13. Thinking that all Belief Systems are Equal

THE EXTERNAL PROBLEM:

The growth of syncretism and pluralism in our society; the worldview that all beliefs, views and religions are the same. This idolatry reduces Yahweh to the same level as false gods.

THE INTERNAL PROBLEM:

Thinking that all belief systems are equal; thinking that there are many ways to get to Heaven; not knowing the difference between religion and Kingdom; wanting to find "a way" other than Jesus; not knowing the character of Yahweh. Ignoring the spiritual war. (II Cor. 10:4-6)

SCRIPTURE:

"You shall have no other gods before Me."-Ex. 20:3

"You shall worship no other god: for Yahweh, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God:" -Ex.

34:14

"Thus shall you say unto them, 'The gods that have not made the Heavens and the Earth, even they shall perish from the Earth, and from under these Heavens." -Jer. 10:11

"And you shall swear, 'Yahweh lives,' in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; and the nations shall bless themselves in Him, and in Him shall they glory." -Jer. 4:2

"When once the master of the house is risen up, and has shut to the door, and you begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open unto us'; and he shall answer and say unto you, 'I know you not or where you are from:" -Luke 13:25

"That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved. For with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture says, 'Whosoever believes on Him shall not be ashamed.' For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him. For 'whosoever shall call upon the name of Yahweh shall be saved." -Rom. 10:13

"The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction." -Prov. 1:7

"For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD:" -Prov. 1:29

"Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causes you to err from the words of knowledge." - Prov. 19:27

"Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus;" -I Tim. 2:4-5

"...ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." -II Tim. 3:7

"Jesus said unto him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man comes unto the Father, but

by Me." - John 14:6

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." -Col. 2:8

"An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, which has the form of knowledge and of the truth in the law." -Rom 2:20

"And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;" -Rom. 1:28

"Woe unto you that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" -Isa. 5:20

"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;" -II Cor. 10:5

"The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding." - Prov. 9:10

"Whoso digs a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolls a stone, it will return upon him." -Proverbs 26:27

THE INTERNAL SOLUTION:

Understanding that all belief systems are not equal; understanding that all ideas have consequences, that every effect has a cause and that the Bible speaks consistently to all the issues of life. Knowing Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

THE SOLUTION DEMONSTRATED:

A cultural shift away from political correctness to Biblical truth. When it is understood that it is just as much a logical impossibility to say that all belief systems are equal and will take you to the same place as to say that all roads are equal and will take you to the same destination. When our churches return to Biblical preaching and those who claim the name of Jesus learn to take every thought captive and make them obedient to Christ, which yields to a Biblical worldview.

WE REPENT FOR:

- 1. Not choosing the fear of Yahweh.
- 2. Thinking we can study false religions and reap the "wisdom" in them without being led into deceit, error or mixture; building our own religion and thoughts about "God" instead of letting Yahweh shape our beliefs.
- 3. Believing that there are many ways to salvation.
- 4. Believing that you can gain access to God through belief systems other than Jesus.
- 5. Thinking that all gods, ways and belief systems are equal and that the end destination of different beliefs are the same.

- 6. Trusting in philosophy, human reasoning and religion.
- 7. Idol worship and the worship of false gods.
- 8. Not discerning Jesus' death on the cross by seeking other works, ideas or systems to add to it. (I Cor. 11:29, Heb. 6:4-8, II Peter 2:10-22)
- 9. Not considering the long-term eternal consequences of our choices.
- 10. Mixing good and evil.
- 11. Ever learning, and never coming to the knowledge of the truth. (II Tim. 3:7)

"I acknowledged my sin unto You, and my iniquity have I not hid. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD'; and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah. For this shall every one that is godly pray unto You in a time when You may be found..." -Psalm 32:5-6a

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS:

"Thus says Yahweh, 'Cursed be the man that trusts in man, and makes flesh his arm, and whose heart departs from Yahweh. For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good comes; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited. Blessed is the man that trusts in Yahweh, and whose hope is in Yahweh. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreads out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat comes, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit." -Jer. 17:5-8

Yahweh, thank You for forgiving us.

Reveal Yourself to us. Reveal the truth of the Scriptures to us. Teach us Your character and fill us with the understanding and holy knowledge of You.

I receive Your forgiveness. I receive the Truth and Your grace to walk after the Spirit (and not after the flesh). Lead me from grace to grace, from faith to faith and from glory to glory.

DIRECTIVE:

Yahweh, send a fresh revelation of the knowledge of You to our land. Eyes are opening to the knowledge of God. Darkness is leaving as waves of glory fill the hearts, homes, sanctuaries and airways of our nation. New Agers are recognizing their emptiness and finally facing up to the fact that with all their seeking they have not come to the knowledge of truth. Reward their search today with the revelation *"That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved."* (Rom. 10:9) We call forth the lost from the ends of the Earth, from cults, from idol worship of all sorts, from churches that teach there are many ways to god, from orders and belief systems that have held them captive. We declare their release. We proclaim their release from darkness into light.

Yahweh, we lift Your name on high like a banner over this land. Draw all people unto Yourself. We call the masses to awaken and listen. Fill the airways with the frequency of Yahweh. It is Your will that only You are worshipped in this land. We decree that in New Age meetings, in the gathering places of cults, secret societies and dens of iniquity that the name of Yahweh be lifted up. Cause Your name to fill the thought processes of the collective consciousness of this land. We call forth every frequency of broadcast, music and voice to speak the name of Yahweh. Foil the plans of the enemy to take possession of this land. Release the United States of America from the net of deceit. Proverbs 1:17 says, *"Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird."* We declare the opening of the eyes of this nation so that the net may be cast aside and the plans of those who would come against You, the God of this nation, will reap the consequences of their own devices. (Proverbs 26:27) Show Your enemies Your mercy and Your kindness so that they too can come into Your marvelous light.

Your will be done in Earth as it is in Heaven.

14. The Legal System Oppressing the Poor and Defenseless

THE EXTERNAL PROBLEM:

The poor being caught in the net of the legal system with no hope of escape. The legal system used to create a prison industry, to prey upon the poor and keep them in debt; the system being used to enslave the weak.

THE INTERNAL PROBLEM:

The sin nature of man that makes us want to rule over each other when we cannot even govern ourselves. Not understanding our identity in Christ; putting other people down in order to lift ourselves up. Hard hearts that lack compassion for the less fortunate.

SCRIPTURE:

"How long will you judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy: deliver them out of the hand of the wicked." -Ps. 82: 2-4

"Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place." -Isa. 28:17

"They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof." - Prov. 1:30

"In that day shall the LORD of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of His people, And for a spirit of judgment to Him that sits in judgment, and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate." -Isa. 28:5-6

"Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke?" -Isa. 58:6

"To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity;" - Prov. 1:3

"Behold, Yahweh's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness. None calls for justice, nor any pleads for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.....their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands. Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths. The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goes therein shall not know peace. Therefore is judgment far from us, neither does justice overtake us: we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness....we look for judgment, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far off from us. For our transgressions are multiplied before You, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them; in transgressing and lying against Yahweh, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. And judgment is turned away backward, and justice stands afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter." -Isa. 59:1-14

THE INTERNAL SOLUTION:

Coming out from lies into the light of truth. Opening our eyes to the oppression of the poor and courageously speaking up for them, supporting them emotionally and financially, and standing up for them in public even if it risks our reputation. Making the personal commitment to know what is going on in our local courts, to know our local judges and know how they rule and setting things right.

THE SOLUTION DEMONSTRATED:

When Justice is once again blind in the United States of America. Justice is restored to our land when there is no favoritism for special interest groups, no special privilege for the rich or famous, when redemption is every judge's desire, when making money is no longer the goal of the prison system and when the Constitution is restored as the law of the land. The greatest protection the poor can receive is the protection already guaranteed in the Constitution. When people once again want its provisions enforced instead of trying to write more laws to "improve" upon the Constitution we will see the poor and defenseless once again treated justly.

WE REPENT FOR:

- 1. Oppressing the poor, the widow, the fatherless and the orphan.
- 2. Thinking that God does not provide for us; taking matters into our own hands; looking to sources other than God for our provision.
- 3. Allowing other people to determine our "value."
- 4. Finding our definition and self-worth in what we have or do not have.
- 5. Not loving our neighbor as ourself.
- 6. Ignoring Your great love for us and the high price You paid.
- 7. Disregarding Your provision for us.
- 8. Ignoring the cause to effect of how obedience or disobedience to Your laws results in our blessing or curse.
- 9. Confusing Justice with fairness.
- 10. Pushing truth out of our culture, our courts and our schools.
- 11. Refusing God's legal counsel. (Prov. 1:30)

"I acknowledged my sin unto You, and my iniquity have I not hid. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD'; and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah. For this shall every one that is godly pray unto You in a time when You may be found..." -Psalm 32:5-6a

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS:

"When the enemy shall come in, like a flood the Spirit of Yahweh shall lift up a standard against him. And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob,' says Yahweh. 'As for me, this is My covenant with them,' says Yahweh; 'My Spirit that is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, nor out of the mouth of your seed, nor out of the mouth of your seed's seed,' say Yahweh, 'from henceforth and for ever." -Isa. 59:19b-21

Yahweh, thank You for forgiving us.

Cause us to know Your great love for us. Reveal our identity in You. Show us who we are in Christ and how valuable we are—so valuable You were willing to send Jesus to die for us.

I receive Your forgiveness. I receive the Truth and Your grace to walk after the Spirit (and not after the flesh). Lead me from grace to grace, from faith to faith and from glory to glory.

DIRECTIVE:

"Yea, truth falls; and he that departs from evil makes himself a prey: and Yahweh saw it, and it displeased Him that there was no judgment. And He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore His arm brought salvation unto Him; and His righteousness, it sustained Him. For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon His head; and He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak. According to their deeds, accordingly He will repay, fury to His adversaries, recompense to His enemies; to the islands He will repay recompense. So shall they fear the name of Yahweh from the West, and His glory from the rising of the sun." -Isa. 59:15-19a

"Arise, shine; for your light is come, and the glory of Yahweh is risen upon you. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the Earth, and gross darkness the people: but Yahweh shall arise upon you, and His glory shall be seen upon you. And the Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising." -Isa. 60:1-3

Yahweh, awaken Justice in our land. Awaken in us the justice, judgment and equity that comes from You, the Source of all wisdom. (Prov. 1:3)

Illuminate the understanding of average citizens to the value and simplicity of Divine law. Release ministers to start preaching the Biblical principles of law not as political but as a basic governmental understanding necessary for Kingdom citizenship. Cast light on the plight of the poor in our communities. Open our eyes to the plight of the poor around us and how they are treated by the legal system. We receive divine guidance about how to bring Justice to our land. You, Yahweh, are the King of Kings, Lord of lords, President of presidents and You reign over this land. Speak illumination into the courtrooms of this land that Justice will prevail. Let people who have not been treated justly be divinely compensated and filled with favor and blessing as they trust for Divine Justice instead of placing their trust in human beings.

