

News and Current Events :: Billy Graham Says His Heart Aches for 'Deceived' America**Billy Graham Says His Heart Aches for 'Deceived' America - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2012/7/26 21:30**

The Rev. Billy Graham has posted a new prayer letter on his website where he addresses the people of the nation and tells them he is very much afraid of the damage that the American lifestyle is doing in the eyes of the Lord.

The 93-year-old evangelist begins his letter by recalling an incident a few years ago when his wife, Ruth, who has since passed away, remarked that "If God doesn't punish America, He'll have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah," referring to the cities in the Old Testament destroyed for the sinful nature of their residents.

"I wonder what Ruth would think of America if she were alive today. In the years since she made that remark, millions of babies have been aborted and our nation seems largely unconcerned. Self-centered indulgence, pride, and a lack of shame over sin are now emblems of the American lifestyle," Graham remarks.

The pastor then goes on to refer to several other incidents in recent times where he sees the American government and American society as a whole coming down on Christians — including instances where chaplains who serve the police department have been told to no longer say the name of Jesus during prayer.

"Our society strives to avoid any possibility of offending anyone — except God," Graham says. "Yet the farther we get from God, the more the world spirals out of control."

"My heart aches for America and its deceived people," Graham continues. "The wonderful news is that our Lord is a God of mercy, and He responds to repentance. In Jonah's day, Nineveh was the lone world superpower — wealthy, unconcerned, and self-centered. When the Prophet Jonah finally traveled to Nineveh and proclaimed God's warning, people heard and repented."

Read more: <http://billygraham.org/articlepage.asp?articleid=8813>

Re: Billy Graham Says His Heart Aches for 'Deceived' America - posted by staff, on: 2012/7/27 17:37

hi,
My heart is with Billy Graham on this, America is in a bad bad state similar to Nineveh. In the recent persecution debate I felt this scripture come to me. Yes America deserves Judgement for sure but if God sent Jonah to Nineveh would he send a credible messenger to America. If it turns the Judgement will be delayed a considerable time. Jonah wanted in effect to wipe out Nineveh. He ran away because he knew God would be gracious. Like me he had to learn if that's the word to "Love" like God and to see things his way "Jonah 4:11 "Should I not have compassion on Nineveh, the great city in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know the difference between their right and left hand, as well as many animals?"

I know compassion is a not a message received well on this sit at times but Mercy and Love is what God does best, Yours Staff