



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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FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT

Man is a born warrior. This fact explains all that is worst in him: his feuds, his quarrels, his wars. However, it also explains what is best in him: his reckless heroism, his chivalry, his attack on countless wrongs. Indeed, the most notable fact in all human experience is the reality of conflict. Life is a fight, and a fight to the finish. That is why Jesus, at the very outset of His ministry, made His way out into the desert to engage the devil in single combat. And, too, at the close of His ministry He invited His followers to share in His triumph: “Be of good cheer,” He said, “I have overcome the world!” We, too, as Christians are called to overcome the world. But how? How do we overcome a world that is constantly and insidiously impressing itself upon us? Firstly we must understand that God’s Spirit in us gives us faith in a great God to do exploits in His power. One particular quality that lies at the heart of being a Christian is the courage NOT to follow the masses down carnal roads. Indeed, it is more than mere courage: it is trust in Almighty God through the blood of Jesus Christ that provides grace to overcome in every situation. Furthermore, it is by following the biblical mandate to separate ourselves from the masses that we escape the clutches of the beast system. We are to live holy lives. By the power of the Holy Spirit within we are separated from the common herd to take the narrow path.

Paths of Least Resistance

Undoubtedly the natural tendency of man is to follow paths of least resistance---like water, they always run downward. However, to find the narrow way, the way of God, you must truly *know* Jesus Christ. You can’t inherit it in any way. It requires that you first restrain yourself from the enticements of the lemmings which are blindly following those in front of them. It means that if you find yourself fitting in with the flow of this world, it’s time to be concerned. In contrast, if you are *not* fitting in with the masses, rejoice that you have a Spirit of power, love and self-control. God’s judgment is falling upon our generation...and it is destroying itself. This generation, which exists all around us, is lost in self-absorption, disobedience and apathy. It’s not that they aren’t capable of doing right...they simply don’t care enough to even try. They are lemmings, or “empty clouds without water” (Jude 1:12).

Vacuous Celebrities

Our generation today is made up of herd followers who devote themselves to being someone else. Children emulate movie stars and successful sportsmen and women, often vacuous, ridiculous and demeaning celebrities. Just observe the kind of clothes and make-up kids wear, the kind of language they speak. They wear baseball caps backwards and tear the knees and seats out of their jeans and some wear pants that droop down about their knees. They dye their hair funny colours, pierce their noses and tongues, get tattooed all over their bodies and frequently listen to rap music. Our kids have been turned into pathetic clowns...and they think they are cool! How has this happened? Simply by being lemmings in following idiots as role models and throwing away their minds and their souls. In fact they have opted to take the broad road, the one most travelled---instead of the narrow godly road.

No Neutrality

Undoubtedly we are part of a war, a war against the forces of evil, whether they be human or spiritual. There is no neutrality. We are either on God's side or against Him. We must fight the good fight of faith in Christ Jesus. In the Old Testament the Israelites did battle against their foes with spear, javelin and sword. However, in the New Testament we are given a method of conquest with a weapon much sharper than any two-edged sword. Physical swords can only cut the head from the body, but the sword of the Spirit is powerful enough to separate soul from spirit and is "able to judge the thoughts and intents of the heart". Moreover, it is high time for this Sword of the New Covenant to be used as we stand up and say NO to the sin of our land and the lemmings who are leading us along the broad path that can only lead to destruction. We are no doubt comfortable in our pews singing praises but are we fully aware of the spiritual battle raging out there? Martin Luther, a fearless pioneer fighter for the true gospel, spoke these pertinent words 500 years ago, yet which are so apt today: "If I profess with the loudest voice and clearest exposition every portion of the truth of God except precisely that little point which the world and the devil are at that moment attacking, I am not confessing Christ however boldly I may be professing Christ. Where the battle rages, there the loyalty of the soldier is proved, and to be steady on all the battlefield besides is mere flight and disgrace if he flinches at that point."

The Sword of the New Covenant

That is the crunch. The Church, as the Sword of the New Covenant, must stand up and say to our leaders, "No, we've come to the point where there is no longer any excuse for the destruction of the nation's morals in the name of political correctness; we know you are serving the enemy of our people's souls and if you don't cease and desist we, God's covenant people, will not spare the sword of righteousness and will execute the Law of God which are His judgments against the wicked!" Whether they listen or not, they will have been put on notice from God's Word by His servants. For too long the Church at large has been silent as countless babies have been slain in the womb in the guise of "a mother's choice"; as God's laws are continually flouted through sexual promiscuity, lack of censorship of obscene and blasphemous material in the media, rejection of capital punishment and humanistic judgments in our courts; and as our nation drifts ever closer to the abyss of ultimate disaster.

The Armour of God

The Word tells us that "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds." And what are those weapons? The armour of God: Truth, as opposed to politically correct lies, the product of the devil, the father of lies; Righteousness, as the counter to sin, self and pride; the Gospel of Peace, as the only way to end wars and all kinds of strife; the Shield of Faith, to quench the arrows of doubt and unbelief found everywhere today; the Helmet of Salvation, to guard our hearts against the assaults of the enemy on our minds, thoughts and emotions; the Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God, which is more powerful than all the words of man in their complete entirety; and Prayer---prayer in the Spirit---by which 'more things are wrought than this world dreams of'.

If God Be for Us

"If God be for us, who can be against us?" How is He with us? Romans 8 supplies the answers. *By choosing us as his own*: "For those He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the first-born among many brethren." *By making us sons*. All who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God, and if sons we are joint heirs with Jesus Christ. *By encouraging us by His promise* that "in everything God works for good with those who love Him". *By keeping us eternally in fellowship with Him*. "What shall separate us from the love of Christ?" is Paul's daring defiance to all comers. Our faith in God is a graced love-bond that nothing but wilful sin on our part will break, "not tribulation, nor hardship, nor hunger, nor nakedness, nor peril, nor sword...overwhelming victory is ours through Him who loved us." In fact, there is "nothing in all creation that can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus." Hallelujah, praise the Lord!

Wishing you and your family a blessed and glorious New Year 2012.

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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