churches who even support homosexuality and abortion on demand. What of the evangelicals, charismatics and Pentecostals? Don’t they care that our Christian heritage has been sold for a mess of humanist pottage? Many churches today seem to be followers of the three wise monkeys: see no evil, hear no evil and speak no evil. Or perhaps they are guided by the Jack principle: Blow you, Jack, we’re all right. For far too long we have sat back, complacent in our own comfort zone as the enemy is destroying our way of life through ungodly laws, media connivance, humanistic judges and educational fallacies. Even our God is replaced by Mother Nature! Faith without works is dead, so why are we so silent?

Moral State of the Nation

This sounds harsh---and it is. However, there comes a time when the only way to jolt people is to shock them. No doubt, most churches would retort that they are concerned with prayer, evangelism and visiting the sick. The moral state of the nation is not their province. But does God see it that way? Does it please Him to see His Word mocked, His values denigrated and His Son blasphemed? Does it please God to listen to the anguished cries of the unborn as they are destroyed in the womb; or the image of woman debased by feminist manipulators; or the drugs and drunkenness; or the acceptance of homosexuality as a normal way of life; or the destruction of the family unit through easy no-fault divorce? Does it please God to have the people corrupted by the vile pornography that floods across the land? Does it please God that the nation is becoming increasingly lawless with the courts failing to administer real justice as judges are to upset lawbreakers in the name of tolerance and, consequently, many young criminals leave the courts laughing? Jesus told His followers, “You are the light of the world. You are the salt of the earth.” Yet how can we be light if the darkness is allowed to engulf the land? And how can we be salt if all that is rotten and degraded is taking hold of our people? Undoubtedly the Church has won souls. But what of our nation, is it not worth saving from the sin into which it has sunk? Remember, Jesus commanded His followers to “make disciples of all nations”.

Prepare for Persecution

Jesus warned His followers that in the last days “they will lay hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons and you will be brought before kings and rulers for My name’s sake”. Anti-Christian sentiment is rising at an alarming rate. Whereas conservative Christian values were the norm they are not only being held up to ridicule but are increasingly being seen as antiquated and worthy of scorn. Those feared most by the socialistic one-world planners are Bible-believing Christians. Thus every attempt must be made to nullify their influence, one way or another. To date, their main weapons have been controlling education, subtly indoctrinating children with anti-Christian values, and the undermining of godly values by the media constantly portraying promiscuity and exhibiting a light-hearted approach to both infidelity and homosexuality. Steadily the laws of this land are moving inexorably to expand perverted and debased behaviour, piece by piece destroying respect, decency and upright conduct. Moreover, not only do the passing of laws making any form of criticism a “hate crime” if it is based on race, ethnic origin, sexual preference or religion, they also apply to so-called derogatory remarks, such as making the claim that Christianity is the only true faith and way to God. At every passing stage the socialist/humanists are getting ready to tighten the noose around the necks of Christians. Next step on the agenda comes physical persecution---so be prepared.

Blow the Trumpet

However, all is not lost. While Jesus tarries, there is still time to strike back against the enemy and his minions. As the prophet Joel spoke to the Hebrew people long ago, so we speak to the churches today. “Blow the trumpet in (Australia), declare a holy fast; call a sacred assembly.”—“Let them say, “Spare Your people, Lord...why should the nations say, ‘Where is their God?’” Never before has Australia so needed the leaders of the churches to call the nation to prayer. If God is to restore our land we must come before Him in full, on-your-knees repentance. Remember, He promises in Jeremiah, “If at any time I announce that a nation or a 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.” Moreover, keep in mind the scriptural injunction that “five of you shall chase a hundred and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight”. Victory *can* be ours!

The Weapons of Our Warfare

It is time to be strong and of good courage. As the enemy comes in like a flood we must stand, not succumbing to sloth or escapism, for even within our own ranks we face an unclear understanding of the real issues. We must be resolutely determined to fight the good fight of faith in the spirit of unity. The weapons of our warfare are not physical but spiritual. As in the words of the Apostle Paul, “we wield the weapons of righteousness in right hand and left. Honour and dishonour, praise and blame, are alike our lot; we are the imposters who speak the truth, the unknown men whom all men know; dying we still live on; disciplined by suffering, we are not done to death, in our sorrows we have always cause for joy; poor ourselves, we bring wealth to many; penniless, we own the world” (2 Cor. 6: 7-10.) Remember, if God be for us, who can be against us? Keep this in mind. From the beginning of time, before Calvary or Bethlehem or the Garden of Eden or the creation, even back where the story of mankind began, all who have accepted the grace of God through faith were given a place in the eternal purpose of the Almighty. We are even now objects of His plans for the eternal future.

Soldiers of the Army

Every one of us who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God, male or female. We have not received a spirit of fear to cringe before the enemy of our souls. We are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, working with His Spirit in our trials of love for Him. Indeed if so, we will be glorified with Him. As the years continue to roll inexorably on and the world staggers on in a state of unbelief and fear of the future, and the end of the age draws ever closer, it is so easy to seek an escape through a secret rapture from the forthcoming battle with its possible suffering and martyrdom. However, this is no time for running away. We are the soldiers of the army that God has raised up to fulfil the Great Commission, and we won’t lay down our arms until the Lord returns to earth. Though the hosts of hell and darkness come head on against us, we know there’s not a power that can overcome us as we put our trust in JESUS, the Captain of our army. However, the longer Jesus delays His return the easier it is to succumb to the temptation to give up. Yet this is no time to be faint-hearted but to fight the good fight, our eyes fixed on JESUS in whom faith depends until the very end, for “he who endures to the end will be saved”. Be encouraged, he who overcomes and keeps His works until the end, the Lord will grant positions of power when He comes to reign on earth. Hallelujah! Maranatha, come quickly, Lord Jesus.

Wishing you and your family a blessed and glorious New Year 2010.

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.

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