

**General Topics :: A Sobering Warning...Only a Few Will Heed****A Sobering Warning...Only a Few Will Heed, on: 2016/11/10 8:01**

Psalm 75:4-8

I said to the boastful, Do not boast,
And to the wicked, Do not lift up the horn;
Do not lift up your horn on high,
Do not speak with insolent pride.
For not from the east, nor from the west,
Not from the desert comes exaltation;
But God is the Judge;
He puts down one and exalts another.
For a cup is in the hand of the Lord, and the wine foams;
It is Well mixed, and He pours out of this;
Surely all the wicked of the earth must drain and drink down its dregs.

Brothers and sisters many will look at the above verses and see that one was put down in this election. There will be those who will say that because of her pride she has fallen and the US presidency was denied her. Indeed there will be those who profess Christ to say that this woman got what she deserved.

Already many in Christendom are rejoicing and saying that prophetic words have been fulfilled. In a YouTube video I watched one noted televangelist said that the one who was elected will be the Christian president that Americans have longed for. Where it has been reported that this man prayed the sinner's prayer. It has been reported that one so-called Christian television personality gave him the gospel on a napkin. It is being said that this President elect will lead this nation in a great revival such as we have never seen before. Already cheers and applause are going up. Already those in the intercessory movement are blowing the shofars. For the false prophets have spoken. They have spoken words that Christendom wants to hear.

Already I hear people saying that we have been given a reprieve. That God has been merciful to us. That we will not experience judgement but that in his wrath he has remembered mercy. For this election has demonstrated that God will truly favor us with revival. For He has given us Donald Trump.

Yet I ask at what cost. Christendom in America has gotten Donald Trump. But I believe they have gotten a spirit of delusion that is leading them into a greater deception. I believe in a deception greater than what Hillary Clinton would have cost. At least we knew that she hated and despised Christians.

Yesterday as I pondered the election. These verses out of Thessalonians 5:3 came to mind,

... While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" Then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape...

And again out of Jeremiah 6:14-15

...They have healed the brokenness of my people superficially,
Saying, Peace, peace;
But there is no peace.
Were they ashamed because of the Abomination they have done?
They were not even ashamed at all;
They did not even know how to blush.
Therefore they shall fall among those who fall;
At the time that I punish them,
They shall be cast down, says the Lord.

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Saints the election of Donald Trump will not stave off the wrath of God that will surely come upon the professing church in the United States of America. The election of Donald Trump will not stave off the wrath of God when the blood of millions of babies that have been aborted since 1973 cry out to God. The election of Donald Trump will not stave off the wrath of God that will come against this nation for mocking marriage as between a man and a woman. And giving legitimacy to same-sex marriage that are a stench in the nostrils of God. The election of Donald Trump will not stave off the wrath of God against those who exploit innocent children. The election of Donald Trump will not stave off God against a crooked and perverse generation in the United States. For this nation is under His judgment.

Indeed the election of Donald Trump will not stave off the Judgment of God who will pour out his wrath on this nation. Who will bring judgment upon the professing church that claims to follow Jesus Christ.

There are many who will reject this message. But there are a few who will receive it and will certainly take heed to the words out of Revelation 18:4-5,

... I heard another voice from heaven, saying, come out of her, My people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues; for her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities...

Brothers and sisters take heed to the above words. Flee from the Wrath to come. For judgment will surely fall upon the church and fall upon this nation. The cup of God's Wrath has been filled. Mercy has already run out. Again come out from among this Babylonian system and cleave as unto Jesus. Flee the camp that's about to come under God's judgment and and run like anything to the shelter of the cross. Indeed bear his cross of reproach. Be washed in His blood. Be filled with the Spirit.

Again flee to Jesus. Cleave to Jesus. Turn to Jesus. For only Jesus can save you from the wrath that is about to come. For only Jesus can save you from the Judgment that will fall Upon this nation and the church.

He that has an ear let him hear what the spirit is saying to his faith remnant bride.

-bbs-

Re: A Sobering Warning...Only a Few Will Heed - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/11/10 8:10

Someone wrote this recently and I agree:

Quote:

-----I still feel that the condition of the Church is the largest problem and that judgment begins with the house of God first. Christians may be focused on Trump making America better, great again... but God's ways are not ours, right? God is more concerned about the condition of our hearts, that we become truly humble, repentant, coming into unity and agape love for one another, sharing the gospel.

There is a great deception thinking Donald Trump will bring revival to the Church or it will bring in an era of prosperity. Of course the greatest advocates of Donald Trump since the beginning were strictly prosperity gospel teachers and mega church leaders.

At best it might be 4 years of some relief to the Church to repent before God, evangelize more freely. But saints in one day everything can change.

I believe Blaine is writing in sharing from the Lord that in a day of peace or supposed peace there comes the greatest storm of God's wrath. We are in the end times and the tide will turn quickly world-wide.

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Another brother Israel Wayne shares:

Quote:
-----We have been granted a surprising 4-year reprieve, where we should not be persecuted for our Christian faith by our own government.
The question now is what will we do with this window? Will we steward it wisely by using the time to spread the Gospel and make disciples who think and live according to a Biblical Worldview?
Hearts and minds can only ultimately be changed by the love and truth of Christ and His Word.

The exhortation that Blaine gives us is right:

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Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2016/11/10 9:43

IN my opinion, we got a bit of a reprieve...Now if we can have a revival of faith in Jesus Christ...Could Happen... I HOPE So!

Please remember, NO President does anything alone, someone else approves, votes, etc... the biggest problem with this country is, the church, most churches today are run like businesses, and we're reaping what we have sowed. It sure would not be very Christ like to start dissing someone that has not even had a chance to prove himself, I hope and pray he makes all the haters eat crow. Only and only when the church decides to get up and do something about the church, can we expect any change in America. My grandmother use to tell me quit worrying about someone else's house, until you clean up your own house, message here is, church it's past time you quit blaming others for the condition this country is in, and clean up your own house first.