Expose those who use the poor as a cloak to cover their true intent of oppressing the rich and the middle class. Expose those who use the legal system to further their own self-interests. We proclaim the breaking of every unrighteous yoke and burden. Expose the motives and intent of the hearts of the attorneys, judges, social workers, media advocates, community organizers and everyone who claims to be a friend of the poor. Awaken the understanding of the poor to realize that those who really want to help them will teach them how to be government dependent no longer, how they can make money for themselves, how they can reach their fullest potential and no longer be a burden but a blessing to themselves and society.

Those of us who are in the legal system stand in the gap and repent for all those who have used the system to add to the suffering of already hurting people, for impressing impossible burdens upon those already in distress and to write laws to our own advantage. Open the eyes of all of us in this profession. Let us all be aware that as the Author of liberty and the Author of all true law You will not be mocked. Let us use our knowledge of the law to set the captives free instead of to enslave. Give us a renewed and healthy respect for Divine law and our responsibility to use that special knowledge for Your Kingdom. Even if we are highly trained in civil law and are born-again, let us admit how little we know about Divine law. Give us a hunger to study the Bible as a book of law and to implement what we learn into our professional activities.

Those of us who are not professional students of the law repent for shirking the responsibility of all who love liberty to defend the poor and defenseless.

Your will be done in Earth as it is in Heaven.

15. Political Correctness

THE EXTERNAL PROBLEM:

Political correctness has become more valued than truth. As our society has moved from a Biblical worldview toward relativism, we have lost academic and journalistic integrity while becoming intellectually dishonest. The lowering of moral standards in the church has opened the door for political correctness by making the person who holds to a standard the villain instead of the hero.

THE INTERNAL PROBLEM:

- Fearing man, but not fearing God.
- Not being in a love relationship with Yahweh.
- The secularization of society that has seared the conscience and made people think that "anything goes."

SCRIPTURE:

"A scorner seeks wisdom, and finds it not: but knowledge is easy unto him that understands." -Prov. 14:6

"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" -Isa. 5:20

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, that you shall be no priest to Me: seeing you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children."-Hos. 4:6

"You have trodden down all them that err from Your statutes: for their deceit is falsehood." -Ps. 119:118

"Their tongue is as an arrow shot out; it speaks deceit: one speaks peaceably to his neighbor with his mouth, but in his heart he lays his wait." -Jer. 9:8

"How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yes, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart;" -Jer. 23:26

"You give your mouth to evil, and your tongue frames deceit." -Ps. 50:19

"He that hates destroys with his lips, and lays up deceit within him.... A lying tongue hates those it lies to; and a flattering mouth works ruin." - Prov. 26: 24, 28

"But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison." -James 3:8

"And be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you." -Eph. 4:32

"Bread of deceit is sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel." -Ps. 20:17

THE INTERNAL SOLUTION:

- Our fear of God overtaking our fear of people;
- The Church returning to the absolute authority of God's Word;
- Love understood as telling the truth and setting relational boundaries.

THE SOLUTION DEMONSTRATED:

It will take a massive, on the knees revival that results in total repentance and a reset of our society. Once that occurs, it will take a time of teaching and renewing of the mind that would be God's great mercy upon our land. The cultural transformation that would follow would result in a change in our entertainment, our music, our family lives, our financial institutions, the way we educate our children and every area of culture. In order for a Biblical worldview to dominate the culture, total abandonment to God will be normal. The world will know that it has happened.

WE REPENT FOR:

- 1. Losing our fear of God
- 2. Allowing the Bible to become nothing more than "literature" and be removed from the decision making of our nation.
- 3. Not renewing our minds; for not thinking and reasoning from the scriptures.
- 4. Allowing pagan worldviews to dominate our educational systems.
- 5. Not caring enough about the lost to take the time to love them and share the gospel with them.
- 6. Not even knowing what the gospel is, let alone how to share it.
- 7. Abandoning society at large and retreating into our churches.
- 8. Not seeing the Bible as the most important book in the world.
- 9. Not seeing the cultural relevancy of the scriptures.
- 10. Not speaking the truth in love to the people around us.
- 11. Listening to lies.
- 12. Not knowing the difference between the truth and a lie.
- 13. Believing that those who lie to us have our best interest at hear.
- 14. Not being aware of how Satan deceives people. (See Mountains of Deceit: How the Dialectic Process Has Infected the Culture by Dr. Marlene McMillan)
- 15. Believing the Myth of Neutrality; believing that the secular Humanist is neutral while a Bible-believing Christian is biased. (Everyone is biased.)
- 16. Not publicly exposing political correctness for its hatred of the truth.
- 17. Allowing political correctness to permeate our churches; allowing relativists to call themselves "ministers of the Gospel."

"I acknowledged my sin unto You, and my iniquity have I not hid. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD'; and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah. For this shall every one that is godly pray unto You in a time when You may be found..." -Psalm 32:5-6a

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS:

"O Israel, return unto Yahweh your God; for you have fallen by your iniquity. Take with you words, and turn to the LORD: say unto Him, 'Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips. Asshur shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses: neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, "You are our gods": for in You the fatherless find mercy.' I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for Mine anger is turned away from him." -Hos. 14:1-4

Yahweh, thank You for forgiving us.

Teach us to fear Your name. Perfect Your love in us. Show us our identity in You as sons and daughters of the King. Bring us into deep intimacy with You. Let us know Your great love for us.

I receive Your forgiveness. I receive the Truth and Your grace to walk after the Spirit (and not after the flesh). Lead me from grace to grace, from faith to faith and from glory to glory.

DIRECTIVE:

"Today you shall understand the fear of Yahweh, and find the knowledge of God." -Prov. 2:5 Yahweh says to all who will repent, "I will heal your backsliding, I will love you freely: for My anger is turned away from you." (Hos. 14:4)

It is a new day in America. We publicly denounce the lies, blindness and deception that surround political correctness. A Great Awakening arises in this land. Send Your light to dispel the darkness of lies and deception. Rebuke the twister spirit that twists spoken truth and makes the listener hear lies. Send ministers of truth. We call forth listeners of truth. We dismiss deceitful speech and replace it with truth. Expose the deceivers of this nation. Let their deceit be exposed immediately. Let the people who want to hear the truth increase but diminish those who love to have their ears tickled with lies.

We call forth an atmospheric shift. Turn on the switch in our hearts and ears so that we desire the truth; we yearn for the truth. Spread a blanket of truthfulness across this land. Let those who love truth be protected and comforted under Your shadow.

Today is the day of repentance for our acceptance of political correctness. Today is the day of turning. We turn our backs on those who use words to control us. We are released this very moment from darkness and deceit into light and truth.

Expose political correctness, this modern-day manifestation of Jezebel. We dismiss the spirits of theft and deceit that surround this pervasive, destructive force. Turn the hearts of the

young toward their parents and the parents toward their children. Today we expose this travesty of deceit. Today we call forth awakening to this nation to want the truth.

Today we acknowledge that Truth is a person and He can be known. We decree an intense renewed desire to know Jesus; to know the Way, the Truth and the Life. Encourage the individuals in our nation to care more about their eternal future than they do about pleasing their peers. We dismiss political correctness from our tongues. We decree a Holy Spirit empowerment for the desire and realized power of people controlling their tongues; speaking blessing and despising cursing. The damage from the deadly poison of political correctness is reversed and replaced with the law of kindness. (Prov. 31:26)

We publicly acknowledge our gratefulness for forgiveness. We renounce the culture of judgment that has grown up around political correctness and replace it with a culture dominated by the fruit of the Spirit. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control operate freely in our land. There is no law against the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:23), so replace the meanness, vindictiveness and judgment that surrounds political correctness with love, grace and mercy.

Your will be done in Earth as it is in Heaven.

16. A Welfare-Dependent Culture

"He who would exchange essential liberty for temporary safety deserves neither liberty nor safety." -Benjamin Franklin

THE EXTERNAL PROBLEM:

Large amounts of money spent on welfare resulting in people getting poorer, weaker and more government dependent. There is a growing resentment between the poor who think the rich are not doing enough and the rich who resent that the poor won't do more to help themselves.

THE INTERNAL PROBLEM:

Accepting as normal the idea that welfare is the responsibility of civil government instead of the family, the community and the church. Misinterpreting the "General Welfare" clause of the Constitution to mean that the government is to make everyone happy. Even good intentions can have grievous results.

SCRIPTURE:

"The righteous considers the cause of the poor: but the wicked cares not to know it." -Prov. 29:7 "And it shall come to pass, if you shall hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD your God, to observe and to do all His commandments which I command you this day, that the LORD your God will set you on high above all nations of the Earth:

And all these blessings shall come on you, and overtake you, if you shall hearken unto the voice of the LORD your God. Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field." -Deut. 28:1-3

"I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and the right of the poor." -Psalm 140:12

"He strikes them as wicked men in the open sight of others; because they turned back from Him, and would not consider any of His ways: so that they cause the cry of the poor to come unto Him, and He hears the cry of the afflicted." -Job 34:26-28

"But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." -I Tim. 5:8

"Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke?" -Isa. 58:6

"When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue fails for thirst, I Yahweh will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them. I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the shittah tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the fir tree, and the pine, and the box tree together: that they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of Yahweh has done this, and the Holy One of Israel has created it." -Isa. 41:17-20

THE INTERNAL SOLUTION:

Coming to a Biblical perspective on the function of the individual, the home, the church and civil government. Understanding the roles of each of God's Divine institutions and then having the courage to implement public policies that align with the immutable laws of God. Coming to an awareness of true compassion which carries with it the Biblical requirement to take care of your own family or nation before you take care of others. The first act of compassion is an accurate definition.

THE SOLUTION DEMONSTRATED:

Welfare done God's way is personal, accountable, local, voluntary and temporary. It gives dignity to the recipient, flows from responsible stewardship of the giver and has no coercion or legalized plunder in the equation. The inherent wealth of each individual is respected while not becoming a burden on the strong to the point of weakening the strong and in the process weakening the nation.

WE REPENT FOR:

- 1. Thinking we are smarter than God.
- 2. Thinking we can improve the lives of others without dealing with the spiritual and emotional causes of their condition.
- 3. Pitting one group of citizens against another.
- 4. Only looking at the immediate situation and not it's long term (or even unintended) consequences.
- 5. Ignoring the cycles of history and liberty that would have predicted our current state of affairs; for ignoring cause to effect.
- 6. Not listening to those who sounded warnings and offered more principles solutions.
- 7. Being stiff-necked in our national desire to ignore God's way.
- 8. Borrowing against our children's and grandchildren's future.
- 9. Allowing the Constitution to be eroded by unscrupulous politicians who would rather get reelected than protect our liberties.
- 10. Asking our elected officials to do things that are outside of the bounds of the Constitution (or outside the legitimate function of civil government) in order to reap an immediate benefit at the expense of our essential liberties.
- 11. Not loving those hurting souls who just needed instruction, guidance, mentorship or temporary help but instead were plugged into a system that has stolen their dignity, left them ignorant, government dependent and without hope.

- 12. Appeasing our consciences by thinking if we throw some money at it, set up a food bank, or implement some program "to help the poor" that we have somehow solved the problem.
- 13. Continuing to elect politicians who further the system of legalized plunder that will eventually bankrupt the nation making everyone equally poor and government dependent.

