

## **Is God Judging America?** (The 911 & New Orleans Disasters)

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Whenever a media preacher mentions the idea that God is judging America because of her sins by bringing some catastrophic event upon the nation, such as 911 or the recent tragedy in New Orleans and Mississippi, he is usually lambasted or either made into a laughingstock. He is called a prophet of gloom and doom. Most preachers in the media limelight recant their messages of judgment when the political pressure is put on them. This becomes a sign of cowardice and apology towards the world instead of preaching the message of judgment as the prophets did such as Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, and Zechariah.

The truth is this. For the most part Americans do not fear God. Romans 3:18 says, "There is no fear of God before their eyes." This is especially true of the average American of today. This nation has no respect for a holy God or any place for a God of vengeance. Even the supposed straight shooting Bill O'Reilly has no place for a God of vengeance. Many today place Christians, who believe that God is a God of vengeance, in the same camp with Muslim radicals. He seems to think that Christians are no different than Muslim radicals if they actually believe that God would judge America. In fact, to think that God would judge America would make God a terrorist! This is the type of mentality that parades our land today. But one thing is for sure. There is much more to learn from the past disasters of 911 and New Orleans than America's will power to rebuild and good acts of humanity. There is the lesson that God is sovereign and that He is in some measure behind all the tragic events that occur throughout the earth, even in our nation (Isaiah 45:7 - "I make peace, and create evil"). God does not create moral evil in a direct sense since He is absolutely holy (Leviticus 11:45). Rather, God permits evils to come upon nations to fulfill His purposes. God's purposes are somehow accomplished in a sinful world through the evils and calamities that He allows to come upon nations. God removes peaceful times and replaces them with times of distress and calamity. He is behind the curtains guiding the events of history and time, even when these

events involve the destruction of nations at the hands of other nations, even when hurricanes sweep through entire cities and level them, even when terrorist acts take place in our country. The truth of God's sovereignty, when rightly understood, leaves the door open for God to express His judgment to this nation for her many sins. God works through disasters to get the attention of nations. God removes times of peace and replaces these times with disaster in order to get the attention of people. God has created these disasters in past history and our present time as men experience the consequence of the Lord's judgments.

Amos 3:6

"Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done *it*?"

No disaster will finally come to a city or nation until the lord has determined it to be so. But once His decision is made the outcome is unavoidable. God does judge cities. This would include the city of New Orleans! There are many unlearned and ludicrous statements made by people today who do not know God. Man today is very ignorant about God and the Bible. The TV newscasters of today are like the blind leading the blind. Jesus said in Matthew 15:14, "Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." America needs to know today that God is not only a God of love and mercy but also a God of wrath and judgment. I believe that God has extended His blessings to America in so many ways throughout the years but mark this down. Sin cannot go unchecked forever. God will not wink at sin. To think that America is somehow exempt from judgment is to not know history or God.

Is God judging America? Let's answer this question by stating two important truths.

1. The Bible reveals that God is a God of judgment.

Most Americans don't know any more about God than a goat grazing on a hillside. America does not know who God is and what God is like! Most Americans only want to talk about a God of love and somehow cannot imagine that God would allow judgment to come

upon this nation. Little do they realized that God's hand is in the whirlwind (Nahum 1:3) and He can bring judgment against people through weather related disasters (Revelation 16:18-21). Revelation 19:1-2 says, "And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: For true and righteous *are* his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand." Revelation 15:1, "And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God." Revelation 16:7 says, "true and righteous *are* thy judgments." When contemplating the destruction of the twin cities of Sodom and Gomorrah Abraham said, "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" (Gen. 18:25). Yes, He will! This truth reveals that God is a Judge and He does judge the earth. Let us not be so naive to think that America is exempt from His judgment.

These verses reveal that God is a God of righteous judgment. God is just and true in everything that He does, even when it comes to judgment. Dear friend, God is not only a God of love and mercy but He is a God of judgment. I believe God's wrath in some measure is being meted out upon America today. Deuteronomy 4:24 says, "For the LORD thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God. Hebrews 12:29 echoes forth the same truth, "For our God is a consuming fire." America wants to perceive God in the way that she wants to perceive God. Our nation only wants to view God as a loving God who never sends any kind of judgment. America wants a God who is loving and forgiving but not a God of justice and holiness (Isaiah 6:1-5). The Bible repeatedly teaches that God is also a God of judgment which does not allow wickedness to go unchecked forever. He will not overlook sin indefinitely. America beware!