Re: - posted by Lysa (), on: 2016/11/10 10:27

I agree with everyone's responses and I even felt led to praise the Lord for a 2nd chance on Wednesday morning. I hope and pray that he can do what needs to be done but deep down I will still watch and pray.

I say that because Trump is NOT nor will he ever be the church's answer, Jesus Christ is. I sit and watch because this whole thing could turn on a dime... on us, because God will not be mocked and He is a jealous God.

If we are not in the end times, I can't help but feel we are entering the city limits of it with the top down, the sun shining, and the praise music blaring.

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2016/11/10 10:42

Mike Pence Story:

We Need Jesus More Than Ever Right Now'

Christians across the nation have voted, and the results are in. Donald Trump will be the 45th President of the United States. But just a few days ago his VP, Mike Pence, released a new video, detailing his personal faith story.

Whilst Pence grew up in a Christian home, he says that it became personal when he gave his life to Christ in college. "My faith became my own when I made a personal decision to trust Jesus Christ in my freshman year in college. That night, my heart was literally broken wide with gratitude and joy. When I came to realize that what happened on the cross, in some small measure, happened for me."

Pence continues "the truth is that the strength of our nation has come out of our communities of faith. Throughout our history, it has been the voices of faith that have driven our nation to a more perfect union."

Pence then offers a call to prayer for the US. "I'd like you to encourage you to do one more thing. And that is to bow the head and bend the knee in the days that remain in this election. Pray for our country. Pray, not that God would be on our side, but that we would be on his side."

"I truly do believe in my heart of heart, that what's been true for millennia is still true today. That if his people, who are called by his name, will humble themselves and pray, he will again do as he's always done, he'll hear from heaven, and he'll heal our land. This one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

"All I know today is that I need Him more than ever. He is the center of my life, and my family's life."

Re: - posted by staff, on: 2016/11/10 22:31

Hi All

In essence along a few threads on the subject we have the ridiculous situation where forum members can't even see the good in having a Christian Vice President in the White House or even if they do they have to take any joy out of it.

I said it before but I'll say it again, some Christians long for persecution so much that they can't see the wood from the trees! There are some people who actually think that it would be better if we had no Mike Pence's.

If we are to get persecution I hope it comes soon so I won't have to read this stuff lol

Come on guys recognize the time that God is on the move... or at the least has slowed up the march of the enemy in the west.

You weren't happy that Hillary was going to be President and now when the impossible happens you're not happy with that either. I played a dirge and you don't lament and I played a happy song and you won't dance!

Yours staff

Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2016/11/10 23:41

"There is a great deception thinking Donald Trump will bring revival to the Church or it will bring in an era of prosperity. Of course the greatest advocates of Donald Trump since the beginning were strictly prosperity gospel teachers and mega church leaders."

Come on Greg, where did you get this stuff from? I don't know of a single Christian that believes that Donald Trump will bring revival to the church.

Judgment does begin first in the House of God, and you are not going to see much repentance taking place in the personality cult churches, but I see it everywhere in the true church.

Re: Mike , on: 2016/11/11 11:46

"I don't know of a single Christian that believes that Donald Trump will bring revival to the church."

Mike Sid Roth believes Donald Trump will lead this nation in a great revival. He said that Donald Trump will be the Christian President that American's have longed for.

Just sharing what I heard bro.

-bbs-

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/11/11 12:24

Wouldn't that be awesome?

Re: - posted by dolfan (), on: 2016/11/11 12:59

Here is what I (think I) know:

1. Jesus knows His sheep and is known of His.
2. His sheep hear His voice.
3. His voice tells us to do the Father's will.
4. Our Father is working all the way up to now and still works.
5. His Spirit speaks to the churches.
6. The love of many waxes cold and the church pursues the voices of deceit and does not obey the Spirit and Word.
7. God reserves a remnant for Himself.

As long as all of these is true, there is hope for the church to awaken and repent. By nature, a "remnant" is small. But, it is sufficient for His pleasure.

We must, brothers, lovingly approve that in which God has placed His own delight. He approves His peculiar remnant ekklesia. Let's be patient, at this moment when our emotions and passions are strong about the state of our nation. Let's be patient before we reach firmly held conclusions about the scope and size, location and composition of the remnant. I have convictions on it. Many here do. Some agree, some don't. Fact is, none of us has complete certainty on exactly how and what God is doing what He does. Right now, I think none of us may be so clear of the American in us that we can speak clearly what the Christ in us is doing with us. Let's seek further His sanctifying work in all of us.

Re: - posted by docs (), on: 2016/11/11 13:10

Christians that voted so as to keep Hillary Clinton out of office are not rejecting Christ nor acting under the influence of delusional seducing spirits.

Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2016/11/11 13:17

There is still intercessory prayer and prayer calls going on across the nation. I was just on one that is very powerful with seasoned intercessors, and I would like to encourage the brothers and sisters on Sermon Index that have a heart to pray for our nation to get on this prayer call as you are able.

From Maureen Bravo of LIBERTY PRAYER NETWORK:

ALERT! URGENT! TIME DATED! 70 Days - 24/7 Prayer for our Nation

Connect by phone with the Body of Christ across the United States!

HAPPENING RIGHT THIS MOMENT 24/7 - Join any hour, day or night..

The Ekklesia is uniting in this ongoing National Strategic Prayer Call taking place over the next 70 day as a prelude to the Presidential Inauguration.

We need you, please join us in one accord (John 17)

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Re: A Sobering Warning...Only a Few Will Heed - posted by dspks, on: 2016/11/11 21:38

It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes. Psalms 118:8, 9, KJV.

Re: - posted by staff, on: 2016/11/12 7:23

Hi Dspks,

Nobody is putting their trust in Donald Trump but we are recognising that fact that God had his hand in it and wonder what is he up to. So I think that your scripture is unfair comment.