"I acknowledged my sin unto You, and my iniquity have I not hid. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD'; and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah. For this shall every one that is godly pray unto You in a time when You may be found..." -Psalm 32:5-6a

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS:

"But you, Israel, are my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend. You whom I have taken from the ends of the Earth, and called you from the chief men thereof, and said unto you, 'You are my servant; I have chosen you, and not cast you away.' Fear not; for I am with you: be not dismayed; for I am your God: I will strengthen you; yea, I will help you; yea, I will uphold you with the right hand of my righteousness." -Isa. 41:8-10

Yahweh, thank You for forgiving us.

Teach us to value our essential liberties, our liberties that come straight from You. Teach us to break every yoke and set the captive free. Cause us to love as You.

I receive Your forgiveness. I receive the Truth and Your grace to walk after the Spirit (and not after the flesh). Lead me from grace to grace, from faith to faith and from glory to glory.

DIRECTIVE:

Yahweh, pour out Your Spirit on all flesh. Fill us to overflowing with Your Spirit and Your love. We dismiss the spirit of poverty that has gripped this nation. We dismiss the avarice, greed and selfishness that has turned poverty into an industry that forgets the personal suffering of the individuals involved. Awaken the eyes and hearts of those who really want to see the poor helped. We dismiss the spirit of dependency and replace it with a strong desire for self-reliance, personal dignity and a drive toward productivity. We speak the fruit of the Spirit to manifest in the hearts and minds of this nation. Let love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control be abundant throughout this land. Awaken people to the revelation that the fruit of their sloth, laziness, selfishness, and the desire for immediate gratification will leave them in misery. We decree dependency replaced with self-reliance. We renew our personal and national trust in Yahweh. We dismiss the spirit of bondage that has gripped our nation and replace it with Your Spirit of liberty.

We proclaim a cultural shift from a culture of dependency and entitlement to a culture of firm reliance upon Almighty God with the desire to replant a new crop of liberty for future generations and an understanding that liberty is fragile.

"The Spirit of Yahweh is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor; He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of Yahweh." -Luke 4:18-19

The Spirit of Yahweh is on each of us here today and upon this nation; to heal the brokenhearted, to heal our broken nation, to set the captives free, to restore the foundation of liberty, and so that the civil government fulfill its Biblical purpose of being a praise to those who do good and a terror to those who do evil.

Your will be done in Earth as it is in Heaven.

[See the book *31*+ *Blatantly Ignored Causes of Poverty* by Dr. Marlene McMillan if you care to know more about why people are poor and what can be done about it.]

17. False Prophets in the Church Mixing Truth and Error

THE EXTERNAL PROBLEM:

Mixture of truth and error; not being able to tell a true believer from a religious church attendee; not being able to tell a church attendee from anyone else in the culture. Preachers who preach a "non-offensive message" to please the listeners and bring in large crowds, while ignoring the Gospel truth of repentance and transformation.

THE INTERNAL PROBLEM:

- Not keeping covenant.
- Loving the world and its systems more than Yahweh.
- Not knowing the Scriptures and how to discern truth from error; coming into unbiblical agreements, oaths and belief systems.
- Reviling in the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life.
- Not loving God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.
- Having a hard, unguarded and divided heart.

SCRIPTURE:

"Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." -II Tim. 4:2-4

"Speak... sound doctrine:" - Titus 2:1

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passes away, and the lust thereof: but he that does the will of God abides for ever." -I John 2:15-17

"They have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, 'Yahweh says': and Yahweh has not sent them: and they have made others to hope that they would confirm the word." -Ezek. 13:6

"And her prophets have daubed them with untempered mortar, seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying, 'Thus says the Lord GOD,' when Yahweh had not spoken." -Ezek. 22:28

"But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." -II Tim. 3:13

"These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the Word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so." -Acts 17:11

"Even so every good tree brings forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree brings forth evil fruit. A good

tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit." -Matt. 7:17-18 "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." -Gal. 5: 25 "Howbeit when He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, He will guide you into all Truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall he speak: and He will show you things to come." -John 16:13

"But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of Truth, which proceeds from the Father, He shall testify of Me:" -John 15:26

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." -James 1:27

"And He taught daily in the temple." -Luke 19:47

"And said, 'O Yahweh God of Israel, there is no God like You in the Heaven, nor in the Earth; which keeps covenant, and shows mercy unto Your servants, that walk before You with all their hearts:" -II Chron. 6:14

"Yahweh shall destroy them that speak deceitful lies: Yahweh will abhor the bloody and deceitful man." -Psalm 5:6

"And He sent them to preach the Kingdom of God, and to heal the sick." -Luke 9:2

"Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this will we do, if God permit. For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good Word of God, and the powers of the world to come, if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put Him to an open shame. For the Earth which drinks in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and brings forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receives blessing from God: but that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned. But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak. For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which you have showed toward His name, in that you have ministered to the Saints, and do minister. And we desire that every one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: that you be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises."-Heb. 6:1-12

THE INTERNAL SOLUTION:

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works." -II Tim. 3:16

Fearing God; believing the Bible is the inspired Word of Yahweh and receiving the good news into our hearts and lives; wanting neither to listen to a false prophet nor to preach a false doctrine.

THE SOLUTION DEMONSTRATED:

We will know that the false prophets and teachers have been exposed and there is sound doctrine being preached in our churches when there is a mass revival with cultural reformation following. There will not be a legalistic, religious spirit but a loving, humble, grace-filled joy that overflows from our churches. The name of Yahweh will be lifted up instead of the name of famous preachers or celebrities. The nation will see the love of God manifest and even the hardest of hard hearts will be healed and made whole.

WE REPENT FOR:

- 1. Not encouraging preachers to speak the Word of Truth. (II Tim. 4:2)
- 2. Kicking out the Holy Spirit and thinking that we will still have the truth. (John 16:13)
- 3. Thinking we have to preach a weak and appeasing message to bring people comfort instead of allowing the Comforter to minister unto the needs of the people. (John 15:26)
- Not knowing enough of the Bible to discern a false prophet from a true prophet. (II Tim. 3:13)
- 5. Not checking out for ourselves what is preached; trusting that the Bible says whatever we are told it says. (Acts 17:11)
- 6. Being so afraid of criticizing religious works and religious leaders that we don't examine the fruit of their ministries and churches. (Matt. 7:17-18)
- 7. Looking for man-made religious rituals and activities to satisfy us instead of obeying God.
- 8. Thinking that a once a week dose of the Word of God is enough to get to Heaven.
- 9. Thinking that all gods are alike, that there are many ways to "get to God" and allowing that message into Christian houses of worship. (John 14:6, II Chron. 6:14)
- 10. Thinking that, because it is done (or said) in the name of religion and in a "reverent" manner, it is acceptable to God. (Psalm 5:6)
- 11. Accepting a weak and ineffectiveness gospel as normal. (Luke 9:1-6, Luke 10:1,17)

"I acknowledged my sin unto You, and my iniquity have I not hid. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD'; and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah. For this shall every one that is godly pray unto You in a time when You may be found..." -Psalm 32:5-6a

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS:

"For thus says the Lord GOD; 'Behold, I, even I, will both search My sheep, and seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out My sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment." -Ezek 34:11-12, 16 Yahweh, thank You for forgiving us.

You are my Shepherd; I shall not want. You make me to lie down in green pastures; You lead me beside the still waters. You restore my soul; You lead me in the paths of righteousness for Your name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for You *are* with me; Your rod and staff comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the House of Yahweh forever.

I receive Your forgiveness. I receive the Truth and Your grace to walk after the Spirit (and not after the flesh). Lead me from grace to grace, from faith to faith and from glory to glory.

DIRECTIVE:

Yahweh, pour out Your Spirit on all flesh. Speak, for Your sheep hear Your voice.

Today, we dethrone false prophets from the pulpits and airways of our land. We dismiss spirits of deceit, lying, falsehood, complexity, hiding and seduction. Shine Your light across this land into the lives of preachers and ministers who claim to be true to the Gospel of Jesus Christ but who are really preaching a different gospel. Open people's ears today to hear the Spirit. We call forth increased discernment. Let light expose truth from error. Let light shine. Let Your Word heal. We open the doors and hearts of churches which have preached against the Holy Spirit to get so desperate for an authentic presence and outpouring of the love of God that they will lay down their pride and willingly invite Your Spirit in. Holy Spirit, You are welcome in our hearts, in our homes, in our churches, in our businesses, in our communities, in our towns, in our cities, in our state and in our nation.

Holy Spirit, teach us the Word of Yahweh. Lead us into all truth. Teach all of us, whether we have been to seminary and have lots of head knowledge or whether we have no basic knowledge of the Bible; be our Teacher. We change our schedules to sit at Your feet. We change our listening habits to hear Your Word. We change our habits to read Your Word. We commit our time to focus on the things of Yahweh instead of spending so much time on the things of the world that moth and rust corrupt.

Yahweh, infuse this nation with a renewed love for Your Word. We call forth a national consciousness of understanding of the Scriptures for which no human can take credit for. Send Your Spirit of Truth to go out over the atmospheres of this nation. Fill the frequencies of Earth with the frequencies of Heaven. Fill our airways with love and forgiveness instead of hatred and criticism. Turn selfish and narcissistic media personalities into examples of Your love and grace. Let them be so radically renewed by the Word of God that there is no other explanation than that they have been transformed by Jesus.

As the false prophets are exposed, we reclaim as Kingdom assets those church buildings and other resources that had been slipping into the hands of Satan. We call forth pure-hearted Kingdom people to come and preach sound doctrine in love and grace, and bring healing to their communities. We call forth a national healing one heart and mind at a time.

Your will be done in Earth as it is in Heaven.

18. Rampant Lawlessness and Rebellion

THE EXTERNAL PROBLEM:

Lawlessness and rebellion; currently there is a rebellious pride that permeates our entertainment, our generations and our foreign affairs. There is also a cultural acceptance of the occult that is so pervasive that it is even in the churches.

THE INTERNAL PROBLEM:

- Desiring to be "as gods."
- Stubbornness of heart.
- Thinking that we can improve upon God's ways, laws, methods and plans.
- Disagreeing with God's Word.
- Not knowing the character of God and that He is not only good but that His mercies are new every morning.

SCRIPTURE:

"But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear." -Isa. 59:2

"Wherein in time past you walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience." - Eph. 2:2

"As they were increased, so they sinned against Me: therefore will I change their glory into shame." -Hos. 4:7

"He that is of a proud heart stirs up strife: but he that puts his trust in Yahweh shall be prosperous." -Prov. 28:25

"If you will not hear, and if you will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto My name,' says the LORD of hosts, 'I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because you do not lay it to heart." -Mal. 2:2

"...now on whom do you trust, that you rebel against Me?" -Isa. 36:5b

"For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the Word of the LORD, He has also rejected you from being king." -I Sam. 15:23

"What wickedness is this that is done among you?" -Judges 20:12b

"But if you have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth." -Jam. 3:14

"Therefore hearken unto Me, you men of understanding: far be it from God, that He should do wickedness; and from the Almighty, that He should commit iniquity." -Job.34:10

"Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and focus on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD!" -Isa. 31:1 "Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen." -Jude 1:24-25

THE INTERNAL SOLUTION:

- The circumcision of the heart.
- Repentance and coming into agreement with God that "rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft."
- Learning that you can trust God's love and God's ways.
- Knowing that God is a good father.

