

Olympian Gwen Berry's Act of Dishonor Is a Prophetic Picture

Like many of you. I have been appalled at those who choose to live in America but then burn the flag and denounce the very freedom that allows them that ability. If they lived in almost any other country, such actions would land them in jail—or worse.

Olympic bronze medal winner Gwen Berry recently made a public display of her disdain for America during the medal ceremony after her event. As our national anthem played, Berry turned her back and covered her face refusing to honor the very country that had allowed her to participate. Sadly, she didn't understand the price that had been paid so that she could be there—so that she could be free.

And therein lies the prophetic truth. America is a mirror of what is taking place in the supernatural. Our hearts are saddened and frustrated when people dishonor our nation. But are we just as sad and dishonored when the world dishonors God?

The spirit is exactly the same. America is a prophetic word of warning of the battle in the spirit.

Those who are like Berry, put their hands on their hips (pride) turn their backs (reject) and close their eyes to the truth (deception) don't understand the price that has been paid so they can be free. One speaks of rejection of earthly treasure. The other a rejection of eternal treasure.

Put into natural terms, who walks away from an inheritance or treasure that belongs to them unless they don't understand that it is there, its value or that it belongs to them? That

is the place where many are today. They are walking away from a treasure both naturally and spiritually because they don't understand the value or that it is theirs.

America is a prophetic word in the natural that declares the battle in the spirit realm that seeks the open door of pride to deceive people from understanding and embracing the freedom they have been given. It is to keep them from honoring the one who paid the greatest price for them. They reject because within them is a spirit of rejection. They have embraced a lie and so cannot see the truth. May we remember to pray diligently that this veil of deception be lifted off so that they can "come to their senses and escape out of the snare of the devil that has held them captive" (see 2 Tim. 2:6).

While it's easy to get angry at those who dishonor our nation and God, instead may it be our call to pray for them and forgive them. For most truly do not know what they do. As we celebrate the Fourth of July—our independence—may we pray for their independence from deception to know the truth.

Lord, I pray that the eyes of our understanding would be enlightened that we would know the hope of our calling. That the spirit of deception that has been poured out like a blanket upon the world, would be lifted so that people can see, know and receive the truth. May we recognize that it is a privilege and honor to live in America, but more importantly that it is a privilege and honor to be able to receive salvation and live with You and for You. Thank you, Lord, for this nation. {eoa}

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