On the name of the Post "A Sobering Warning Only A Few Will Heed" it is elitist and reflects the wrong position of a lot of people regarding persecution on Sermon Index. Now even when something with the possibility if not the actuality of doing good like having a Christian Vice President they can't see the good in it. Their type of Christianity is joyless and depressing,

Yours Staff

Re: - posted by Lysa (), on: 2016/11/12 10:15

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Bro,

I'm not sure this is the reason but isn't Pence a Catholic? I'm going to give Trump and Pence a chance but I don't believe I've ever seen anybody on sermonindex endorse a Catholic.

I don't understand it, the majority of Christians love and revere Ronald Reagan but it is well documented that he and Nancy consulted astrology for like 50 years. What's up with Christians overlooking that? Just asking!

If Christians want to make America strong again, we had better be building up the foundation in our own lives with prayer and also for the next four years in Washington. Because Trump has 2 years to do what he needs to do or the revolt in the Senate and the Congress could be like the Republican revolt in 2014 except it will be Democrats in the control of both houses.

No matter who's in there, God has commanded us to pray for them!

God bless,
Lisa

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/11/12 10:30

It appears he started out RC then went evangelical.

Re: Staff , on: 2016/11/12 10:53

"Nobody is putting their trust in Donald Trump but we are recognising that fact that God had his hand in it and wonder what is he up to. So I think that your scripture is unfair comment."

Staff respectfully the brother quoting Psalm 118:8-9 is quite appropriate. There are many evangelicals who are putting their trust in Donald Trump. They have rejected the Lord Jesus Christ for a king. The evangelicals have said we have no King but Caesar. Or should I say the evangelicals are saying we have no King but Trump.

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So his scripture is well-intended. I just only hope people will take it to heart.

-bbs-

Re: , on: 2016/11/12 10:59

Hi Lisa,

Pence was born and raised a Catholic, just like myself, and became a born again Christian as an adult. Praise the Lord. I heard him give his testimony and I praise the Lord for it. Every day a Catholic finds the real Jesus and " comes out of her," is a good day.....bro Frank

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2016/11/12 11:03

Quote:
-----by staff
Hi All
In essence along a few threads on the subject we have the ridiculous situation where forum members cant even see the good in having a Christian Vice President in the White house or even if they do they have to take any joy out of it

Some Christians can't see the good in a lot of things, nothing much comes up to their standards. I'm an optimistic Christian, I see good in most everything, and yes even today. You have to look a little harder to find good sometimes, but the feeling you get from the good, beats the feeling you get when you find bad in everything. What's happened is social media has infiltrated their minds with all the back and forth that goes on. I've said this here before many times, My old Pastor back in the 60's said once, "You haven't ever been beat up until you have been beat up by a Christian" how true!

Re: - posted by docs (), on: 2016/11/12 11:27

No one is rejecting Christ as King for having voted to keep Mrs. Clinton out of office. Evangelicals have not proclaimed we have no king but Caesar. You ought to stop browbeating the church because a lot of it voted.

Re: David, on: 2016/11/12 11:40

Respectfully the evangelical church has denied Mrs. Clinton the presidency. Only to vote for the greater deception of Donald Trump. Just as the Pharisees said in the day of Jesus we have no King but Caesar. So the evangelicals in this they have said we have no King but Trump.

But then just as Israel rejected God as their King in favor of a natural King. A man if you will. Israel got much grief in the choice they made. So it will be with the evangelical church that has chosen Donald Trump to be their King. The evangelical church will get more grief under Trump than they would have ever had under Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Or maybe I should say it will be the remnant that will get more grief under Trump than the evangelical church. Because the Evangelical church will be involved in the great apostasy that Paul speaks of in Second Thessalonians.

-bbs-

Re: - posted by JFW (), on: 2016/11/12 12:32

Brother Bear wrote - " The evangelical church will get more grief under Trump than they would have ever had under Hillary Rodham Clinton."

Would you please elaborate or just qualify this statement with facts or even theories as to how you see this as true?

Re: - posted by dolfan (), on: 2016/11/12 12:50

None of this resets the clock in anything. I don't care whoever the POTUS is, the church is still asleep, the world still arranges itself satanically against Jesus, who is the lone Sovereign. This outcome changes nothing. We are far, far more concerned with it than God is.

Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2016/11/12 15:01

The only way that the Church and the nation will be in worse shape with Donald Trump as president is if the Church quits praying and believes that Donald Trump and the Republican party are the answer.

God has sovereignly moved in this election because of the fervent prayers of the saints. Donald Trump will be used by God to literally clean house in our government. The Democratic Party is the party of death having aligned itself with abortion, Planned Parenthood, and a number of other issues that are against the will of God.

The Church will be the determining factor as to what happens in this nation. We have a choice to either agree with God and pray His Will down into the earth or we can fall asleep again and suffer the consequences.

Re: - posted by JFW (), on: 2016/11/12 15:17

Brother Tim,

I love you bro and have come to respect your walk as it seems to be full of integrity, kindness and love. Also you have been quite articulate in presenting your position on matters of country whether legally, politically or historically,...and I can say they have benefited me.

In this instance however, things are much different from my understanding. That doesn't make me right or you wrong just a different perspective...which we know even the apostles themselves had at times.

For me, God indeed concerns Himself in the affairs of men and while it's the the end of His glory, He nonetheless appoints, anoints, raises up, and makes low not only men but rulers and kingdoms alike. While I totally get your point (and agree) that many are overly focused on the position of power rather than He who gives the power, that (for me) doesn't negate that He does still delegate and relegate positions of power or rule. Using even the evil for good ðŸ˜Š

Also I don't see the world being at war with Jesus, as He already won and overcame it,... rather it seems the world (system) is against His church.

Which brings me to conclude on a point upon which we definitely agree, and that is that she (the church) has been in a slumber for a long while, but I am hopeful that the awakening is at hand. Persecution isn't coming, it's here and has been here but we've been too sleepyheaded to resist it but as we awaken and resist it will increase proportionately.