THE SOLUTION DEMONSTRATED:

- When participation in the occult is no longer culturally acceptable.
- When our churches once again purge themselves of both syncretism and a broad interpretation of the scriptures.
- When our churches preach the authority of the scriptures uncompromisingly, care more about truth than comfort, no longer want a message that makes them feel good but a message that teaches them how to be in right standing with Yahweh.
- When the Bible once again becomes the recognized standard for all of society, resulting in a culture of humility, servanthood and grace.

WE REPENT FOR:

- 1. Shaping the Bible to fit our views instead of letting the Bible shape our views.
- 2. Desiring to be "as gods" and not wanting to bow the knee to Yahweh.
- 3. Taking the credit for our abundance instead of giving the glory to God. (Prov. 28:25)
- 4. Fostering the "self-made" attitude instead of realizing that every good and perfect gift comes from above and that it is "*Yahweh that gives us the power to get wealth*." (Deut. 8:17)
- 5. Obstinacy and hardness of heart. (Isa. 36:5b, Mal. 2:2)
- 6. Rebellion, which has opened the door to the occult. (I Sam. 15:23)
- 7. The casual acceptance in our churches and homes of occult symbols, attitudes and cultural influences. (Judges 20:12b)
- 8. Allowing the attitudes of anarchy to take root in our nation and for the resulting emotional and economic chaos that follows. (Jam. 3:14)
- 9. Blaming God for our suffering, sorrow, sickness and poverty when He provided the remedy and we refused His solution. (Job 34:10)
- 10. Trusting in human solutions instead of God and God alone. (Isa. 31:1)

"I acknowledged my sin unto You, and my iniquity have I not hid. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD'; and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah. For this shall every one that is godly pray unto You in a time when You may be found..." -Psalm 32:5-6a

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS:

"But they and our fathers dealt proudly, and hardened their necks, and hearkened not to Your commandments, and refused to obey, neither were mindful of Your wonders that You did among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but You are a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsook them not." -Nehemiah 9:16-17

Yahweh, thank You for forgiving us.

I confess that Jesus Christ is Yahweh yesterday, today and forever. You are our sure Salvation. You are our Refuge and Strength. Your grace is sufficient. By Jesus' stripes we were healed. You are our Comforter and Teacher. You are a good Father who loves us deeply.

I receive Your forgiveness. I receive the Truth and Your grace to walk after the Spirit (and not after the flesh). Lead me from grace to grace, from faith to faith and from glory to glory.

DIRECTIVE:

Yahweh, soften the hard hearts; bring conviction to hearts and minds that are far from You; cause them to go from conviction to relationship with You.

We draw near to You. Draw near to us. Rebuke the devourer. Heal our broken hearts. We agree with the Word of Yahweh. We bow our knees voluntarily. Pour out a spirit of humility that will allow even the most hardened hearts in our nation to soften, repent and bow to the name of Yahweh.

Let the light of truth expose the lies that surround rebellion. We cast down the lies that have been exalted against You. Shine light upon the darkness of the occult and expose the emptiness, meaninglessness, hopelessness and sorrow of trusting in occult practices.

We accept Your provision for us. We accept Your good and perfect gifts of healing, wholeness, blessing, prosperity, strength, righteousness, peace, joy and love. We accept Your grace and mercy. We open our hearts to You. We speak healing into the broken hearts of our land. Renew us as a culture of honor. Forgive us as we forgive our debtors.

Send the light of truth into the hidden dark recesses of lie-based thinking. Send light into the churches so that eyes will be opened, and so that Baal worship and all occult practices will be repented of and rejected.

Reveal our pride–our pride as a church and our pride as a nation. Open our eyes. Give us eyes to see, ears to hear and the courage to act upon the light so that You can give us more light.

Open our eyes to the symbols around us and in our churches that either give You glory or are an affront to Your holiness.

Send light into our hearts, homes, churches, institutions and governments, and throughout our nation. Heal our land. Heal Yahweh's land. Keep us from falling, present us faultless before the presence of Your glory with exceeding joy. (Jude 1:24)

Your will be done in Earth as it is in Heaven.

19. Diminished Parental Influence in Education

EDUCATION, n: The bringing up, as of a child, instruction; formation of manners. Education comprehends all that series of instruction and discipline which is intended to enlighten the understanding, correct the temper, and form the manners and habits of youth, and fit them for usefulness in their future stations. To give children a good education in manners, arts and science, is important; to give them a religious education is indispensable; and an immense responsibility rests on parents and guardians who neglect these duties. -Noah Webster, American Dictionary of the English Language, 1828

THE EXTERNAL PROBLEM:

Parents are uninterested in their child's education, have less time and energy to be involved or have been told that they are too inadequate to give input.

THE INTERNAL PROBLEM:

Most parents are the product of several generations of cultural shifts in values and norms moving away from Biblical truth. They don't know a model of how life could be better and are stuck in the rat race cycle.

SCRIPTURE:

"And all your children shall be taught of Yahweh; and great shall be the peace of your children. In righteousness shalt you be established: you shalt be far from oppression; for you shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near you. Behold, they shall surely gather together, but not by Me: whosoever shall gather together against you shall fall for your sake. Behold, I have created the smith that blows the coals in the fire, and that brings forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy. No weapon that is formed against you shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against you in judgment you shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of Yahweh, and their righteousness is of Me, says Yahweh." -Isa. 54:13-17

"And you shalt love Yahweh your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in your heart: and you shall teach them diligently unto your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up." -Deut. 6:5-7

"But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father." -Gal 4:2

"Hear the word of the LORD, you children of Israel: for the LORD has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land." -Hos. 4:1

"...but as for me and my house we will serve Yahweh." -Josh. 24:15b

"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear: because fear has torment. He that fears is not made perfect in love." -I John 4:18

"This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth; but you shalt meditate therein day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then you shalt make your way prosperous, and then you shalt have good success." -Josh. 1:8

"Teach me Your way, O Yahweh; I will walk in Your truth: unite my heart to fear Your name." -Psalm 86:11

"Come, children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD." -Psalm 34:11

"Blessed is the man that walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful." -Psalm 1:1

"All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth unto such as keep His covenant and His testimonies." -Psalm 25:10

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction." -Prov. 1:7

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding." -Prov. 9:10

THE INTERNAL SOLUTION:

• Parents taking responsibility for their child's education.

• An understanding of the Biblical purpose, design and method of education.

THE SOLUTION DEMONSTRATED:

When all Christian parents accept direct and total responsibility for their children's education there would be a major shift in the nation. Even parents who put their children under tutors would find this a major shift in the attitude of their home and their relationship with their children.

WE REPENT FOR:

- 1. Allowing our children to be taught by books, teachers, and an education system in opposition to Yahweh
- 2. Not making being taught of Yahweh the deciding factor of education.
- 3. Confessing that "no weapon formed against us will prosper" while not teaching our children of Yahweh, which is required for this promise to be valid.
- 4. Not maintaining parent control no matter where the child attends. (Gal 4:2)
- 5. Allowing our history to be rewritten, and textbooks that teach Biblical thinking and Biblical principles to be removed from our classrooms.
- 6. Thinking education has any value without the Bible.
- 7. Accepting what was culturally accepted instead of what was Biblically expected.

8. Thinking that because the teacher or principal at the school is a Christian then that somehow justifies sending our children to a place that does not raise the banner of Yahweh over its curriculum, methods and culture.

"I acknowledged my sin unto You, and my iniquity have I not hid. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD'; and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah. For this shall every one that is godly pray unto You in a time when You may be found..." -Psalm 32:5-6a

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS:

"I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for He will speak peace unto His people, and to His Saints: but let them not turn again to folly. Surely His salvation is nigh them that fear Him; that glory may dwell in our land." -Psalm 85:8-9

Yahweh, thank You for forgiving us.

You, Yahweh, are our teacher. Teach us to fear Your name and to love our children. Guide us into all truth and cause us to find wisdom in You and not in any system.

I receive Your forgiveness. I receive the Truth and Your grace to walk after the Spirit (and not after the flesh). Lead me from grace to grace, from faith to faith and from glory to glory.

DIRECTIVE:

Yahweh, we call forth Your will in education from Heaven to Earth. It is Your will for our children to be taught to read so they can read Your Word. It is Your will for our children to be conversant with the Bible and understanding of why it is the life instruction manual for all of us. We proclaim the United States of America to once again be hungry to know what is in the Bible, to see themselves as people of Your Word, and for the world to see us as a nation of the Word of Yahweh.

We decree a renewed interest and desire to study the Bible to rise out of the hearts and minds of the people. Bring conviction on those who say they live by the Bible but don't know what is in it. Infuse them with courage to rearrange their schedule, focus and priorities to make You and Your Word more important than anything else in their lives. For those who have never cared about the Bible, we call forth repentance to read the Bible and find out why it matters to their lives. For those who hate God and His Word, show them Your kindness. Spread light and love over this land and raise the name of Yahweh above this nation to draw all people unto Yourself.

Reveal Your character and godhead. Reveal that You still speak today; that Your written Word confirms Your daily Word. Cast down the exalted lie that You are silent.

Speak peace into the children of our nation. Peace is the result of our children being taught by You. We receive the peace that is the by-product of a Biblical education. (Isa. 54:13)

Your perfect love casts out fear. Perfect Your love in us and in our children. Remove the fear of man from our hearts and minds. We trust in You and You alone. (Isa. 54:13-17, I John 4:8)

We call forth parents once again to embrace the joy of parenting and take seriously their job of teaching their children or knowing what their children are being taught. We set the course of the United States of America toward Biblical education.

Your will be done in Earth as it is in Heaven.

20. Forgetting the Foundations on Which We Were Built:

THE EXTERNAL PROBLEM:

- Not understanding our source documents, the Bible, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.
- Ignorance of our form of government. (We are a Republic and not a Democracy.)
- Not understanding that Yahweh is the source of liberty. Ignorance of the principles of liberty.
- Misplacing our security: everything we thought was secure is being shaken as we get away from the firm foundation of God. The foundations of our nation are being challenged as never before.

THE INTERNAL PROBLEM:

As our churches have moved away from a firm belief in the Bible, the society has deteriorated. Our nation is only as strong as its families and our families are only as strong as the individuals that make up those families. Our churches are only as strong as the families which make them up and our nation is only as strong as the churches which make it up. Thus, a church of hurting and broken people will result in a nation that is hurting and broken. Since our foundations are under attack, they must be rebuilt and advanced.

"They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course." -Ps. 82:5

SCRIPTURE:

"And they that shall be of you shall build the old waste places: you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called, 'The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.""-Isa. 58:12

"For he looked for a city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God."-Heb. 11:10 "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone;" -Eph. 2:20

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD has anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;" -Isa. 61:1

"The principles of all genuine liberty, and of wise laws and administrations are to be drawn from the Bible and sustained by its authority. The man therefore who weakens or destroys the divine authority of that book may be accessory to all the public disorders which society is doomed to suffer." -Verna M. Hall, The Christian History of The American Revolution: Consider and Ponder, p. 21.

