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RIGHTEOUSNESS EXALTS A NATION

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We want to take our Scripture text today from **Proverbs 14:34**, **"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."**

Thankfully a new year and hopefully a new era has dawned upon America. By the time you receive or read this newsletter my prayer is that the 45th president of the United States will have been inaugurated or about to be inaugurated and that without incident. Let me say unequivocally, I still remain guarded along with my cautious optimism concerning our nation. Regretfully, the last eight years has been a time of sowing tares and false grain among the wheat. Do not think for one moment that we have dodged a bullet, but rather we have received a reprieve. We are warned in the word of God to never become deceived: therefore Paul said in **Galatians 6:7-9**, **"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."**

When anyone becomes deceived, they stray from the truth, thus falling into error. Whatever a man willfully sows, he will certainly reap when harvest time comes. When anyone sows to their flesh Paul said they would reap corruption. At the end of the day corruption is nothing more than rot or decay that causes one to perish and be lost. Paul said if we sow to our flesh we will reap corruption; therefore we should sow to the spirit

so that we may reap eternal benefits. Paul went on to say that we must not become weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. In the natural there are four seasons; winter, spring, summer, and fall. In the spiritual realm there is what we call a fifth season better known as the due season. If we remain faithful, this is the season in which we reap the spiritual things of God. May I reiterate to the discerning reader my optimism is cautiously guarded. I believe the church now has a divine opportunity to reap many souls here in these closing days. Regretfully, the church too often takes a victory lap when God grants us a divine miracle or blessing: when in retrospect we should be humble and grateful for His divine intervention. I am firmly convinced God is going to do something extraordinary in the very near future. However, for God to move we must remain in a state of humility and one of repentance. I want to remind you of the words of the apostle Peter found here in **Acts 3:19**, **"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."** Repentance is one of the most powerful words and deeds that God has ever given to mankind. Repentance is an admission of wrongdoing, which remains very difficult for many in this hour: especially for many in the church. Our sins must be blotted out because Peter said there will come a time of refreshing from the very presence or essence of Jehovah. The word times

here in the Greek means "a divine appointed time when foreordained events must come to pass." Simply put there are foreordained events established by Jehovah that must come to fruition no matter what. The word refreshing speaks of a particular time of revival, and the word presence literally means "from the face of God". There is no doubt about it God is going to move in a very unique way in the coming days and years. This move will not be in a way which we have imagined but rather a way in which the sovereignty of Elohim shall prevail. I'm on record back in August of 2016 while taping on the Jim Bakker show declaring emphatically "there is an event coming in which we will all mourn as a nation like we did in November of 1963 when John Fitzgerald Kennedy was assassinated." The word of God declares emphatically that Jehovah will give grace to the humble, but He does resist the proud. Reading here in **James 4:6**, **"But he giveth more grace, Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble."** James then goes on to say here in **James 4:10**, **"Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up."** The emphasis is placed upon humility for God to embrace His people and lift us up. If we do not remain humble then God will resist us because we are emboldening a spirit of pride. We are warned in **Proverbs 8:13**, **"The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy."** The question is a very simple one: do you possess enough of Godly fear to hate evil,

pride, and arrogancy? Evil, pride, and arrogancy are without a doubt the works of the flesh which produce utter corruption and chaos within a nation. For that very reason this nation must turn and repent because of this divine victory and blessing that God has given us. Though Jehovah delivered Israel from Egypt's bondage, only two souls from that generation were allowed to enter the Promised Land. All the other Israelites failed because they did not believe! The apostle Paul explains why they could not enter in found here in **Hebrews 4:1-2, "Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it."** This could become a tragic time for many because as we preach the gospel it will not profit many because the gospel will not be properly mixed with their faith when they hear it. When a person hears the word of God, it must be mixed with faith in God knowing that God will perform all of His word. Paul the apostle said in **Romans 10:17, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."** If the spirit of God dwells within your heart when you hear the word of God it will build your faith exponentially? Admittedly, I have great consternation in the coming days concerning our nation. I'm not trying to be a purveyor of confusion but rather a voice of clarity. I believe the writing is now upon the wall for all to see. We must choose this day whom we will serve. We can either serve Jehovah or the false gods and religions of this present world. My hope remains in the Lord God of Abraham because He never fails! I want to encourage you everyday to

set your affection on things above and not on the earth. Please look to Christ alone; for only He is the Lord and Savior of us all. The psalmist declared in **Psalms 121:1-3, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber."** We must always look to Jesus Christ our Lord. Looking to anyone or anything else assures certain shipwreck and disaster. In closing, I cannot overly emphasize the humility the church must embrace at this present time. The psalmist declared in **Psalms 9:12, "He forgetteth not the cry of the humble."** I can assure you, the Lord God of Abraham will never forget the humble but He will certainly resist those who possess and are controlled by that old Adamic nature and spirit of pride. Elohim has forewarned us all: declaring that pride has always preceded destruction. This is why we must remain grateful and very humble in this victory the Lord has given His church. We read in **Proverbs 16:18, "Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall."** When one possesses the spirit of pride, which is nothing but sheer arrogance, their lives are always full of destruction and chaos. I believe God wills and desires to bless this nation once again; I also believe it will be very short-lived if we lack humility. One of the reasons I believe it could be short-lived is because people too easily forget God. The prophet Jeremiah declared in **Jeremiah 2:32, "Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number."** If America is not very careful in just a few short days we could once again forget God. Though Jehovah's mercies are renewed every day, there comes a point in time when the

account must be settled. My prayer and heart's desire is that there will be nothing charged to your account concerning sin and deceitfulness when standing before the judgment seat of Christ. Thank you for your continued love, prayers, and support for the ministry. I am so humbled because many of you have said, *"Pastor I do not need a plaque with my name engraved upon it to pray for the ministry."* You will never know how great a blessing you are to this ministry all because of your heartfelt and sincere prayers. My prayer is that 2017 will be a year of revival and refreshing for you personally. The apostle James said *"we have not because we ask not!"* I want to close with one of my many favorite bible verses found here in **Jeremiah 32:27, "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me?"** The answer is very simple: there is nothing impossible with God Almighty! We have just completed our new book entitled **"The Mystery of the Church and the Bride of Christ."** With all humility this is one of the greatest works and insights that God has ever granted me. Please avail yourself to this book for it will open your eyes to many hidden secrets found within the Holy Writ. As always we humbly thank you for your love and support for The V.O.E. International Ministries. Jehovah has never lost a battle, and you will never lose one either if you can just believe. The battle is the Lord's: you part is to believe!

Serving With You All,

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