Re: - posted by staff, on: 2016/11/12 16:57

Hi

All end times positions have upsides and downsides.

This post is the downside of the Post Tribulation view.

It can't tell the good in anything.

Not one poster has put their trust in Donald Trump, not one but it is clear that the post continues to say that.

We recognize that God had his hand clearly in this election that's all, we hope that God can use this Presidency to halt abortion and we hope and pray that the new Vice President will have a Christian influence on the new President. What is the point in praying about abortion if when God answers we say it's a deception. "The persecution gospel" is another gospel it lacks any sense of grace and relies on fear. There is some truth in it but that's all and I feel that members have invested so much time in it that they won't row back,

Yours Staff

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2016/11/12 17:25

Well I'm for Trump, and not ashamed of it, of course I'm not lead by man either. :-)

Re: , on: 2016/11/12 19:33

quote:"The persecution gospel" is another gospel it lacks any sense of grace and relies on fear.

The scriptures say: 2 Timothy 3: 12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. 13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

If I'm reading the above correctly, ALL are going to suffer persecution... IF they desire to live godly in Christ Jesus. If they don't live godly they won't suffer.

(No one can say, "that's what the scripture says, but that's not what it means"...yet it does mean what it says)

Anytime we share the gospel, the devil hates it. He will attack on all fronts...relentlessly. He comes to kill, steal, and destroy anything pertaining to Jesus. If we obey Christ, persecution is a given, no matter how big or small. If we compromise and do nothing, there is no threat to the devil.

Denying ourselves and picking up our cross daily to follow Jesus means suffering with Him. If He suffered, we must suffer too.

John 15: 18 "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. 19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. 20 Remember the word that I said to you,

"A servant is not greater than his master."

If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.

2 Corinthians 12: 9 And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Yes, there is grace through suffering.

Re: - posted by staff, on: 2016/11/12 20:22

Hi Sherri2,

I think you're missing my point. I'm not saying that there is no persecution or that there is no grace in suffering.

I'm saying that there are times when there is persecution and times when there is not. Clearly no one is saying that there is no persecution.

Also I am saying that we are not called to preach persecution but we can be called to warn of persecution.

Clearly it is better for America that we have a Christian Vice President but this rather great news runs contrary to the narrative of a lot of Sermon Index members of persecution behind every rock. It's too good of news for this narrative.

So instead of welcoming the fact of having a VP that's full on Christian we get the "deception stuff" because they can't even be joyous about that one clearly positive outcome.

It might upset the persecution narrative.

Hey it may not turn out well 4 years from now but it's better than having a President full on for Abortion don't you think?

Yours Staff

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/11/12 20:43

Staff I tend to agree with your observations. The verses about not dancing when they played the flute and not mourning when they played a dirge is directly applicable.

In other words, if you are bound to always see the downside, nothing can stop you.

Re: , on: 2016/11/12 20:47

quote:Also I am saying that we are not called to preach persecution but we can be called to warn of persecution.

Yes Brother, we are called to preach Christ and Him crucified...and yes, warn of persecution. Persecution sounds quite sad and fearful, but what really encourages me is the many testimonies I've heard from those who have endured persecution.

Have you had the opportunity to listen to testimonies through The Voice of the Martyrs, or Opens Doors?...perhaps other ministries? The many testimonies are incredible! The exceeding joy they have is beyond my comprehension.

Richard Wurmbbrand said something that pierced my heart...he said, "The only joyful people I've known are those in prison, those in the bible, and those suffering persecution."

The scripture below explains so much better than I can. Somehow we learn obedience through the things we suffer, and those who suffer cease from sin.

1 Peter 4: Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, 2 that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. 3 For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. 4 In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you. 5 They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. 6 For this reason the gospel was preached also to those who are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

7 But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. 8 And above all things have fervent love for one another, for love will cover a multitude of sins. 9 Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. 10 As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; 13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. 14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. 16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.

17 For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? 18 Now

if the righteous one is scarcely saved,
Where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?

19 Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.

Re: Staff, on: 2016/11/13 6:31

"The persecution gospel" is another gospel it lacks any sense of grace and relies on fear."

Really staff. Respectfully that statement above does not have any warrant in the New Testament. The "persecution gospel" is not another gospel. It is the gospel.

Staff I ask respectfully have you read the book of 1st Peter. This book speaks of the persecution of believers. This book has the theme of the grace of God throughout the book. But it is the grace of God that will enable believers to live through

gh and walk victoriously through the fires of persecution.

If you have not read this book I would encourage you and others in this forum to read and meditate through this book. As I said the persecution gospel is not another gospel. But the Gospel of Jesus Christ as one where one must pick up their cross and die to themselves. And this will come about through the fires of persecution.

Consider the words of Jesus in Luke 9:23-24,

... If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake, he is the one who will save it..

These are the words of Jesus himself. Jesus is saying that if anyone wishes to follow Him they must be prepared to die for Him. Even to the point of laying down their physical life. Bonhoeffer was quoted as saying when Christ bids a man to come to him he bids him to come and die.

Those who followed Jesus on the early church were taught the persecution would be a way of life in their discipleship. On Acts 14:22, Paul and Barnabas went about strengthening the souls of the disciples encouraging them to continue in the faith by saying through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. These were believers who were only at best a few months old in the faith. Maybe even a few weeks. But they were told that to follow Christ would require a cross. And entrance into the kingdom would come through the fires of persecution. This is not fear preaching. But this is the preaching of faith in Jesus Christ.

Muslims are coming to Christ by the thousands on a daily basis in the Middle East. In restricted nations when a Muslim has had an encounter with the Risen Christ. And they desire to follow Jesus. They realize that they are marked for death. And that to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ and to take up his cross may very well mean that they will be killed the next day. This is a reality that Muslims who follow Christ live with daily in the Middle East and other parts of the world. This is the reality of what we call the persecuted church today. And respectfully this is a reality of the church I think you deny.