THE INTERNAL SOLUTION:

First of all we must have restored hope that it is possible for the foundations to be

repaired. Just like a relay race is won or lost in the passing of the baton, liberty is won or lost in how well it is passed to the next generation. Our detractors want us to believe that it is too late. Yes, we are a nation in the balance but God's mercy is still available to those who will choose to voluntarily bend the knee and return to the principles of God's Word. God has placed a natural love of liberty in the hearts of all people. The masses are looking for an answer. The masses are looking for peace. Those who have the answers must love the world enough that they are willing to offer the answer: Jesus Christ Himself who came to set at liberty those who are bound, heal the brokenhearted and set the captives free. Will you allow yourself to be set free? And then dedicate yourself, your time, energy and resources to see those around you free also?

MANIFESTATION OF THE SOLUTION:

When the foundations are restored there will be a public outcry demanding that every law passed has a constitutional purpose. There will be a massive shift in the society from dependency to self-government and those who have used the poor to garner votes and enslave the nation will be exposed. There will be a respect for truth and an understanding that if the rest of the world wants to worship Baal and build modern-day Towers of Babel, the United States of America will not participate. There will be a turning away from wanting to be like the other nations of the world to the other nations of the world wanting to be like us. The principles of liberty apply to all.

WE REPENT FOR:

- 1. Not making disciples and growing them into maturity.
- 2. Shunning the Christian history of our nation.
- 3. Not relying on the source of all true liberty.
- 4. Falling into the culture of convenience that is all around us and taking the easy way out.
- 5. Not taking the time to read the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.
- 6. Not seeing the Bible as a book of law and the instruction manual for how we live as individuals and how we are to govern our nation.
- 7. Allowing the foundations of our nation to erode.
- 8. Forgetting Who our God is.

"I acknowledged my sin unto You, and my iniquity have I not hid. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD'; and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah. For this shall every one that is godly pray unto You in a time when You may be found..." -Psalm 32:5-6a

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS:

"Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of Your tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me throughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight: that You might be justified when You speak, and be clear when You judge." -Psalm 51:1-4

Yahweh, thank You for forgiving us.

Thank You for forgiving us for letting liberty slip through our fingers like water; for our complacency and our misuse of the liberty that was given to us so that we might establish Your covenant throughout the Earth. Teach us to honor the high price that was paid to establish the foundation of our nation. We thank You that our history is really the story of Divine intervention, Divine provision and the highest courage. Remove the shame from us that we have placed on ourselves.

Teach us to elect people who know the foundations of our nation; people who know our God and will further the interests of liberty on behalf of our Constitution. Teach us to listen to their words and pay attention to their fruit. Instill in us a love for self-government and not immediate pleasure. Restore the foundations of our nation.

I receive Your forgiveness. I receive the Truth and Your grace to walk after the Spirit (and not after the flesh). Lead me from grace to grace, from faith to faith and from glory to glory.

DIRECTIVE:

Yahweh, call forth people of light to come forward and rebuild the foundations of our nation. Infuse this nation with a renewed love for our nation's true history. Release the teachers who have been studying this information for years and have been called for such a time as this. Expose the lies and deception of revisionist history. Teach us how You want to govern our nation. We submit ourselves, our families, our churches, our communities, our counties and our states to the governance of Yahweh.

Come rebuild the foundations. Awaken and overcome our land with the power of Your love. Send cultural communicators who can speak the truth to this generation without compromise. Put Your courage in us to stand up and take dominion over ourselves, our families, our communities and our culture. Speak Biblical boldness into leaders who will stand unashamedly for Jesus but until now have been sidetracked or prevented in some way from coming into the fullness of their call. Send musicians, artists, actors, writers, speakers and researchers who will rebuild the culture on a firm foundation of truth. We declare a new era in this land that allows the principles of liberty to be diffused and planted in the current and coming generations.

Send the righteous to come and stand and rebuild their section of the wall that spiritually protects this nation. Let the righteous awaken and see themselves as problem solvers and builders. Repair the breach in this land-melt the division between races, the division between

generations, the division between socioeconomic groups and the division between ideologies so that a firm foundation can be built. We rely around Jesus, our King.

Preserve and rebuild the parts of the foundation of our nation that were right and pleasing in Your sight. Shine Your light into the deepest recesses of our nation's foundations and anything that is not pleasing to You, we denounce and reject. Send us the wisdom, tools, understanding and courage to rebuild a firm foundation for the glory of God and the advancement of a Biblical worldview.

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD has anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;" -Isa. 61:1

Your will be done in Earth as it is in Heaven.

21. Self-Centered Nation

THE EXTERNAL PROBLEM:

A heightened sense of self-worth; an entitlement mentality born out of narcissism and ungratefulness. Public "protests of demand" and general unrest in the country are evidence of the result of years of people being taught to focus on what they get instead of what they contribute to society.

THE INTERNAL PROBLEM:

Self-centeredness, focusing on self and personal comfort; believing that others owe me or I am entitled to a life of comfort and ease instead having a servant heart and doing things "unto the LORD"; Focusing on what I don't have instead of being grateful for what I do have.

SCRIPTURE:

"As they were increased, so they sinned against Me: therefore, will I change their glory into shame." -Hos. 4:7

"He that speaks of himself seeks his own glory: but he that seeks his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him." -John 7:18

"Wherefore I say unto you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." -Luke 7:47

"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." -Gal. 5:19-24

"And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us, and has given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savor.... For you were sometimes darkness, but now are you light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) proving what is acceptable unto the Lord." -Eph. 5:2, 8-10

"Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also you are called in one body; and be thankful. Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him."-Col. 3:12-17

"I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that you walk worthy of the vocation wherewith you are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." -Eph. 4:1-3

"Finally, be all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: not rendering evil for evil, nor railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that you are thereunto called, that you should inherit a blessing."-I Pet. 3:8-9

"Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:"-Matt. 3:8

"For the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." -Rom. 14:17

"...these are the enemies of the cross of Christ: Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things." - Phil. 3:18b-19

"For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that you cannot do the things that you would." -Gal. 5:17

"And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost." -Acts 12:23

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" -Rom. 3:23

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." -Phil. 4:8

THE INTERNAL SOLUTION:

"And be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you." - Eph. 4:32

Realizing that each of us have a Kingdom purpose and we will only be fulfilled when we embrace that purpose, which will always include service and love. A deep sense of gratitude also results in a deep repentance for prior selfish deeds and attitudes. It requires a major shift of focus and will result in deep, inner joy.

THE SOLUTION DEMONSTRATED:

When our nation goes through a major shift from being a society of self-centered people looking for more entitlements to a people who want to give and serve. This will be very evident in our public rhetoric, what we expect from civil government, the dialogue in the media, in our movies, television and entertainment. Instead of a self-absorbed, "it's all about me" society, we will have a nation that values personal responsibility. It will once again be in fashion to take care of oneself, family, community and church. It will no longer be in fashion to be government dependent.

WE REPENT FOR:

- 1. Focusing on ourselves.
- 2. For feeding our flesh instead of our Spirit. (Gal. 5:17)
- 3. Wanting to take the glory, credit, honor or reward that belongs to others. (Gal. 5:26)
- 4. Our culture of convenience, selfishness and comfort-seeking. (I Tim. 5:6)
- 5. Exchanging the glory of God for the glory of ourselves; for giving the glory due only to Yahweh to ourselves and other human beings. (Rom 3:23, Acts 12:23)
- 6. Holding onto the soul wounds that make us believe the lie that we can trust in ourselves instead of in God.

"I acknowledged my sin unto You, and my iniquity have I not hid. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD'; and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah. For this shall every one that is godly pray unto You in a time when You may be found..." -Psalm 32:5-6a

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS:

"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost." -Rom. 15:13

"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, has shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." -II Cor. 4:6

Yahweh, thank You for forgiving us.

Our joy is in Yahweh. You are our Strength and Redeemer. Renew our minds to think about the things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report, virtuous and praiseworthy.

I receive Your forgiveness. I receive the Truth and Your grace to walk after the Spirit (and not after the flesh). Lead me from grace to grace, from faith to faith and from glory to glory.

DIRECTIVE:

Yahweh, bring us into Your Divine alignment. Bring what is out of order into alignment as You expose rebellion. We open ourselves before Almighty God and allow the light of the glory to expose our hearts. Let us see ourselves, not as others see us, not as we want to see ourselves, but as you, Almighty Yahweh, see us. Open our eyes. We dismiss the religious spirits from our personal lives, our homes, our institutions and from our nation.

Yahweh, heal our hearts. We open our hands right now as a symbol of our desire to release the soul wounds we have been nursing, cherishing, and reopening. We release the heart of self-focus and self-centeredness from our lives. We call forth new habits. We speak new patterns of thinking into our minds. We call forth a national renewing of the mind starting with ourselves. As our eyes open, let us see how our old habits that we thought protected us were really harming us. We call forth new habits to replace the old. Refocus our eyes from ourselves onto things above. Refocus our attention from our immediate comfort to our longterm eternal blessing. Refocus our worship from what makes us feel good to what pleases You. Refocus our energy from self-serving to a life of service. Realign our finances and earthly talents and resources from things that will benefit ourselves to the things that will benefit the Kingdom. We confess Yahweh is trustworthy and make the conscious choice to trust in Jesus instead of ourselves. We turn our hearts, minds, souls and strength away from ourselves to the God of the Kingdom and the things of the Kingdom. We refocus this nation today on the glory. For Yours is the Kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

22. LOOKING TO CIVIL GOVERNMENT FOR RIGHTS

"For Yahweh is our Judge, Yahweh is our Lawgiver, Yahweh is our King; He will save us." -Isa. 33:22

THE EXTERNAL PROBLEM:

Major changes in our legal system to make us more like the European legal system, which is a movement away from constitutional protections. A widespread acceptance of the idea that rights come from civil government instead of from God.

THE INTERNAL PROBLEM:

Confusing who the source of legal authority is. Trusting in the provision of people instead of the provision of God.