These truths are irrevocable. However, I also believe God has shown mercy to America in spite of her sinful atrocities. He has withheld His judgment in various ways because there are those in this land who are trying to maintain a godly emphasis and who want to promote righteousness instead of lawlessness. In contrast to other lands there is some degree of legitimate Christianity in this country which God still honors. Many Christians are banding together today to try and

stop the immoral drift of the times and what seems to be America's roller coaster ride to God's judgment. There are those who are standing up for what is right and what is acceptable to God (Prov. 2:20 – "the paths of the righteous"). There are those who are trying to influence government and the nation to stop its godless pursuits. For this reason God has been merciful and remembers to express mercy in the midst of wrath (Habakkuk 3:2). Nevertheless there comes a time when mercy fades away and God sends judgment due to man's failure to turn to God and follow His ways.

America needs to face her sins today and return to some kind of decency and moral code in this country. We need to stop same sex marriages and giving special rights to sodomites. We need to stop the untold number of abortions taking place in our country. The silent terrorism going on in this country is the destruction of babies in the wombs of mothers. I believe the president needs to face another tragedy and terrorist threat to our nation today – the terrorism of killing innocent lives of babies. I believe that America is blind to the sovereign acts of God but as believers we know that God is always working behind the scenes and is in control. We also know that God is a God of righteous judgment and New Orleans was one of the most wicked cities in America.

Proverbs 29:1

"He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth *his* neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy."

California's \$3-billion-a-year pornographic movie industry is viewing the last cataclysmic earthquake as God's personal destruction of America's most wicked city, some porn producers say. The last catastrophic quake was centered in the cities of Northridge, Shatsworth, and Canoga Park, which are home to nearly all of the U.S. soft-and hard-porn video industry. Every one of the primary porn studios and distributors, a total of around 70, suffered damage. The headquarters of the largest, VCA Pictures, collapsed, destroying equipment and master copies of several films. For a time, the high-level porn studio executives and models were edgy. An executive at World Modeling, a San Fernando Valley agency, supplying actors to the porn industry, says clients were backing away from X-rated acting as a result of the cataclysm. "Our clients have a definite lack of

motivation,” says the agent for porn actors, who requested anonymity. “It’s put the fear of God in them. I’m telling you, it’s enough to give you an attack of religion.”

These are the porn-producers of America talking! The sad thing is this. Even when wicked men know God is judging them they still are not willing to repent of their sins (Revelation 16:8-9). This demonstrated the wickedness of people’s hearts in the face of God’s judgment.

## 2. The Bible reveals that God does punish wicked people.

The Bible teaches that God does punish nations and cites when they are pagan and not interested in repenting of their sins before God. There are many examples we could give. Let’s name just a few of them.

### a. God judged Sodom and Gomorrah.

Genesis 19:24-29

“Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven; And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground. But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt. And Abraham gat up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the LORD: And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace. And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt.”

God judged the land and cities of Sodom and Gomorrah because of their homosexual wickedness. God blew them up and judgment came upon them for their despicable sins and actions that were done in His sight. The archaeological ruins of these cities demonstrate that a vital and catastrophic judgment occurred. One proposed sight of the cities has a thick layer of ashes covering the ruins. Dear friend, this judgment should concern America today and cause her to wake up to the sin of homosexuality, same sex marriages, and the ordaining of

men and women to the ministry who are homosexuals. God does not put up with these hideous sins forever. Sometimes He shuts the door on them and brings revenge upon cities and nations for their waywardness. God is disgusted with the homosexual sins of America that are being paraded before the public and openly endorsed on TV, in our schools, and even in the church. I am thankful that our current president is upholding traditional marriage. If the liberals of this country would have their way traditional marriage would no longer be recognized as the only legitimate and God-ordained pattern of marriage.

God does judge wicked people. Have you ever wondered why God judged Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persian Kingdom and the ancient Roman Empire? They were all thriving world kingdoms of power at one time but God brought His judgment upon them. All these successive world empires were taken down by God one by one for their wickedness and abominations. These were the great ruling empires that existed in the world. But God did not put up with their sins forever. As history unfolds we see that God's judgment came upon them for their sins. How can God be pleased with this nation when homosexuality is an accepted and endorsed as an honorable lifestyle among Americans? God is not pleased and we all know as God-fearing Christians that it is only a matter of time until God is going to act in judgment.