Believers in America are living in la-la land. They are living in a dream world. Believers in America have no concept of what it is to take up their cross to follow Jesus. Believers in America want the benefits of the cross in that it will save them from their sins and the blood of Jesus will deliver them from the domain of the evil one. But Believers in America do not want the demands of the cross and that is to lay everything at the foot of the cross and be prepared to die for Jesus.

When believers voted for Donald Trump they were in essence voting for Donald Trump to maintain the status quo and to continue to live out their comfort and ease in America. Yet they were delivered from Hillary Clinton and the persecutions that she would have certainly brought against the Christians. But in voting for Donald Trump they have voted to continue their prosperous lifestyle and the choke out the Life of Christ as Jesus expounds in the thorny ground hearer. American Christians will continue for a time to maintain their prosperity. But in so choosing they are rejecting The Life of Christ and the purity that will certainly come or would have come through the fires of persecution.

Don Currin is right when he said that the best thing that can happen to the church in America is that she undergo the fire the persecution. I agree with this statement. But right now Satan is laughing his head off at the impotent Church in America. For surely this church that is putting their trust in Donald Trump is no threat to the kingdom of darkness. And I might add on the broad road of destruction.

But the enemy continues to tremble at the church in North Korea, Eritrea, Somalia, Iran and, and other parts of the world that are being persecuted. For out of the persecuted church in restricted nations are those martyrs who are overcoming the evil one by the blood of the Lamb, by the word of their testimony, and not loving their life even when faced with death. And I'm afraid the American church will not be counted worthy to enter the kingdom of God. For those believers who are trusting in Trump will not certainly have any rewards or reign with Jesus.

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-bbs-

Re: - posted by staff, on: 2016/11/13 7:36

Hi Bear,

I just dont agree with almost anything you say here its all "red herring" dialogue.

We have a Vice President that is a full on Christian and you cant say thats a good thing,we will have a President on an anti Abortion stance and you cant say thats a good thing,thats the point it doesnt play with your narrative.

The majority of the time Jesus or Paul didnt preach perseection whereas the majority of the time members of the forum preach persecution thats the difference.Mind you none of them seem to make any kind of "nailed down prophesy" of when that persecution will come.

Again you quote the Church is putting its trust in Donald Trump even though all the posters have said our trust is in Jesus but recognise Gods hand in this election.

Because you cannot recognise Gods hand in the election(or maybe you think he cant interfere with elections) you then logically follow on your view that America should be poor,small remant(basically elitist) rewards etc,

Let me hear you admit its good to have Vice President thats a Christian and Its good that a President campaigned against Abortion???Surely you have to agree with that.Its hard to accept anything else if you cant agree with the obvious
Yours Staff

Re: - posted by staff, on: 2016/11/13 7:49

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Yours Staff

Re: - posted by CalvaryCom (), on: 2016/11/13 9:22

"Christians that voted so as to keep Hillary Clinton out of office are not rejecting Christ nor acting under the influence of delusional seducing spirits."

Amen to that!

Re: - posted by docs (), on: 2016/11/13 9:30

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It seems it can be legitimately asked if a church actively seeking its own persecution and martyrdom is seeking the glory of God or its own glory. One cannot wish for or browbeat the church into persecution before God's own appointed time. Nor can they nor should they assign a second rate status to those not undergoing persecution.

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So if we perhaps voted to keep Mrs. Clinton out of office we are no longer saved? These words bring condemnation good bro when one reads them and not conviction. There's a vast difference. A subtle type of righteousness by works - works/ righteousness - may be in play here. Meaning you earn a higher standard of righteousness and acceptance by God by undergoing persecution or martyrdom and the exchange of His righteousness for our sinfulness at the cross is subtly exchanged by adding a bit of human effort and merit into the mix.

Even the early church that was persecuted in Jerusalem ended up fleeing to other places instead of just staying in Jerusalem and perhaps being martyred. They looked after themselves and their lives in the most practical manner. There doing so did nothing to diminish the martyrdom of Stephen and others. There is a high premium God places on those who undergo martyrdom but it can't be said that the church not undergoing persecution or martyrdom is second rate in God's eyes. All soldiers are trained to fight and perhaps die but not all experience that. Soldiers who fight and live are not second rate or living beneath their calling.

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What if they believe in the atoning sacrifice of Jesus at Calvary? Where does it say that one becomes "worthy" by suffering persecution instead of what transpired at Calvary? How can voting for Trump and against same sex marriage and abortion on demand cause one to lose their reward in heaven? This type of negative works/righteousness needs to be guarded against.

No one is thoughtless of or careless or unaware of the fires the persecuted church is undergoing. Yet wishing it on all Christians before it is time is fruitless. If it's coming it's coming yet in God's time. Perhaps this election gave us a bit of a reprieve even if short lived. I don't feel condemned or not "worthy" because of that.

Meanwhile, my hat is sincerely off to those working for and on behalf of the persecuted church.

Blessings.

Re: , on: 2016/11/13 9:34

I thank God for this thread, it is really helping me a lot!

It is curing me of extremism :-)

It is curing me of a bitter soul and a judgemental spirit.

Sometimes you just have to read what others write and then ask yourself, "wait a cotten-pickin minute, do I sound like that, is that how I come across to others? Am I really that much of a sourpuss? Negative and bitter yet justifying what is wrong in my thinking by beating up others with scripture taken out of context? Attempting to make myself look holier and more enlightened than others by some mysterious special knowledge that only a few special people have tapped into?"

Dear God save me from myself if that is the case.

Yes I am truly, truly thankful for this thread and others similar to it on SI because it scares me to know that if I continue to isolate myself from other brothers and sisters I may turn into a lemon sucking grinch who can never rejoice with those who rejoice and never see the good in anything or anybody.

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Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice! ! For He alone is good! For He alone is worthy! Whatever His will, so be it. The Lord gives and He takes away, but I will choose to say, "Blessed be His name!" Jesus Christ is Lord!

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2016/11/13 11:32

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Amen to that!

Here's another Amen!

