

National Prayer Without National Repentance Won't Work

I posted this recently: "National prayer without national repentance is an abomination to God. In fact, it's the great national deception."

The Lord dropped something in my heart a few days ago that I want to submit to you.

Just as the plagues in Egypt were intended to cause Pharaoh to let God's people go, this plague is the first big sign (9/11 didn't do it) to stir the church, the nation and even the world toward humility, repentance and a wholehearted (very important word) turning to God.

This plague has altered our nation, but will it be temporary? Remember, Pharaoh reneged on his promises to let God's people go. He was not sincere. God is looking for sincerity in our repentance and service to Him.

I'm warning you that if there is insincere repentance and we return to life as usual, there is something else that will come on the heels of this virus that will alter life in America again. I wish it were not so, and I hope I'm wrong. The effects of another national crisis may last longer than this one. Depending on how the church and people respond to the second thing (I don't sense it will be another plague, but something else), there will be a third crisis that will change our nation for good, unless there is humility and heartfelt repentance.

Oh people, it's time to serve the Lord with holy fear and trembling. To those who've been genuinely born again, God is our Father who loves us with an everlasting love, but don't

forget He is also a consuming fire, and it is a fearful thing to fall into His hands (Heb. 10:31). He loves even His enemies and desires to keep His hand of protection over our lives, families and nation, but we must cooperate with Him. He is patiently waiting for the precious fruit of the earth (James 5:7) and returning for a glorious church without spot or wrinkle. He loves His church and the world so much and desires His best for all, but we must submit to Him.

Let us repent and seek the Lord while He may be found.

Plagues in Egypt Were to Let God's People Go, But This Plague Is Much Different

It's for repentance.

Many in the church need to repent of:

1. Loving mammon more than God, which manifests in an unwillingness to surrender your life to God.
2. Lack of wholeheartedness and sincerity toward God, which manifests in a form of godliness that denies God's power to change you.
3. A heart of unbelief that God would never manifest His judgment or wrath.

Pray That God Might Grant Repentance and an Awakening to the World

I was hospitalized recently and surrounded daily and nightly by nice, kind, hard-working people, and I greatly appreciated each one of them—doctors, nurses, aides, therapists, cafeteria workers and custodians—but hearing their daily conversations, I heard nothing of thinking that this plague or virus could be a form of God's judgment against America or a wake-up call. In fact, I brought up the subject to test them, and some are totally oblivious to it. They'd rather pray for all of it to just go away, so they can return to their sinful, comfortable, materialistic lifestyles. That's how the world is, isn't it?

But we, the body of Christ, are part of another kingdom, and judgment begins first with us, the household of God (1 Pet. 4:17). For this reason, there will be another severe crisis that will probably come. As we get closer to the return of Jesus, He said these things would be so anyway. They are going to happen.

Recently I heard a special report from Washington concerning the government's mockery of the church:

I saw a statistic that said 77% of Republicans don't care what the First Amendment to the Constitution says; they want their overlords to command churches to be closed. (Just imagine the Democrats' view). Remarkably, they don't feel that way about Walmart.

Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4b).

America needs to believe again that the Bible is the Word of God.

America is under the judgment of God.

America's only hope is to come to sincere and wholehearted repentance from her sins.

Dear friends, never in America, at least in my lifetime, has there been such disrespect for churches and ministers, too. Judgment miracles must come for the church to regain the honor and respect of these pagan politicians. Think of Herod.

"On an appointed day, Herod, dressed in royal apparel, sat on his throne and gave a public speech to them. The mob shouted, 'It is the voice of a god, and not of a man!' Immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give God the glory. And he was eaten by worms and died" (Acts 12:21-23). I am praying for these types of miracles to arrest the world and the backslidden church and regain their respect and reverence

for God.

Some of us who are right with God and have gained authority in being in covenant with Him need to consider praying for these kinds of miracles—not out of vindictiveness or in a punitive way, but redemption, so honor and respect for God would be restored in the church and the world. Besides Herod's death, a great example of a judgment miracle would be when the apostle Paul commanded blindness to fall on a sorcerer who was opposing the gospel. God will deal strongly with all those who oppose the gospel in this hour.

“But Elymas the sorcerer (which is his name by interpretation) opposed them, trying to divert the proconsul from the faith. Then Saul, who also is called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, stared at him and said, ‘You son of the devil, enemy of all righteousness, full of deceit and of all fraud, will you not cease perverting the right ways of the Lord? Now, look! The hand of the Lord is against you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time’” (Acts 13:8-11a).

Then Jesus made this statement about the times we are living in:

“There will be signs in the sun and the moon and the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men fainting from fear and expectation of what is coming on the inhabited earth. For the powers of heaven will be shaken” (Luke 21:25-26).

So on the one hand, there will be judgment miracles, but on the other hand, there will be signs God will display in the heavens and the earth. We are only experiencing the beginning of birth pangs right now, but they will increase in frequency and magnitude, according to Jesus.

Is It Time for More Drastic Measures?

“Blow the trumpet in Zion, consecrate a fast, call a sacred

assembly; gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children and nursing babes; let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, and the bride from her dressing room. Blow the ram's horn in Zion, consecrate a fast, call a sacred assembly. Gather the people, consecrate the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children and those nursing at the breast; let the bridegroom leave his room and the bride her chamber. Between the temple porch and the altar, let the priests, ministers of the Lord, weep and say, 'Have pity upon Your people, and do not make Your heritage a disgrace, a mockery among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'" (Joel 2:15-17).

If we do this one simple thing, it can make a huge difference. Get right with God. It starts with you drawing a circle around yourself and humbling yourself before God. I hope you will do it sooner rather than later.

Our book *Cleansing The Temple* was concerning judgment in the church while *The Tumultuous 2020s and Beyond* is mainly concerning judgment in the world, although I still write much about judgment in the church. Please don't miss God during this time of judgment we are in.