

As Darkness Consumes Our Nation, Could This Be the Church's Finest Hour?

The bad news comes pouring in by the minute. America is divided. America is confused. America is angry. America is messed up—deeply so.

And despite the many good things happening in our nation today—and they are happening by the millions—the good is outweighed by the bad, says popular columnist, author and national radio host Dr. Michael Brown.

“There is more darkness than light, more sin than godliness, more flesh than Spirit,” Brown says. “From the inner cities to the suburbs and from nursery schools to universities, something is terribly wrong with our nation. We can focus on the epidemic of porn or the crisis of opioid addiction. We can bemoan the selling of baby parts for profit or we can draw attention to the latest example of radical LGBT activism. Or we can look at the current political crises or the rising racial tensions or a host of other issues, all of them worthy of our attention. But the bottom line is this: Things are getting darker in our nation.”

At least part of this darkness, says the author of *Jezebel's War with America: The Plot to Destroy Our Country and What We Can Do to Turn the Tide*, comes from the evil spirit of the biblical figure of Queen Jezebel—still at work today.

Jezebel's War with America focuses on very real societal topics such as idolatry, internet porn, abortion, radical feminism, witchcraft, the emasculating of men, an all-out war on gender and the silencing of the church's prophetic voice.

But there is hope.

"The darker it gets, the more clearly the light can shine," Brown says. "This can be the church's finest hour! Now, I'm not trying to put a Band-Aid on our country's deep wounds. I'm not trying to bring a superficial solution to our very serious problems. I'm simply saying that we, in Jesus, have the answers the world so desperately needs, and outside of the gospel, there are no lasting answers. We have the message that can set captives free, bring hope to the hopeless, put families together, and overcome racism and hatred and bigotry."

This, says Brown, is believers' time to shine! And the faithful must indeed shine, especially in light of headlines like these:

- Trump's Presidency Has Spawned a New Generation of Witches.
- Kanye West's Brave Wake-Up Call to America: Porn Is 'Not OK'.
- How America's Opioid Epidemic Could Get Even Worse.
- The Ghastly Practices of Planned Parenthood.
- How 'Trans Inclusivity' Erases Women.
- Satanist 'Children's Ministry Announces Plans to Teach the 'Tenets of Satanism'.

"Certainly, I see the same headlines you see," Brown said. "But that doesn't mean we run and hide. We don't fear the darkness and we don't cower before witches. Instead, we say, 'Your openness is encouraging our openness, and your boldness is provoking us to be more bold.' After all, if witches and warlocks and sorcerers and Satanists are not ashamed of their beliefs, why in the world should followers of Jesus be ashamed of theirs? Can you think of anything more perverse than the children of darkness publicly proclaiming their darkness while we, the children of light, cower in the closet?"

"This is not the time to complain and bellyache and grumble,"

he continued. "This is the time to rise. To shine. To clean up our own house. To renew our faith and vision. To stand up, stand tall and stand firm. Now is the time for revival and awakening and reformation and revolution. If not now, then when? And if not us, then who? We could be entering into the greatest days of our nation and the greatest moments in American church history. But this can only happen with radical, divine shaking and holy, divine awakening. This can only happen when the refiner's fire freshly visits us. And then we, purged and transformed and newly set ablaze, can go and set our nation ablaze. The hour is urgent, but it's not too late. It's time!" {eoa}

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