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2 Chronicles 7:14

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A-WHORING WE WILL GO

Not a very nice title, is it? In a physical sense it is offensive at best and repugnant at worst. In a spiritual sense it refers to idolatry---in other words, putting other gods before the Creator God. As a nation---a Christian nation---we are guilty of departing from the Lord God who has blessed us time and again as we have acknowledged and honoured Him through His Son Jesus Christ. We no longer put our faith and trust in Him as did our forefathers. We are too sophisticated and smart for that! Nevertheless, the desertion of the worship of the true God is a violation of His greatest commandment, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind, and with all your soul." Moreover, we are told in the Ten Commandments that "You shall have no other gods before Me."

Pro-Choice

We don't like the term 'whore' or 'prostitute' because they offend us, so we call our whoredom 'Pro-Choice', enabling us to sacrifice our babies in the womb on the altar of expediency. In the name of multiculturalism, which we also call 'cultural exchange', we open our doors to a huge influx of people from other races and religions, even those violently opposed to our own Christian culture. As a result we now see mosques, Buddhist temples and other buildings devoted to the worship of foreign gods in many towns and cities across the length and breadth of Australia. We have turned our children away from the God of our fathers and His sacred Word. Prayers in schools are severely under attack and chaplains are severely restricted from the evangelising of pupils because there is a 'separation between church and state' and we dare not trespass against that. But we can encourage them to use condoms in our sex education classes so they won't get pregnant or catch AIDS. It seems to matter not one jot that what they are being taught is immoral and roundly denounced in the Scriptures which call it fornication. The truth is we have become inured to marital unfaithfulness and free sex which have become everyday behaviour. Sex has in fact become a god to many, both old and young. Linked to this sin is the deluge of pornography that is readily available via magazines, television, the internet, videos and films---and no one can deny the link between pornography and sexual attacks on women.

Deep into the Media

Our idolatry extends far deep into the media. Modern day programs so often depict the utter depths of human depravity in the form of sexual perversion, lustful, brutal and decadent. Gone are the noble heroes, to be ousted by Dirty Harry, Dexter, the Green Goblin and the Dirty Dozen with their vileness and extreme violence. And we love it! No wonder our moral standards have slipped down into the gutter as our idolatrous society wallows in this decadent filth and the values that God gave us through His divine Word are increasingly mocked and belittled. From a law-abiding society we are now becoming more and more lawless as the courts fail to administer true justice in the name of tolerance and understanding. Violent, dangerous criminals are set free after serving light sentences, or none! Worshipping other gods has meant disobeying the laws of God---to our folly. Yet we still continue down this foolish path and the true God no longer holds a place in our hearts and minds. We may call our transgressions 'freedom of expression', 'tolerance' or 'adult', but God calls it IDOLATRY!

The Environment and Sport

We have other idols too. Number One of these is the environment. The infatuation with everything green is bordering on the verge of worship of the creation. Never before has such an emphasis been placed on 'protecting the planet' by denying resource development in favour of plants and animals. Rare species of creation are seen almost with reverence and awe. Whales and dolphins are practically worshipped. It all seems commendable. How altruistic and necessary if we are to save planet Earth. However, we have "exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worship and serve the creature rather than the Creator". Number Two must surely be sport. Our media, both printed and electronic is bursting with its coverage of sport, be it King Football, rugby, basketball, cricket, tennis, golf, horse-racing or boxing. We just *love* our sport! Fair enough. But when it constantly takes over our hearts and minds it becomes our god. Other gods are music, money, material possessions, drink and drugs, and self.

The United Nations

So much for the many whores that lead us into idolatry! Yet there is another, which we may call the mother of all whores. Although it may not figure so highly on our list, it nevertheless is having a greater effect on our lives than we realise. It is the New World Order and its chief lieutenant, the United Nations. Although the UN has often failed to achieve its declared mission to stop wars it nevertheless has not completely failed. Far from it. In fact, it is steadily working toward its long cherished goal: a New World Order. While claiming supremacy over national sovereignty, thus forcing our Federal Government to bow and scrape to its wishes regarding asylum seekers who are now flooding into the country, the UN is increasingly exerting its power over our lives. Why? Because previous governments signed away our national rights through numerous treaties with it. In effect, we have now sold our soul to the devil, the one who controls the United Nations.

The Prophet Elijah

No longer is Jesus Christ the Lord of Australia. Governments have become whores at all levels; and we have followed in their train. Shame on us! But it is still not too late to come to our senses. Even as the prophet Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal in a contest on Mount Carmel long ago when the people of Israel had turned away from God and were in an idolatrous state, so must we face up to our similar situation. When the contest was over, Elijah challenged the people with these demanding words: "If God be God serve Him, and if Baal be god, serve him." In response to this bold declaration, the people fell on their faces and cried out, "The Lord, He is God! The Lord, He is God!" If we are to throw off our whore-mongering and renounce our wicked idolatry, we must repent and once more revere, obey, worship and fear the only true God. It is time to heed the injunction of 2 Chronicles 7: 14---"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." Any dramatic change in our nation will not come from the top but will start at the bottom when ordinary men and women have a conversion experience and return to the only true God through Jesus Christ the Lord Whose precious blood washes clean all who come to Him in sincere repentance.

PRAYER

Holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, the omniscient Father of infinite grace and mercy. Dear Father, as Your humble servants we ask Your forgiveness for *all* self-righteous leaders of this nation who are leading our people into "A-whoring we will go" following doctrines of the devil. Forgive our worship of the idols of power and pride, wealth and greed, mocking Christ and grieving Your Holy Spirit. Holy Lord, we release the keys of Your Kingdom through Christ's work on the Cross to overcome all Satan's deceptions, reconciling us to our loving Father to live in faith and in obedience to Your holy Word. Thank You, Father, for appointing the *Lord Jesus Christ* as Executor of Your will to accomplish Your divine purposes revealed in the New Covenant. Guide us into all truth, we pray, as we submit our all to You. Indeed, Lord God, help us to administer the supernatural gifts of the Spirit to this lost generation so they will repent and confess *JESUS CHRIST* as King of kings and Lord of lords in Your coming Kingdom of righteousness, peace and joy, to the glory of Almighty 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.