

Daily Devotional, October 2, 2020

“O LORD, Revive Your Work”, (Habakkuk 3:2, NKJV)

“O LORD, revive Your work in the midst of the years!” (Habakkuk 3:2)

1. Christian revival is what we need! There is a spiritual solution for our land. Not a political, economic, or social one. **2 Chronicles 7:14, Jeremiah 29:11-14, Zechariah 4:6, Matthew 5:13-16.** The Christian always ought to vote on that which best accords with spiritual solution, in order to enjoy God's blessing on the nation and the peace and freedom that results from that.

2. Psalm 33:12, **“Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD.”** While directly applicable to Israel, this verse has application for any nation that would call upon the Living God. Bear in mind that we had unity in the founding of this great nation, in common belief in the Almighty. Certain rights were defined as inalienable such as life and freedom to worship. Folks who deem these non-essential are not for constitutional freedom for all.

3. Unity. Unity is found in the gospel among Christians. John 17:11, **“that they may be one as We are.”** But unity for unity's sake is not a good thing apart from Bible truth in church context, or by extension any context. **Romans 16:17.** Unity at any cost leads to compromise of values, and eventually in secular context, tyranny by the majority masses and the new ruling class (as in Soviet Russia and the French Revolution).

4. **Genesis 1:26-27, Acts 17:26-27, and Galatians 3:28** all teach intrinsic human dignity apart from racial or ethnic distinctions. This is the Christian worldview. Critical race theory and other such worldviews are in conflict with the biblical view. Jesus did not come to eliminate worldly injustice and so-called systemic racism (although these are noble goals that we ought to work towards insofar as our own hearts), but to save sinners regardless of worldly conditions. The Christian worldview unites, and acceptance of it was a big factor in making this country great, while other worldviews divide us up into little buckets.

5. Support for national Israel brings blessing on a nation. This is unconditionally stated in **Genesis 12:1-3.** I support a supporter of Israel because my God is.

6. God is a God of law and order. The Mosaic Law gave us a model for civil government. **1 Corinthians 14:40** teaches order as principle within the church. These principles show us the nature of God as one who ordains and supports law and order. **Romans 13:1-7** also speaks to this.

7. Values. See **Romans 1:28-32.** Verse 29 reads **“murder”**, so we ask when we exercise our right to vote, ‘Does that candidate's views and policies tend to support abortion?’ This is an absolute deal-breaker. There are a bunch of other things in there too such as **“immorality”** and **“strife”** which can either be encouraged or opposed by policy. To this point, examine the types of Supreme Court Justices that have been installed, and Judge Amy Coney Barrett. Are her views likely to uphold the Law and are they in accord with biblical values? Who is opposing her and why? This should give you some insight into the policies of the individual who is making the appointments.

8. Personality, foreign policy (other than towards Israel and relating to that nation), economic policy, and various other things may be important to many, but matter very little to the Christian.

9. This country is in a world of mess, and the only way out is if God's people stand up and get serious about preaching and living the Christian faith. We need to get out there and seek the lost, see souls saved, and make serious disciples. It is not an option to continue fiddling while Rome, or Portland, or Seattle, or any other American city burns. May God's people raise up and get busy for Him before it is too late. Who knows if the Lord may relent of His judgment on our beloved nation?