SCRIPTURES:

"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them has the light shined. You have multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before You according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For You have broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire. For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His Kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it has lighted upon Israel." -Isa. 9:2-8

"And the angel said unto her, 'Fear not, Mary: for you have found favor with God. And, behold, you shalt conceive in your womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call His name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David: And He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His Kingdom there shall be no end." -Luke 1:30-33

"Behold, the days come, says Yahweh, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the Earth. In His days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is His name whereby He shall be called, YAHWEH OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. Therefore, behold, the days come, says Yahweh, that they shall no more say, 'Yahweh lives, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt'; But, 'Yahweh lives, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them'; and they shall dwell in their own land." -Jer. 23:5-8 "And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the Spirit of Yahweh shall rest upon Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Yahweh; and shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of Yahweh: and He shall not judge after the sight of His eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of His ears: but with righteousness shall He judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the Earth: and He shall smite the Earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of His loins, and faithfulness the girdle of His reins." -Isa. 11:1-5

"And in mercy shall the throne be established: and He shall sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of David, judging, and seeking judgment, and hasting righteousness." -Isa. 16:5

"And at the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted up mine eyes unto Heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honored Him that lives forever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and His Kingdom is from generation to generation:"-Dan. 4:34

"I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for He is the living God, and stedfast forever, and His Kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and His dominion shall be even unto the end." -Dan. 6:26

"And in the days of these kings shall the God of Heaven set up a Kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the Kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever." -Dan. 2:44

"And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in Heaven, saying, 'The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever." -Rev. 11:15

"And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole Heaven, shall be given to the people of the Saints of the most High, whose Kingdom is an everlasting Kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him." -Dan. 7:27

"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked bears rule, the people mourn." -Prov. 29:2

"And they were astonished at His doctrine: for He taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes." -Mark 1:22

"Then He called His twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils and to cure diseases." -Luke 9:1

THE INTERNAL SOLUTION:

Submitting to the authority of God. Knowing the governmental principles of the Scripture; knowing the rights provided by the Constitution; knowing what responsibilities one must assume in order to preserve those rights. Choosing to submit ourselves to the authority of God's Word and submit to the governing of Holy Spirit.

THE SOLUTION DEMONSTRATED:

A massive awakening to individual liberty; the restoration of the Constitution as both the recognized and acting civil law of the land with an understanding that it restricts the powers of civil government while protecting the rights of the people.

WE REPENT FOR:

- 1. Disregarding the laws of God (which is the standard for all governments).
- 2. Looking to civil government to give us "rights" when we already have God-given rights.
- 3. Supposing that man's government systems could improve upon God's principles.
- 4. Not differentiating between sin and crime.
- 5. Rebelling against Biblical authority.
- 6. Not having the fear of God.
- 7. Wanting to be our own "god" and write our own rules.
- 8. Not preaching that "one day every knee will bow and every tongue confess Jesus is Yahweh."
- 9. Not teaching our child self-government and to submit to authority in the discipline and admonition of Yahweh.
- 10. Thinking that God is not interested in government.

"I acknowledged my sin unto You, and my iniquity have I not hid. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD'; and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah. For this shall every one that is godly pray unto You in a time when You may be found..." -Psalm 32:5-6a

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS:

"For Yahweh is our Judge, Yahweh is our Lawgiver, Yahweh is our King; He will save us." -Isa. 33:22

Yahweh, thank You for forgiving us.

Gather us under Your wings. And let us dwell in Your presence forever. You are our Strength and our Redeemer; in You we trust. We keep our minds focused on You, our Peace and our Hope.

I receive Your forgiveness. I receive the Truth and Your grace to walk after the Spirit (and not after the flesh). Lead me from grace to grace, from faith to faith and from glory to glory.

DIRECTIVE:

Yahweh, pour out Your Spirit on all flesh; soften the hard hearts, heal the broken. Judge between the nations, settle the disputes, rebuke, renew; restore righteousness.

Make the righteous to flourish. Pour the spirit upon us from on high, make the wilderness be a

fruitful field, and make the fruitful field be counted for a forest. Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field. And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever. And cause Your people to dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places; bless all that sow beside all waters. (Isaiah 32)

Show Your kindness to those who desire to see us in bondage, lead them to repentance. Let them know the weight of Your love and glory. Bring them out of the kingdom of darkness into the glorious Kingdom of light.

We proclaim a renewed understanding of the liberty that is afforded to everyone-believer and non-believer alike-in a society that looks to God as the source of inalienable rights. We speak a renewed awareness and respect for Natural Law; and for the Common Law to once again be given a place of high regard and respect in our courts, our law schools, by our elected officials and by our average citizens. Let our people become hungry for the truth of Yahweh's law and once again choose to study Yahweh's ways as the solutions to our human problems.

We declare a diffusion of awareness of not just the inadequacy of civil government to solve all of our problems but a heightened awareness that Yahweh is more than sufficient. We look to Yahweh as our provider whose grace is abundant. We declare gratefulness to wave over the United States of America. The zeal of the Almighty Yahweh will accomplish this.

23. National and Global Chaos:

THE EXTERNAL PROBLEM:

- Multiplying national and global problems.
- Conflicts with foreign nations.
- Domestic disturbances.
- Expecting civil government and politics to solve all of our problems.
- Ignoring Divine Providence.

THE INTERNAL PROBLEM:

- Not understanding the spiritual roots of external problems.
- Not knowing the difference between political and governmental.
- Thinking that some areas of life are spiritual and some are secular.
- Deviating from our nation's purpose.
- Not knowing that every nation has a "god" (or "gods") and not understanding the consequences of choosing any God but Yahweh.

SCRIPTURES:

"While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." -II Cor. 4:18

"For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous." -I John 5:3

"Teach me Your way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of my enemies." -Psalm 27:11

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you shall go: I will guide you with My eye." -Psalm 32:8

THE INTERNAL SOLUTION:

Opening the eyes to understand that our nation's problems are spiritual and the only viable solution is loving Yahweh with all our heart, all our mind, all our soul, and all our strength.

THE SOLUTION DEMONSTRATED:

When the Third Great Awakening has taken hold and our citizens once again seek Yahweh for the solution of their problems, see the Bible as a book of governmental instruction and seek to apply the principles of the Bible to our governmental, political, cultural and private lives.

WE REPENT FOR:

- 1. Thinking that politics is the answer.
- 2. Only looking at the effects and not the causes of our national troubles.
- 3. Thinking Yahweh doesn't care about government, economics, or any other "secular" aspects of our lives.
- 4. Separating the "secular" from the "sacred."
- 5. Leaving Yahweh out of our political lives.
- 6. Lobbying civil government to take care of things that we should handle ourselves through Christian self-government.
- 7. Looking for surface and temporary solutions instead of finding the root of the problem–our spiritual rebellion.
- 8. Looking to schemes, systems and our own human reasoning to solve problems which You solve with Your Word.

"I acknowledged my sin unto You, and my iniquity have I not hid. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD'; and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah. For this shall every one that is godly pray unto You in a time when You may be found..." -Psalm 32:5-6a

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS:

"Who is a God like unto You, that pardons iniquity, and passes by the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He retains not His anger forever, because He delights in mercy." -Micah 7:18

Yahweh, thank You for forgiving us.

Teach us to apply Your principles of government to our governmental and political structures. Heal our soul wounds. Let us find our peace and contentment in You and You alone.

I receive Your forgiveness. I receive Truth and Your grace to walk after the Spirit (and not after the flesh). Lead me from grace to grace, from faith to faith and from glory to glory.

DIRECTIVE:

Yahweh, release Your light of truth across our nation. Speak Your truth against every lie we have believed about the political realm. Diffuse this nation with a heightened awareness and understanding that Your Word has the answer to all of our problems. We declare that our pulpits will once again not be afraid to speak Your solutions even when they are politically incorrect or not what the people want to hear. Awaken us to the spiritual causes of our political problems. Release light into the recesses of the minds and hearts of the citizens of this nation to have an overwhelming desire to know America's Christian history, to know the principles of liberty and to pass them on to coming generations. Make our citizens courageous to speak and demand that the elected officials bring domestic policies, foreign policies and laws into alignment with Your Word. Instill a renewed fear of God into all the people of these United States of America.

Establish the plumbline of truth over this nation starting with our hearts and our homes. Restore the years the locust have eaten. Reverse the years of destruction, the deep soul wounds and chaos that result from relativism being rampant in our land. Shine light into darkness. Expose theological mixture that has embraced synchronism, paganism, false gods and modernday Baal worship in our churches and culture. We declare this nation set in Divine order. We declare Divine alignment into our marriages, our families, our churches, our institutions. Stir up an awakening throughout the land that the people who are funding programs, institutions and churches will examine what they are actually paying for and have a renewed understanding of their stewardship responsibilities. We call for a Divine renewing of the mind of the individuals of this nation and a renewed corporate consciousness of the fragility of liberty. Father, unite our hearts and minds around You.

24. Baal Worship in our Churches

THE EXTERNAL PROBLEM:

Thinking that if it appears Christian then it is Christian; thinking if it is done in church then it is okay; thinking if a liturgical body declares something to be acceptable to the church that makes it acceptable to Yahweh; focusing on the rituals, symbols and objects of religion instead of getting to know God Himself.

THE INTERNAL PROBLEM:

Not understanding that Jesus did not come to form a religion, He came to establish a Kingdom. Not understanding that the Body of Christ is the Ekklesia. Thinking that we have to go through a religious organization or ritual to get to God instead of knowing Jesus, Whom is the Way, the Truth and the Life. (John 14:6)

SCRIPTURE:

"You shall fear Yahweh Your God; Him shall you serve, and to Him shall you cleave, and swear by His name." -Deut. 10:20

"And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of My people, to swear by My name, 'Yahweh lives'; as they taught My people to swear by Baal; then shall they be built in the midst of My people." -Jer. 12:16

"But I have a few things against you, because you have there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.... Notwithstanding I have a few things against you, because you allowed that woman Jezebel, which called herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols." -Rev. 2:14, 20

"And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, 'Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.... For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the Earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the Earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.' And I heard another voice from Heaven, saying, 'Come out of her, my people, that you be not partakers of her sins, and that you receive not of her plagues." -Rev. 18:1, 3-4

"For Mine Own sake, even for Mine own sake, will I do it: for how should My name be polluted? and I will not give My glory unto another." -Isa. 48:11

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.... Let love be without pretense. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to

that which is good." -Rom. 12:1-2,9

"You shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I am Yahweh." -Lev. 19:28

"And God saw every thing that He had made, and, behold, it was very good." -Gen. 1:31a "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." -Col 2:8

"He answered and said unto them, 'Well has [Isaiah] prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me.'....making the Word of God of none effect through your tradition, which you have delivered: and many such like things you do." -Mark 7:6, 13

THE INTERNAL SOLUTION:

"And I will give you pastors according to Mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." -Jer. 3:15

Our congregations wanting true shepherds; those only willing to preach truth. Recognizing that it is time to repent and cleanse our hearts, our churches and our land.

THE SOLUTION DEMONSTRATED:

"Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causes you to err from the words of knowledge." - Prov. 19:27

An awakening to the Kingdom message, mass repentance in our churches and the purging of all the idols from the Church, homes and hearts.

WE REPENT FOR:

- 1. Polluting the name of God and allowing the worship of other gods to take place within our churches.
- 2. Making Jesus into a "religious figure."
- 3. Defiling the sanctuary by bringing symbols of other religions and false gods into our churches through our architecture, banners, symbols, music, clothing, and jewelry.
- 4. Worshipping our bodies.
- 5. Altering, distorting or modifying our bodies.
- 6. Conforming to the world instead of transforming the world through Jesus.
- 7. Negating the Word by turning our doctrine, our denomination, and our religious traditions into idols.
- 8. Mixing the holy celebration of Jesus' resurrection with the pagan Easter holiday named after the Babylonian Baal named Ishtar; for mixing the holiness of the resurrection with the Easter bunny and Easter eggs, which glorify Ishtar's attribute as the goddess of fertility and malign both Jesus' godhead and the work of the cross.

