

Kenneth Copeland Says God Is Rebirthing America

When I first met Kenneth Copeland in 1979 to interview him for a Charisma magazine story, his understanding of faith changed my life. Copeland believes faith is something a believer can use like a carpenter uses a tool. I've used that concept many times in the years since to believe God to build this media ministry, so it was good to reconnect with him at his beautiful ministry headquarters near Fort Worth, Texas.

In nearly 50 years of ministry, Copeland's aim has been to teach the church to walk in faith—or as his website elaborates, taking people from religion to reality, from milk to the meat of God's Word, becoming skillful in the Word of righteousness according to Hebrews 5:12-14.

In Texas, our conversation turned to the current political environment and the state of our nation. I know Copeland is concerned about America. We've been at some of the same leaders' meetings with political candidates, and he's had speakers at his conventions share about important political issues of the day. I was interested to hear what he had to say about where America stands now. This word should encourage the church.

At a time when many are saying America's best days are in the past and God is abandoning our country, Copeland is optimistic that God is "rebirthing America" and He has not abandoned us. The reason, he says, is that America is the only nation founded by men who loved God. Israel was founded because God loved Abraham, but America was founded by men who loved God "for the purpose of loving me"—words Copeland says God spoke to his spirit.

"Do you think our Founding Fathers—George Washington, John

Adams, Benjamin Franklin and others—had any idea what this nation would look like in terms of its purpose and meaning?” he asked. “The answer is no. They had no frame of reference to know what was happening.”

Copeland said the Lord told him the Christian community has no idea what God is doing to rebirth this nation. As he’s prayed recently, Copeland has come to believe strongly that in spite of how things look, this is not the end of the United States. It’s the end of what he calls a “Babylon system” trying to take over the country for the past 115 years. A Babylon system, as he explains it, is any system in which man tries to meet his needs without God. President Obama’s actions are shining a light on this Babylonian system, and the church is waking up and rallying.

Copeland believes Christians must go back and confess the Word of God. This is one nation “under God,” and we must get back to that, recalling the words of the late Smith Wigglesworth: “I am not moved by what I see. I am not moved by what I feel. I am only moved by what I believe.”

When people talk about the economy and how bad things are, Copeland states flatly: “Who cares?” In 1 Peter 5:6-10, the Holy Spirit tells us to roll all your cares onto Him. It’s one of God’s marvelous promises.

What about this politician or that politician and how awful the state of our nation will become if they are elected? “Who cares?” Copeland says. “We roll that care over on the Lord. Mark 11: 22 says, ‘Have faith in God.’ No matter what, have faith in God! This nation belongs to God, and no one will take it down. People might say it’s going down or it’s God’s judgment, but it’s not going down.”

Many of the bad things we see, such as the tragedies of 9/11, are the result of seedtime and harvest. Judgment is not until the end, and judgment is always brought by God for mercy. So

what should Christians do? We vote and plant our ballot as a seed. Then we pray. God's choice will be elected.

Our culture tends to look at things from a secular point of view—without understanding or even considering the spiritual aspect. Since we are bombarded with that viewpoint in the media and with the people we interact with, it's easy to only look at things in the natural.

But remember, the most important aspect is the spiritual aspect. God has a plan and purpose that is higher than ours. So as the body of Christ, we must confess the Word, believe the Word and know that God is in control.

People who live by faith keep going. It may seem rough, but then haven't things always been rough? We keep going. We keep believing God. He's in control and He is not done with America.