I'm guessing that this scripture still holds true?

Romans 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose.

Would Mr. Trump being elected fall under "ALL THINGS"?

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/11/13 13:59

Bear-

You seem to be suggesting that Christians should have voted for HC in order to hasten persecution. To that, I say balderdash.

You also seem to be blaming American Christians for living in a land where there is not (yet) state persecution. And again I say, balderdash.

Re: - posted by crusader (), on: 2016/11/13 15:53

Greeting All

I see this issue has many parts and to answer it as one leads to confusion and Division

* Persecution: Is the sign that follows preaching the Gospel as the world cannot handle the truth and light of Jesus Christ. There is preparation for the persecutions so that Saints do not faint under the heat and are equipped. This is where Ephesians instructs us. We are commissioned to preach the good news of the Gospel throughout the world and it is how the world reacts to this. If we have persecution rejoice that we are counted worthy that we can drink of the same cup as our brothers and sisters before us or suffered for Christ's sake. There is no fear in Persecution when we are kept "in the shadow of God's Quiver"

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I have no doubt that this election has been one of the biggest spiritual fights I have seen in my life time, In Australia I have seen arguments between workers, families and strangers with a real passion from each side. I knew trump would win because of different stuff I studied but no one would listen to me.

Where to from here? Pray and fast for our leaders, prepare to share the gospel to the lost as all spirit filled Christians have done before us. The days of being wishy washy in our walk in Christ is over, the line has been drawn

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2016/11/13 16:05

Todd, I personally think a lot of folks that have been in need of the some of governments help are running scared. I know I have a few friends that when all is well in their world, they were more over on the republican way of thinking, now Trump was elected, they're concerned about losing their benefits. I don't think anyone that truly is in need of any kind of government help, has anything to worry about if they're truthful about the situation they're in. Are we to depend on God for our provisions, or man? If someone had a job and a new president of the company was announced, and the employees flipped out like some of the people in the streets are now, you would be fired. No folks the sky is not falling, why don't you just trust in God and give the person he allowed to win, a little time, he hasn't even sat down at the desk yet, and some folks are in a panic mode.

Re: , on: 2016/11/13 18:22

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Amen Brother! Well said!

Re: - posted by dolfan (), on: 2016/11/14 7:50

If Trump and Pence were as, say, Billy Graham and David Wilkerson, it would not change one thing about the church in America as opposed to Trump and Pence being Clinton and Kaine or Assad or Ozzy Osbourne.

The nation is not made godly by its leaders. The church is made nothing by the nation's leaders. Nothing, in any direction.

What we have here is nothing new. Trump is not a change, spiritually speaking. In that respect, Obama is Trump. Don't hang your testimony on Pence's. Your momma can't save you, Pence can't change a hair from brown to gray even if he were the genuine sold out to Jesus sort of Christian he is getting credit for being merely over a few words.

The church is still asleep as it was. Electing Trump is not even a slight nod toward repentance. The sins of people here

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remain. The sins of the church remain. Any sense of relief is not only misplaced, but heaps judgment on us because we should know better. We don't, though. We are doing what we have always done. Trusting men.

It strikes me so oddly that so many who find the churches devoid of true biblical life and faith and have stepped away from the Sunday brick and mortar meetings applaud the election outcome as a real spiritually important event or turn. Disenchantment quickly fades. It is a head scratcher.

Let me say I am glad Clinton will not be president. I am glad because the vehicle for her was the media. Media is and will keep being the mouthpiece, eyes and ears of the spirit of antichrist as we move forward. So, any development that might possibly shake people to an awareness of it (yes, even and maybe especially Fox News, too) I take as a plus but only a small one.

Re: - posted by docs (), on: 2016/11/14 8:15

/Let me say I am glad Clinton will not be president./

Then why are Christians who showed up in record numbers and voted to keep her out of office being denounced so strongly? To many this is a head scratcher also.

Among the Christians I go to church with there's not the slightest bit of belief in them that since they voted to keep Mrs. Clinton out of office that they are therefore trusting in man. They're also not spiritually asleep.

Saying I am glad Mrs. Clinton won't be president but denouncing those who voted to keep her out is a oxymoron - contradictory terms said in conjunction with one another.

Re: - posted by dolfan (), on: 2016/11/14 8:34

I am not denouncing anyone for their vote. There are practical reasons why someone might prefer either one of them. I think I am in the same boat with many of you that Obamacare has gutted our health insurance while skyrocketing our premium. Hillary Clinton would have exacerbated it; Trump may not do a thing to improve it but he said he would. So, there's that.

It is a trust in man vs. God to believe that Trump is a gift to the church from God. There is zero evidence for it, and any trust in government for anything is idolatry. America, patriotism and "love" for the institutions we have is to love that which opposes Christ. The church is guilty. The church promotes them. The church hosts them (they serve as polling places in elections). David Jeremiah ran a radio ad spot telling Christians to vote or their "voice" would not be heard. That is in flat opposition to the New Testament. The voice of the church is the gospel--not Americanism. It is a mixture of leaven into the loaf. So, yes, the church trusts in man.

The church is spiritually asleep. It loves the world. It does not repent. It does not see its sin. It does not see how deceived it is. They are not asleep because they voted. They voted and trust in government as a repository of anything good because they are asleep.

Re: , on: 2016/11/14 8:46

Well I honestly don't have much of any of this figured out but it is refreshing to know we have such skilled and knowledgeable experts right here on SI that we can turn to:-)

I think it's nice to simply rejoice with those who rejoice, every once in a while and not try to figure it all out. Millions of Americans have been praying for God to intervene in their country and now they feel that He has answered their prayer. Praise God, that's awesome...we rejoice with you.

The same could be said for anything they are praying for, whether it be a new job or financial breakthrough or healing in their body or for God to do a new thing in their church fellowship. We rejoice with them when they see answered prayers. We should not lift ourselves up in pride and think of ourselves as some kind of higher sagely entity that can always discern the deep things of the Spirit and know what is "really going on". What a distasteful and ugly spirit that is. A spirit that

picks everything apart and speaks out of its own leanness of soul.