- 9. Celebrating Christmas, while not celebrating Jesus' birth.
- 10. Not recognizing modern-day Baal worship: homosexuality, lesbianism, cutting, abortion, pornography, grotesque body piercing, etc.
- 11. The Baal worship in our churches that not only gave justification for such actions in the culture but set an example of maintaining the appearance of goodness while sinning.
- 12. Not knowing the names of God (which reveal the character of God).
- 13. Disregarding the price that Jesus paid for us with His own blood and thinking that we are our own and can do with ourselves what we want.

"I acknowledged my sin unto You, and my iniquity have I not hid. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD'; and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah. For this shall every one that is godly pray unto You in a time when You may be found..." -Psalm 32:5-6a

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS:

"For you are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your Spirit, which are God's." -I Cor. 6:20

Yahweh, thank You for forgiving us.

Open our eyes to see that anything that gets the glory due only to You is sin. Open our eyes to see with Your eyes. Perfect Your love in us. Cause us to be rooted in Your love and in Your grace. Make Your presence our permanent dwelling place.

I receive Your forgiveness. I receive the Truth and Your grace to walk after the Spirit (and not after the flesh). Lead me from grace to grace, from faith to faith and from glory to glory.

DIRECTIVE:

We proclaim Yahweh's glory across this land. We dismiss Baal from our hearts. We submit our hearts to be circumcised and our minds to be renewed and our culture to be transformed. We enthrone Yahweh, the Prince of Peace.

Expose with Your light all false claims to peace, all false claims of imitation deliverers, and all false claims of deceivers. Release the light of truth into the recesses of our churches. We declare this political season the season of exposure. Expose wickedness. Expose hiding, whisperers, sexual immorality, those who would use the cause of the poor to line their own pockets, those who would use the cloak of the clergy to advance their own agendas, those who pay lip service to God but whose hearts are far from Jesus.

Judgment begins with the House of God and we welcome the housecleaning. Expose our hearts to Your light. Let those who would repent in private and quiet have the mercy given to them to do so. Let those who must be exposed in public be exposed with the most mercy possible.

Send the mercy of Your shaking and exposure. Ignite purity in our churches. Release holiness in our land beginning with our ministers and churches. Clergy–those of you who see being a minister as merely a job and not a calling–you are release from holding positions that need to be filled by ministers who will truly shepherd the sheep. Hirelings (those who are ministers because they get paid), you are dismissed.

Shepherds around the world who are misplaced, we call you into Divine alignment with your Divine assignment. We call you forth to fulfill your Kingdom purposes. We place a writ of demand to pay back all that is rightfully yours that has been lost, destroyed, stolen, restrained or hidden from you so that you can move forward quickly into your place of greatest Kingdom effectiveness. Your future is to not just have an anointing but to take up residence in the glory and to have the Divine empowerment to bring others into the glory also.

"Declare His glory among the heathen; His marvelous works among all nations.... Give unto Yahweh the glory due unto His name: bring an offering, and come before Him: worship Yahweh in the beauty of holiness." -II Chron. 16:24, 29

25. Decline of the Nation

THE EXTERNAL PROBLEM:

- The decline of America as a world power.
- Dishonoring ourselves and our nation.
- Our nation doing unrespectable things.

THE INTERNAL PROBLEM:

Pride and arrogance. Thinking that the we have special standing with God and a "license to sin" because of the amount of money we give, or our prior blessings or prior covenants as a nation. Thinking that we are immune from the consequences of our actions or that there will never come a day of accountability.

SCRIPTURE:

"Hear, O Heavens, and give ear, O Earth: for Yahweh has spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against Me. The ox knows his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel do not know, my people do not consider.

"Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken Yahweh, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward. Why should you be stricken any more? you will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrefying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment. Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers. And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city. Except Yahweh of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah.

"Hear the word of Yahweh, rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, people of Gomorrah. To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto Me? says Yahweh: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats. When you come to appear before Me, who has required this at your hand, to tread my courts? 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 hates: they are a trouble unto Me; I am weary to bear them. And when you spread forth your hands, I will hide My eyes from you: yea, when you make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood. Wash, make clean; put away the evil of your doings from before Mine eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. "Come now, and let us reason together, says Yahweh: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If you be willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land: but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of Yahweh has spoken it.

"How is the faithful city become an harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers. Your silver is become dross, thy wine mixed with water: Your princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves: every one loves gifts, and follows after rewards: they judge not the fatherless, neither does the cause of the widow come unto them.

"Therefore, says the Lord, Yahweh of hosts, the mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease Me of Mine adversaries, and avenge Me of Mine enemies: And I will turn My hand upon You, and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all Your tin: And I will restore your judges as at the first, and your counsellors as at the beginning: afterward you shall be called, 'The city of righteousness, the faithful city.' Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness. And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together, and they that forsake Yahweh shall be consumed."-Isa. 1:2-28

"The wicked in his pride persecutes the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.... The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts." -Psa. 10:2, 4

"And He shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; yes, Yahweh our God shall cut them off." -Psa. 94:23

"Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same." -Job 4:8 "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." -I John 2:16

"The fear of Yahweh is to hate evil: pride, and arrogance, and the evil way, and the rebellious mouth, do I hate." -Prov. 8:13

"Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivers from death." -Prov. 10:2

"The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness." - Prov. 11:5

"A man shall not be established by wickedness: but the root of the righteous shall not be moved." - Prov. 12:3

"Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall." -Prov. 16:18

THE INTERNAL SOLUTION:

- The humility of Christ.
- Focusing on the glory of Yahweh.
- Accepting that the Bible defines compassion, justice, charity, humility and stewardship.

THE SOLUTION DEMONSTRATED:

A new attitude of humility and servanthood in the national spirit; the United States being known as a nation who helps while not taking away dignity; being loved by nations around the world because of our love for them.

WE REPENT FOR:

- 1. The pride and arrogance displayed by the Body of Christ; for our church leaders setting an example of pride and for teaching Christians to have an attitude of superiority.
- 2. Our prideful, haughty, self-centered attitude.
- 3. Sowing wickedness around the world instead of righteousness.
- 4. Worshipping our idea of God and not worshipping Yahweh.
- 5. Rebelling against the truth, and glorying in evil thoughts.
- 6. The work of our blood-soaked hands.

"I acknowledged my sin unto You, and my iniquity have I not hid. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD'; and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah. For this shall every one that is godly pray unto You in a time when You may be found..." -Psalm 32:5-6a

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS:

"Come now, and let us reason together, says Yahweh: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If you be willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land: but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of Yahweh has spoken it." -Isa. 1:18-20

Yahweh, thank You for forgiving us.

"You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You: because he trusts in You. Trust in Yahweh forever: for in Yahweh is everlasting strength.... The way of the just is uprightness: You, Most Upright, do weigh the path of the just. Yea, in the way of Your judgments, O Yahweh, have we waited for You; the desire of our soul is to Your name, and to the remembrance of You. With my soul have I desired You in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek You early: for when Your judgments are in the Earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness." -Isa. 26:3-4, 7-9

I receive Your forgiveness. I receive the Truth and Your grace to walk after the Spirit (and not after the flesh). Lead me from grace to grace, from faith to faith and from glory to glory.

DIRECTIVE:

Yahweh, overcome our pride and arrogance by releasing the humility of Christ into the Body of Christ. Reveal Your honor and glory to all that call upon Your name. Into every sphere of all believers within the nation, release the light of Christ's humility and honor, and declare to the land, "You are Beulah Land, a land now no longer forsaken"; release Christ's humility and honor into all churches, institutions and governments.

We call forth a spirit of humility to roll in, on and over this nation. Let everyone-citizen and non-citizen-the media, our elected officials and people who even consider pride a virtue to be caught in this spirit of humility and honor. We call forth a major change of attitude in hearts and minds and the environment of our nation. We thank you, Mighty God, for Your mercy.

We humble ourselves on behalf of our nation. We seek Your face. We who call upon Your name within the United States of America bow our knees voluntarily before You in the blood of Christ Jesus, King of Heaven and Earth. We release a divine directive that a spirit of repentance and humility will come over this land as a testimony to our great and glorious God, who reveals Himself as:

- El Shaddai(Lord God Almighty)
- El Elyon (The Most High God)
- Yahweh (LORD, Jehovah)
- Jehovah-Nissi (The Lord My Banner)
- Jehovah-Raah (The Lord My Shepherd)
- Jehovah-Rapha (The Lord That Heals)
- Jehovah Shammah (The Lord is There)
- Jehovah Tsidkenu (The Lord Our Righteousness)
- Jehovah Jireh (The Lord Who Provides)
- Jehovah Shalom (The Lord Is Peace)
- Qanna (Jealous)
- Elohiym (God)

26. Freemasonry and Secret Societies

"For every Masonic writer who says that Freemasonry is not a religion, there are five Masonic writers who claim that it is a pagan religion. While they may disagree as to which pagan religion, they are all agreed that Christianity is wrong and its teachings must not be allowed in the Lodge." -Dr. Robert Morey, The Origins & Teachings of Freemasonry, p.115

Light accepted brings more light. Light rejected brings darkness. Light continuously dismissed brings perpetual darkness.

THE EXTERNAL PROBLEM:

Considering memberships in secret societies harmless and normal.

THE INTERNAL PROBLEM:

- Fearing man but not God; not understanding the character of God and that Yahweh is jealous for (but not of) His people.
- Believing the lie that the god of Freemasonry and Yahweh are the same.
- The idolatry of looking to secret societies to understand the mysteries of the universe, or for power, prestige, acceptance, respect and authority. This is a sign that we don't believe Yahweh is the all-sufficient source.
- The love of money.

THE SOUL WOUNDS:

- Emptiness; loneliness; sorrow; depression.
- Deception; duplicity; hiding; mistrust; distrust.
- Generational curses; self-curses.
- Barrenness; physical, emotional and spiritual pain; birth-defects.
- A seared conscience; confusion; bitterness; insanity; bipolar disorder; suicide.

SCRIPTURE:

"For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." -I Tim. 6:10

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." -I John 2:15

"You shall fear Yahweh your God, and serve Him, and shall swear by His name."-Deut. 6:13

"And you shall not swear by My name falsely, neither shall you profane the name of Your God: I Am Yahweh." -Lev. 19:12

"I have sworn by Myself, the Word is gone out of My mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, 'That unto Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear." -Isa. 45:23 "For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret." -Eph. 5:12 "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" -Isa. 5:20

"Take heed therefore that the light which is in you be not darkness." -Luke 11:35

"Therefore they say unto God, 'Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of Your ways." - Job 21:14

"Can a nation change their gods, which are yet no gods? but My people have changed their glory for what does not profit." -Jer. 2:11

"Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry." -I Cor. 10:14

"You shall make no covenant with them, nor with their gods." -Ex. 23:32

"But have walked after the imagination of their own heart, and after Baalim, which their fathers taught them:"-Jer. 9:14

"Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God." -Heb. 3:12

"And Jehoiada made a covenant between him, and between all the people, and between the king, that they should be the LORD'S people. Then all the people went to the house of Baal, and brake it down, and brake his altars and his images in pieces," -II Chron. 23:16-17a

"That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; in Whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.... For in [Jesus] dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And you are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power.... Let no man deceive you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind," -Col. 2:2-3, 9-10, 18

"Not every one that says unto Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he that does the will of My Father which is in Heaven." -Matt. 7:21

"So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels." -Psa. 81:12

"You shall not learn to do after the abominations of those nations." -Deut. 18:9b

"And Samuel said, 'Has Yahweh as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of Yahweh? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken [better] than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the Word of Yahweh, He has also rejected you from being king." -I Sam. 15:23

"Then the glory of Yahweh went up from the cherub, and stood over the threshold of the house; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of Yahweh's glory." -Ezek. 10:4

THE INTERNAL SOLUTION:

- Breaking covenants with wickedness and repenting for breaking covenant with Yahweh.
- Being desperate for Yahweh, willing to pay any price to be in total fellowship with Him and obeying His voice.
- Doing the will of the Father.