It's interesting that the non-Christian and pagan historian Edward Gibbon (1737-1794) gave some causes of the collapse of the Roman Empire that ruled the known world for over four hundred years. Most of what he said corresponds to America today. He concluded that the Roman Empire fell because of such things as decline in moral values, political corruption, public health issues (plagues), inflation, lack of military stance, and the glorification of sports. These were major things that caused the fall of the great empire of the past. These same reasons parallel or correspond to our present nation today in America. We must understand that we are not exempt from falling apart as a nation from within as did the Roman Empire. We can certainly see how America fits the same pattern, which caused the eventual collapse of an empire that ruled the world, and which no one ever thought could be destroyed. America must get her head out of

the sand, start looking at history, and repent of her sins.

b. God threatened to judge Nineveh.

What about the judgment of Nineveh? Did not God judge Nineveh for her sins? What makes us think that America is any better than Nineveh?

Jonah 1:1-2,

“Now the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.”

Ladies and gentlemen, like Nineveh, America’s wickedness has come up before God! He is not bypassing America’s sinful atrocities. God’s judgment is being brought against America today for her wickedness and this will finally culminate in worldwide judgment during the Tribulation Period (Rev. 3:10). God is summoning America to repent of her sins as He summoned Nineveh. Jonah 3:10 reveals that this wicked city repented of her sins and God withheld His judgment. “And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did *it* not.” Ladies and gentlemen, if New Orleans, one of the most wicked cities in America, would have repented of her sins, maybe God would have steered Hurricane Katrina away from her. Our hearts are softened by any tragedy that takes human life, even when God moves in judgment. But at the same time we must take a long look at America and realize that America is not exempt from experiencing God’s judgment. If America, like Ninevah, would change through genuine repentance over sin and a turning to God, then God might just spare her from judgment. Please note that this city believed God was judging her.

Jonah 3:4-5

“And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown. So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.”

This city truly believed that God was going to move in judgment. "Nineveh believed God." The problem with America today is that we don't believe God is judging us. God help America! We sing, "God Bless America" but we need to start praying, "God spare America." May God help believers to stand up for what is right in these wicked times. As we express our loving concern and hearts toward those who pass through tragedy, we must also look at the situation from the standpoint of sin in America, and how God is holy and does not put up with sin forever. America is not exempt from God's punishment and God's divine intervention into the affairs of this nation. We know this is true for God is seen punishing wicked nations and cities throughout history and His actions are recorded in the Bible and unearthed by archaeological evidence.

Some Americans think that we are a Christian nation because we recognize God in some formal or generic way. Because of this many think that God should always be pleased with us no matter what we do or practice in our nation. This is a fallacy and utter absurdity. We are not a Christian nation. We are a pagan nation at large. Most of the people in this country want nothing to do with godliness. How can God be pleased with this nation when we are killing babies by the millions? How can God be pleased when we strip the Ten Commandments of God's moral code from our government? How can He be pleased when we take prayer out of the schools and when we want to take His name out of our pledge allegiance? How can God be pleased when so many in our land and government today are against everything that is right and godly? God says that He is wearied with our outward acts of religious ceremony while we seek to live like pagans. Pagan living and the outward hypocritical acts of formal religion do not mix with God. Here is what God says about those who try and mix pagan living with outward religious ceremony.

Isaiah 1:13-15

"Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; *it is* iniquity, even the solemn meeting. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear *them*. And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood."



America today really believes that she can sin, play church with God, and get away with it. But this nation is sadly mistaken. God will not put up with religious hypocrisy! God promised that Judah (Southern Kingdom) would experience the judgment of God even though they had the presence of God's temple among them. He reminds them that He destroyed Shiloh (Jer. 7:14) in the days of old, which housed the tabernacle (Joshua 18:1). The people actually believed that God would not judge them since they had the temple in their homeland (Jer. 7:4). They believed the lies which were being propagated that went something like this. "We will be okay. We have the temple. We can sin and get away with it. God won't destroy His beloved temple." But the people forgot that God does not value buildings over obedience. The people actually believed they could get away with their sinful atrocities since they had the temple in their vicinity.