If we feel that we always have the mind of God and are a part of an elite group of people who think they are right and everyone else is wrong, let us be careful how we stand. That is nothing more than spiritual pride, spiritual "know-it-all-ism".

Again, I am truly thankful for this thread as the Lord is allowing me to see some of these things in my own life.

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/11/14 9:59

I still go back to it being a matter of stewardship. God has placed me in a country where people can actually influence government by voting. The right to vote is something I must steward; i.e. I have to try to hear from God as to what to do with this right to vote.

I do not doubt that some folks truly hear that they should not vote, just as there are those that truly hear they should. Just like some people hear not to invest in 401ks and some hear that they should.

What should not happen is a person in group A telling a person in group B that they are wrong or foolish, particularly in matters of conscience and stewardship.

Re: - posted by drifter (), on: 2016/11/14 16:27

bearmaster said:

"Forum you have gotten Donald Trump. You will rejoice with his victory. Yes you have denied Hillary Clinton the presidency. But I am afraid you have lost your right to reign with Jesus in heaven."

Salvation is not dependent on who you vote for.

Brother it is so easy to get sidetracked into legalism. Please remember that Jesus loves every one here on the forum, regardless of who they voted for.

Re: - posted by staff, on: 2016/11/14 17:55

Hi Drifter,

Yes I'm agreeing with here. How could that statement have any validity, I think the views of a lot of SI are based on trends rather than prophesy.

Yours Staff

Re: , on: 2016/11/14 18:51

Why all the piling on brother Blaine? He has the right to express his viewpoint in this forum. Some of you are very sarcastic towards him.

Amos 5: 18-20

18 Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!

Why do you want the day of the Lord?

It is darkness, not light;

19 as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/11/14 19:33

Frank- bear has to be able to take some piling on when he makes statements like this: "Forum you have gotten Donald Trump. You will rejoice with his victory. Yes you have denied Hillary Clinton the presidency. But I am afraid you have lost your right to reign with Jesus in heaven."

Re: FrankLira , on: 2016/11/14 21:32

Brother to speak out against their political ruler that they have chosen is the unpardonable sin in this forum. But then I am reminded of the words of Jesus in Luke 6:26,

...Woe to you when men speak well of you, for their fathers used to treat the false prophets in the same way...

Jesus also said a man's enemies will be the members of his own household. In this case I take the household to be the spiritual household.

-bbs-

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2016/11/14 22:15

Mr. Bear, can I ask you a personal question? are you getting any kind of help from the government, other than just SS if your old enough to draw SS? Of course you know you don't have to answer this question, but I'm just trying to figure out your reasoning, on why your so adamant in your support of a liar and a crook, something is just fishy here. If you don't want to answer the question, that's fine, but could you please tell us why you support her, so maybe we will better understand and we're your coming from, please help us out a little here.

Re: Mr. Bill, on: 2016/11/14 22:26

The only one I have allegiance to is the Lord Jesus Christ. For He has said my kingdom is not of this world. This world by extension is a playground of Satan. Governments by extension are of Satan. So God does use government for his own ends. But I did not participate in the political process as it is a domain of Satan. God did not call me to vote Republican or democrat. The Lord has called me to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and make disciples.

Mr. Bill you and others look at the evil of Hillary Rodham Clinton. I did not dispute that. But you and others seem to think that Donald Trump walks on water. He is saying things that evangelicals want to hear. Yet evangelicals fail to look at his character which I assure you is far from Christ centered. We are talking of a man who is foul mouthed. We are talking of a man who is prideful. We are talking of a man who boasts in his sins of numerous extramarital affairs. We are talking of a man who does not honor the marriage covenant. We are talking of a man who loves money more than anything else. And yet evangelicals are saying this is God's anointed. This is God's choice in this election. On that I would say, give me a break.

By the way one of the meanings of the word "trump" means to deceive. Very appropriate.

-bbs-

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2016/11/14 22:48

Mr. Bear, I don't think Trump walks on water, matter fact I did not vote period. In my opinion there were two candidates, Crooked and Crazy so not to have any regrets I did not vote. You chose not to answer my question but by not answering it, you really answered it. I have no dog in this fight, all I wanted to know is why Clinton was your choice, and all you told me was I think Trump walks on water, your avoiding a simple question for some odd reason.

You said "We are talking of a man who is foul mouthed. We are talking of a man who is prideful. We are talking of a man who boasts in his sins of numerous extramarital affairs. We are talking of a man who does not honor the marriage covenant. We are talking of a man who loves money more than anything else" You could say the exact same thing about Hillary, except it was her husband with the extra marital affairs and disgraced the White House, but I guess that don't matter.

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Re: Mr.Bill , on: 2016/11/15 6:21

Bill I would have thought you would have known the answer to my question when I said my allegiance is to Jesus Christ. I have not voted in the last 15 years. My convictions are Anabaptist. My citizenship is in the Heavenly Kingdom. My participation in the citizenship of this country is to obey the laws provided they did not conflict with the higher law of the Gospel. And to pray for the governmental leaders. Yes that includes Barack Obama. Yes that will also include president-elect Donald Trump.

By the way I am drawing from Social Security Disability for statutory blindness. I have paid into the system consequently I am drawing it. I am also drawing a modest small retirement from the state of Arkansas. I also work part-time setting up seminars. I might add that out of my income which is about \$1,300 a month I'm taking care of two other people in my house who have no means. So if you think that my opposition to Donald Trump is based on any entitlement programs then you are mistaken. My opposition to Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama is based on my allegiance to Christ.

I hope this answers your questions.

-bbs-

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/11/15 6:24

I have never understood the reasoning of why a christian must vote for a christian. Generally, an informed voter votes for platforms, not a person.

And if anyone thinks Trump is the only president with a foul mouth in our history, you are pretty naive.