THE SOLUTION DEMONSTRATED:

- The Baal worship purged from our land.
- A national revival where truth is more important than whether it upsets or "offends" someone; the truth spoken in love.
- The veil of deceit lifted by the mercy of Yahweh because of the pleading of those who are called by His name.
- Repentance, revival, reformation, transformation.

WE REPENT FOR:

- 1. Confusing light with darkness, good with evil.
- 2. Rejecting the holy knowledge of God.
- 3. Valuing money, fame, fortune, election, acceptance, popularity or power more than Yahweh; looking in all the wrong places for power and authority, for the secrets and mysteries of the universe.
- 4. Wanting to use power and authority for our own glory instead of for the glory of God.
- 5. The idolatry of being a member in secret societies.
- 6. Allowing our communities, our schools, our states and nation to make covenant with Freemasons and Masonic lodges by allowing them to place cornerstones and do other acts that openly claim territory for the Lodge.
- 7. Ignoring our consciences, looking the other way or not wanting to admit that our own fathers (whom we love and are highly respected in our communities) could have been involved in wickedness.
- 8. Doubting Yahweh and His Word.
- 9. Stubbornness, rebelling, and rejecting the Word of God.

"I acknowledged my sin unto You, and my iniquity have I not hid. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD'; and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah. For this shall every one that is godly pray unto You in a time when You may be found..." -Psalm 32:5-6a

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS:

"Likewise when Yahweh sent you from Kadeshbarnea, saying, "Go up and possess the land which I have given you"; then you rebelled against the commandment of Yahweh your God, and you believed Him not, nor hearkened to His voice. You have been rebellious against Yahweh from the day that I knew you. Thus I fell down before Yahweh forty days and forty nights, as I fell down at the first; because Yahweh had said He would destroy you. I prayed therefore unto Yahweh, and said, "O Lord GOD, destroy not Your people and Your inheritance, which You have redeemed through Your greatness, which You have brought forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand. Remember Your servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; look not unto the stubbornness of this people, nor to their wickedness, nor to their sin: lest the land whence You brought us out say, 'Because Yahweh was not able to bring them into the land which He promised them, and because He hated them, He hath brought them out to slay them in the wilderness.' Yet they are Your people and Your inheritance, which You brought out by Your mighty power and by Your stretched out arm.'"-Deut. 9:23-29

Yahweh, thank You for forgiving us.

Redeem us through Your greatness. Set us free with the Truth, with Jesus. We are ready to be free today. Teach us to love and honor while at the same time calling evil evil. Remove the doubt from our hearts. We desire to enter into Your rest.

I receive Your forgiveness. I receive the Truth and Your grace to walk after the Spirit (and not after the flesh). Lead me from grace to grace, from faith to faith and from glory to glory.

DIRECTIVE:

"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that you should show forth the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light:" -I Peter 2:9

"You are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness." -I Thess. 5:5

"This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all." -I John 1:5

"I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that you walk worthy of the vocation wherewith you are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." -Eph. 4:1-3

We praise You, mighty Yahweh, who has called us out of darkness into Your marvelous light. We dismiss the stronghold of secret societies from our land. Expose their idolatry. Expose their duplicity. Open their eyes to see themselves as you see them. Overshadow our land with Your glory. Ordain truth-lovers in every church in this land to rise up and empower them with boldness to speak the truth in love, expose, cast light upon, and "out" those who claim to be prophets of light but are really priests of darkness.

Illuminate our land with truth. We decree those caught in the net of Freemasonry to be set free. We declare towns, cities, states and nations that have entered into covenant with Freemasonry (and/or any secret society) to be set free by the words of their mouth. Renew hearts and minds with Your truth and love. We order that "...*the groves and images shall not stand*

up." (Isa. 27:9d) We the Ekklesia decree the lodges in town after town across America to close their doors. We call forth the courage needed to purge our land of the dens of wickedness in high places. Dethrone the impostors today. We call light forth to expose their wickedness. We proclaim a spiritual cleansing in this nation. We proclaim a shift from closed-mindedness to hunger for truth. Remove the veil and shift the atmospheres, providing a magnification of clarity and vision. Send Your light to cross the thresholds of our hearts, our homes, our churches, our cities, states, towns and nation.

Show Your kindness to the wicked; lead them to repentance. They may no longer commit their wickedness in public. They may no longer use the trappings of respectability to cover their evil. Evil is evil. Wickedness is evil. We refuse from here forward to ever call evil good for sake of convenience, respect, election, honor, money or fame. Send the Holy Spirit to preserve those who choose light over darkness. Rescue them from the nets of secret societies and from the confusion and deception all around them. We reach out our arms of love to those who want to be rescued; speak healing, protection, preservation and comfort into their broken hearts.

We hereby decree that this nation is made up of the children of light. The United States of America has been known over the centuries as being a place of light. It has been a beacon for those who love liberty and now we reaffirm the Source of that light is Yahweh, King of kings and Lord of lords. Let those who love light come closer and let those who love darkness succumb to the light. Let those who love truth draw near. Let those who are uncomfortable in the presence of light be bathed in so much love that they are translated from the kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of Light.

27. Celebrity Culture in the Churches

THE EXTERNAL PROBLEM:

Worshiping our preachers and leaders is a form of idolatry. The celebrity culture in our churches is no different than the celebrity culture of our nation, even when the names of the people are different.

THE INTERNAL PROBLEM:

We give glory and idolize other human beings instead of Yahweh; we are looking for people to lead us and tell us what to do instead of taking the time to hear the still small voice of Yahweh; we are conditioned to a "group think" model instead of an "individual responsibility" model, causing us to accept celebrity culture as normal even in our churches.

Focusing so much on external appearance that we forget about a person's character. Thinking that the people of the past or in other cultures are primitive because they have things labeled "idols" that are made of wood or stone while we see ourselves as so advanced and righteous.

SCRIPTURE:

"And why call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not the things which I say?" -Luke 6:46 "And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? for you are the temple of the living God; as God has said, 'I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people." -II Cor. 6:16

"Oh, Humans, how long will you turn My glory into shame? how long will you love vanity, and seek after deceit?" -Psa. 4:2

"For Mine Own sake, even for Mine own sake, will I do it: for how should My name be polluted? and I will not give My glory unto another." -Isa. 48:11

"Lying lips are abomination to Yahweh: but they that deal truly are His delight." - Prov. 12:22

"They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in graven images, that say to the molten images, 'You are our gods." -Isa. 42:17

"The Heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork." -Psa. 19:1

THE INTERNAL SOLUTION:

"Bow down your ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply your heart unto my knowledge." -Prov. 22:17

Asking the Holy Spirit to convict us of our sin and repenting for accepting idolatry and many modern-day forms of Baal worship in our churches. And being filled with the knowledge of God and the fullness of Jesus.

THE SOLUTION DEMONSTRATED:

- Desiring speakers of truth rather than worrying about how famous they are and how big of a crowd they will bring in.
- Giving honor to whom honor is due.
- Living in purity and humility; despising deceit.
- Delighting ourselves in the perfect law of liberty.

WE REPENT FOR:

- 1. Preferring the famous over the wise. (Prov. 22:17)
- 2. Our celebrity culture in the church coming into agreement with the culture of celebrity in the society, which reinforces to our members that fame is more important than truth.
- 3. Giving the glory due only to Yahweh to our preachers, musicians, authors and church leaders.
- 4. Raising up a generation who are looking for someone to lead them instead of raising up selfgoverning individuals through the indwelling Holy Spirit.
- 5. Raising up a generation of people whose goal in life is to be famous instead of first and foremost to be pleasing to God.
- 6. Bringing the methods of the world into the church instead of learning the power of Biblical methods and trusting God for a result that honors Yahweh.
- 7. Having an "ends justifies the means" mentality of inviting celebrities to speak who will not necessarily give a Biblical message but will bring in a large attendance; caring more about the number of people in attendance than why they came.
- 8. Seeing church as crowd control and a means of entertainment.
- 9. Not equipping the saints so that they can go out and make disciples who make disciples.
- 10. Watering down the Gospel.

"I acknowledged my sin unto You, and my iniquity have I not hid. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD'; and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah. For this shall every one that is godly pray unto You in a time when You may be found..." -Psalm 32:5-6a

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS:

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." -Rom. 5:1-2

Yahweh, thank You for forgiving us.

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my Strength, and my Redeemer." (Psalm 19:14)

Open our eyes to see that anything that gets the glory due only to You is sin. Open our eyes to see with Your eyes. Perfect Your love in us. Cause us to be rooted in Your love and in Your grace. Make Your presence our permanent dwelling place.

I receive Your forgiveness. I receive the Truth and Your grace to walk after the Spirit (and not after the flesh). Lead me from grace to grace, from faith to faith and from glory to glory.

DIRECTIVE:

We declare the glory of Yahweh for all in this land and around the world. Yahweh, replace the celebrity culture in our churches with a Kingdom culture. We repent of the religious traditions and rituals that feed the flesh and glorify people. We the Ekklesia renounce religious rituals, and in liberty, free the people to walk in the fruit of the Spirit, the gifts of the Spirit and the ministry of the Spirit. Old wineskins are being cast aside. New wineskins are being created to contain the work Holy Spirit wants to work in each of us, our churches, our institutions and our nation. We proclaim liberty to all the land and to all the inhabitants thereof.

Yahweh, command all spirits that demand the glory due only to You to be exposed. Expose the religious tyrants that weaken, deceive and subjugate their followers, keeping them in bondage instead of releasing each of them to their Kingdom purposes. Expose controlling spirits that demand allegiance and make people believe they are not able to make it on their own. Expose prideful spirits that make people serve them all the while thinking their service is unto God. Expose robbing spirits that keep people dependent upon a hierarchy for provision and purpose instead of teaching them to depend on Divine Kingdom provision and abundant supply for themselves.

Send a renewed understanding of how to give honor to whom honor is due without giving them the glory due only to You. Hang the plumb line of truth over ourselves, our churches, our institutions and our nation and cast Your light over this land. We call forth purity in ourselves and our leaders. Let us live in such purity that Satan cannot gain a hook into us because we are like Jesus, *"Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:"* -I Peter 2:22

We enthrone the only True Celebrity in our churches and call forth His fame to spread throughout our land and around the world. (Luke 4:14)

"That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ." -II Tim. 1:12