Jeremiah 7:8-10 reveals these words:

"Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit. Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not; And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations (detestable things)?"

This sounds like the talk of America today. This nation actually thinks that she has a religious heritage, or some kind of outward attachment to religious trappings, and because of this we are somehow exempt from God's judgment. Like the Jews we are crying, "The temple, the temple, the temple" (Jer. 7:4). We have just changed the words a bit, "We are Christian, we are Christian, we are Christian." The truth is this. We are not a Christian nation. We are primarily a pagan nation that has forsaken God and we believe the repeated lies that God cannot judge the nation. God calls them "lying words" (Jer. 7:4, 8). When will America stop believing the lies and start believing the truth? God is a God of judgment and He will not overlook the dreadful sins of this nation. He cannot and will not. Look at the pattern of God's judgment on wicked nations and then look at prophecy. God is not going to bypass America and fail to bring judgment against her.

Malachi 2:17 says,

"Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied him? When ye say, Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them; or, Where is the God of judgment?"

The people were portrayed as being oblivious to their sin (1:6-7; 2:14). Like America they asked, "Wherein have we wearied him?" The people were saying that those who do evil are favored by God and that God would never judge them. The Jews in Malachi's day questioned God's justice by saying that He must delight in evil people and will not judge them. This certainly is the way America thinks today. America asks the question, "Where is the God of judgment?" (Mal. 2:17). Most Americans don't really believe God will judge our nation or has any reason to judge this nation (2 Peter 3:4-7). They are blind to the sinful atrocities that are taking place in this land. If America would look past her nose she could see that God is judging her. She should not have to ask, "Where is the God of judgment?" She would see that God moving in judgment today.

c. God judged heathen nations.

In the Bible God is seen to utterly destroy whole heathen nations who stood in the way of His God-ordained purposes.

Joshua 10:5-11 speaks of God's judgment upon heathen people when saying: "Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their hosts, and encamped before Gibeon, and made war against it. And the men of Gibeon sent unto Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying, Slack not thy hand from thy servants; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us: for all the kings of the Amorites that dwell in the mountains are gathered together against us. So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valour. And the LORD said unto Joshua, Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee. Joshua therefore came unto them suddenly, *and* went up from Gilgal all night. And the LORD discomfited them before Israel, and slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them along the way that goeth up to Beth-

haron, and smote them to Azekah, and unto Makkedah. And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, *and* were in the going down to Beth-horon, that the LORD cast down great stones from heaven upon them unto Azekah, and they died: *they were* more which died with hailstones than they whom the children of Israel slew with the sword.”

This scene reveals how a group of wicked pagan people decided to make war with God’s people and how they were utterly destroyed by God for their wickedness. God was in control of their defeat and destruction. The point is this. God does not put up with sin and can and does divinely act against sin and sinners. Sinful pagans can be judged by God and are judged by God. I know that America does not think that God is a God of judgment but nonetheless it is true. Furthermore, I must say today that America is pagan in their living. We have 21<sup>st</sup> century pagans walking around the asphalt jungles of modern America who still reject God and His holy ways. God does eventually bring judgment upon those nations who break His moral code and who live lives of gross immoral sin before His presence.

Deuteronomy 9:3 says, “Understand therefore this day, that the LORD thy God *is* he which goeth over before thee; as a consuming fire he shall destroy them, and he shall bring them down before thy face: so shalt thou drive them out, and destroy them quickly, as the LORD hath said unto thee.” God is a consuming fire and has chose to totally wipe out whole nations in the past who were evil and wicked. America must take note of history and stop thinking that she is somehow immune from the judgment of God.

d. God judged His own people.

God judges His own people. This can be seen in God’s dealings with His own national people - the nation of Israel. God brought judgment against His own people for their sins. Certainly if God can judge His own people then He can judge those who are not His own national people. America needs to raise its eyebrows and take note of God’s judgment upon His own people.