If I really needed a good surgeon, I'd likely go to a foul-mouthed excellent one rather than an average clean mouthed one.

Re: - posted by dolfan (), on: 2016/11/15 8:11

My strongly held convictions align with Blaine's. He speaks for himself and does not need a defense. His heart is, IMO, in a good place on this. When I read his remarks, I hear a man in a deep and holy frustration with this world. I hear a man who, as a human and a redeemed man, groans with the rest of the creation in earnest expectation of the revelation of the sons of God.

There are times when he wants to stand in the square and cry out to men about God and to cry out to God for men, I think. I think so because I feel that way and, well, I suppose many who God deals with in this way are of a similar frame.

Before this election, it occurred to me that a Trump win would not be met with the same prostration of heart and self before God that the church here must have in order to be revived. Who knows what a Clinton presidency would have been responsible for --- and honestly I think the anger of leftists and millennials here now is similar to the spirit of the church here had she won. Of course, we don't know that for sure. I do not think -- and this is where I might have a differing perspective than our brother bearmaster -- a Clinton presidency would have been any better for the church in terms of spiritual awakening, awareness of sin, or a genuine turning to God. I happen to think a Clinton win would have been met with the same syrupy, superficial rhetorical "turn to God" as any other temporal crisis has produced. Even 9/11 saw a massive public acknowledgement of Him but in no way did we "turn to God". The most surface-only appearance of fruitfulness would have occurred with a Clinton win.

Here, with a Trump win, the American so-called evangelical church gets what it wants and still is found wanting. It is thin ice. But, it is God who justifies. By that I just mean that He is perfectly right to hand us what we ask for and then use it to let us dance freely into Korah's pit. At least by our own fall some may be brought to a genuine fear of God that brings repentance.

So, the vote is irrelevant. Vote or not vote. It is where the heart finds a repository of God's entrustment of Himself that is at issue. Christians in America love our government. It is romanticized. It is idealized. It has legend and fantasy surrounding it. It holds a mystical quality. It is more than a machine of men performing roles. It is a faith. It is a religion. It has a god -- power. That love of government, that mixture, is the sin of the church here in large part. The awareness of many other things about itself that comes with this particular awareness is where the hope of repentance begins. But, more than a small scale spotty and sparse awakening? I have to agree with Blaine that I just do not see it.

Re: , on: 2016/11/15 16:39

"DO NOT FEED THE TROLLS"

Ignoring this advice is how you end up with ridiculous threads like this that cause division and strife. SI forums are going down the gurgler if this is passed as sanity? Not sure what happened but brother Greg you should put aside your personal feelings for people and shut this sort of nonsense down way before it gets to the stage where people are told they will not see heaven because they voted for a particular person in an election. Sad day for SI.

Re: - posted by dolfan (), on: 2016/11/15 21:32

At the risk of being a troll.

This article is the kind of thought process that Blaine is bemoaning. Me, too. Criticize and judge and weigh my comments. Poke holes. Reject. It is all well and good. My feelings are not on my sleeve. But, there is a deep and wide sense in the church in America that something spiritually significant happened on election day and it is just bananas. To the extent of any belief in spiritual significance of the election outcome, it is the result of mixing faith in government with faith in Christ.

<http://www.charismamag.com/blogs/prophetic-insight/28075-prophecy-after-wicked-kingdom-toppled-jezebel-curse-broken-off-america>

Re: - posted by Renee_is_His (), on: 2016/11/15 23:59

Jeremiah 23:16-17 New King James Version (NKJV)

16 Thus says the Lord of hosts:
Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you.
They make you worthless;
They speak a vision of their own heart,
Not from the mouth of the Lord.
17 They continually say to those who despise Me,
The Lord has said, You shall have peace;
And to everyone who walks according to the dictates of his own heart, they say,
No evil shall come upon you.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/11/16 7:36

Quote:
-----Believers in America are living in la-la land. They are living in a dream world. Believers in America have no concept of what it is to take up their cross to follow Jesus. Believers in America want the benefits of the cross in that it will save them from their sins and the blood of Jesus will deliver them from the domain of the evil one. But Believers in America do not want the demands of the cross and that is to lay everything at the foot of the cross and be prepared to die for Jesus.

When believers voted for Donald Trump they were in essence voting for Donald Trump to maintain the status quo and to continue to live out their comfort and ease in America. Yet they were delivered from Hillary Clinton and the persecutions that she would have certainly brought against the Christians. But in voting for Donald Trump they have voted to continue their prosperous lifestyle and the choke out the Life of Christ as Jesus expounds in the thorny ground hearer. American Christians will continue for a time to maintain their prosperity. But in so choosing they are rejecting The Life of Christ and the purity that will certainly come or would have come through the fires of persecution.

Don Currin is right when he said that the best thing that can happen to the church in America is that she undergo the fire the persecution. I agree with his statement. But right now Satan is laughing his head off at the impotent Church in America. For surely this church that is putting their trust in Donald Trump is no threat to the kingdom of darkness. And I might add on the broad road of destruction.

Saints,

Though we might not all agree with every word Blaine said, he is making a very clear point that is ignored by many inclu

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ding preachers in our day. We are not preaching or leading people in the way of the cross. We are just wanting the benefits of the cross and the american dream lifestyle.

If we are following and putting our hope in america and not in the kingdom of Christ and suffering for it then we are forfeiting the blessings of that kingdom. Demas forsook Paul seeking the "present world" we need to seek first the kingdom of God and set our minds on things above.

What matters is not the preservation of America but the furtherance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. False gospels are abounding in America and are going across the world. It might be in the interest of God to shut down the American gospel machine until it starts producing the genuine article again as the world is being affected sorely with a great deception of an easy jesus and cross without any commitment.

For those who have not heard the featured sermon it might help build perspective:

Preparing For Persecution by Don Currin

<http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid=27542&commentView=itemComments>

We are all not perfect messengers, blaine included, but he did make a valid point amidst some of the frustration or extremities of what was shared.

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