2 Kings 17:5-18 reveals how God judged His own people:

“Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years. In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in Habor *by* the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes. For so it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, which had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods, And walked in the statutes of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made. And the children of Israel did secretly *those* things that *were* not right against the LORD their God, and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city. And they set them up images and groves in every high hill, and under every green tree: And there they burnt incense in all the high places, as *did* the heathen whom the LORD carried away before them; and wrought wicked things to provoke the LORD to anger: For they served idols, whereof the LORD had said unto them, Ye shall not do this thing. Yet the LORD testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, *and by* all the seers, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments *and* my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets. Notwithstanding they would not hear, but hardened their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, that did not believe in the LORD their God. And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the heathen that *were* round about them, *concerning* whom the LORD had charged them, that they should not do like them. And they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, and made them molten images, *even* two calves, and made a grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal. And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger. Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only.”

Listen, if God moved in judgment against His own people, then surely He can judge America. Verse thirteen is the same call to America

today – “Turn ye from your evil ways ...” God is calling America to turn from her evil ways and stop killing babies and then using them for experimental purposes. God is calling America to stop promoting homosexuality. God is calling America to stop pushing Him out of the schools, government, and country. If we don’t stop our wicked actions and godless ways we can expect God to judge us in a greater way, even as He judged His own people. Like His people of old, America does not want to hear God’s voice any longer and she wants to reject His commands found in the Bible. This is why Americans are trying to get rid of the Ten Commandments from the eye of the public. Many Americans no longer want God’s moral code to govern their lives. They have hardened their hearts to anything that reflects morality and righteousness.

2 Kings 17:14 gives us the sad commentary:  
“Notwithstanding they would not hear, but hardened their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, that did not believe in the LORD their God.”

When people continually harden themselves before God it’s only a matter of time until judgment falls. This is why America needs to take heed. When a nation casts God out of the picture judgment will eventually fall upon that nation. This has been God’s pattern of judgment throughout the Bible. God judged His own people and this would mean that America is not exempt from His judgment.

e. God will judge the nations and cities of the world in the future.

Revelation 16:18-19

“And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, *and* so great. And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.”

You will notice that at the close of the Tribulation Period God is going to wipe out all of the cities of this world (“the cities of the nations”). The city of Babylon has a special judgment related to it but none of the cities will escape the hand of God’s judgment.

Revelation 18:4-5 says, “And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.”

This means that God will judge Babylon because of her sins. He will remember her for the sins that she did. He will remember her and bring judgment against this wicked city in the future. I want to say today that I believe the stench of America’s sins have “reached unto heaven” and God today is remembering America’s iniquities. He is visiting her in judgment. America is going through a purifying time to see whether or not she will repent of her own evildoings. We talk about the terrorist evildoers today and rightly so. But we need to talk about the evildoers and evildoing in our own country! Let me repeat something. The stench of America’s sins has reached unto heaven! I’m not a doomsday prophet but when examining the pattern of Scripture and God judging nations for evil and wickedness, I can only come to the conclusion that America is not exempt from God’s judgment.

Isaiah 34:2 records:

“For the indignation of the LORD *is* upon all nations, and *his* fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter.”

This is a prophetic verse encompassing the Lord’s return to earth and how He will not put up with nations that are evil. The point is this. God will and does judge those nations who are evil and we may very well be seeing the prelude to the judgment that is going to be unleashed upon the earth during the coming Tribulation Period. You can call God a terrorist or anything that you want to but it still will not change God! God is angered with sin and He will not allow it to go unchecked forever.

Psalms 9:16-17

“The LORD is known *by* the judgment *which* he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgaion. Selah. The wicked shall be turned into hell, *and* all the nations that forget God.”

The Lord does execute judgment! Because of wickedness the judgment of God is unleashed upon people. America needs to awake to this Biblical truth or axiom. Those who think that God is not a God of judgment must take another look at this Psalm. This is the fate of all the godless nations that forget God. This will be true in a specific way of every nation when the Lord Jesus returns to earth to establish His kingdom (vs.19). The people will die and go to hell or “sheol” the intermediate place of judgment awaiting the great White Throne Judgment. When a nation like America forgets God it is headed toward God’s judgment and the greatest judgment that any nation could face is when its inhabitants wind up in hell and are judged for their sins forever in fire and brimstone. In fact, hell enlarges itself (Isa. 5:14) as lost people die and go there because of their failure to repent and receive the gift of salvation that Jesus Christ lovingly offers to them (Romans 6:23).

I don’t know when America is going to learn her lesson? Every discerning Christian today knows that God is absolutely disgusted with America! And deep down I think our current president know this is true. People today say, “Enough is enough” when talking about terrorism. I agree. We must do something about terrorism. But what many people do not know is that God is saying the same thing to America, “Enough is enough!” Many people today are 21<sup>st</sup> century educated pagans that do not know who God is and how a holy God must eventually judge sin.

America wants to talk about terrorism today and rightly so! But as I’ve already mentioned let America talk about the terrorism that is taking place in the wombs of mothers! Every abortionist doctor is a terrorist committing one of the most terrorist acts known to mankind – the killing of babies. God is saying, “Enough is enough.” Actually, abortion and the acts of terrorism are not unrelated! They are two peas in the same pod. And America must see her sin in God’s eyes so that His judgment might not be unleashed in a greater way upon the nation.

The truth is the truth. America is being judged by God and this nation needs to face her sins as she did in the Great Awakenings of yesteryears. We need another Great Awakening in America today where people will repent and get saved and where people will return

to the fear of God instead of harboring their own sins. America's first Great Awakening came under the preaching of Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758) and George Whitfield (1714-1770) and lasted approximately from the 1720s to the 1760s. The American colonies needed to have their boat rocked by the strong preaching of these godly men. The sermon that Jonathan Edwards preached which stirred millions was entitled: "Sinners in the hands of an angry God." I think America needs to hear this message again. Great throngs of people were saved and the church became stronger.

The second Great Awakening occurred approximately from the 1780s to the 1840s under the leadership of Timothy Dwight, Asahel Nettleton, John Leland and others. By this time America was prospering, gold was discovered in the West, the banking business was booming and industrial plants sprang up like mushrooms. Prosperity was in the minds and hearts of people, but not God. The past revivals in the forties gave way to spiritual neglect. The advent of a new era was underway. People were not allowing God to be part of their lives any longer. On October 12, 1857, Wall Street tumbled. Banks failed, factories went out of business, railroad construction halted and thousands were left unemployed. Many saw this as a sign of God's judgment for the nations serious neglect of spiritual matters. Added to all of this, the slavery issue had erupted into violence and the country was on the brink of a Civil War.

In this Great Awakening of American history whole cities closed down their bars and people came to prayer meetings over lunch hours as they sought to do what honored God. The police and fire departments opened their buildings for prayer services at noon. Numerous churches were overflowing with praying businessmen. Ministers made themselves available to those who needed spiritual help. Stories of conversions appeared on the front pages daily newspapers in New York, such as the New York Tribune. This prayer revival spread to other cities such as Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago and Atlanta. News about this spiritual awakening that began was spread all over the United States. It is estimated that during this 24-month prayer revival that over one million people came to Christ. Within the cities saloons were converted into prayer halls. The Atlanta police department dismissed half of its force because of reduced crime. Grocery storekeepers rolled out their barrels of beer and wine and



poured it into the streets. The revival even spread to the nation's army and navy.

Psalm 33:12 records:

"Blessed *is* the nation whose God *is* the LORD: *and* the people *whom* he hath chosen for his own inheritance."

A nation is truly blessed when they honor God and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. In the past, many saw America's woes as a sign of God's judgment for the nation's serious neglect of spiritual matters and this is why true revival broke out. The problem with modern Americans is that they are not willing to recognize their sins and utter wickedness before God. The nation today glorifies sin and wants nothing to do with God's moral code. America needs to return to the fear of God today!

Psalm 9:20 says,

"Put them in fear, O Lord: that the nations may know themselves to be but men. Selah."

The word "Selah" means to pause and consider what has been said. America needs to pause and consider that God is a God of judgment that can express His wrath against any nation, even the great nation of America. This will certainly be witnessed in the future when Jesus returns to earth to judge the nations of the world. But the judgment of God can also be witnessed today in our land. There is nothing in Scripture that would suggest God cannot judge America with various thunderbolts of His righteous judgment even before the Tribulation Period begins and His Son returns to earth. If America does not repent of her sinful atrocities than she leaves herself open to future judgment. God's cup of judgment is being filled up against America (Rev. 14:10). Enough is enough! America must wake up to her sins. They are a stench in the nostrils of God. They have reached unto heaven. God will have the final say.

Psalm 9:17

"The wicked shall be turned into hell, *and* all the nations that forget God."

