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## IS THERE ANY TRUTH IN AMERICA?

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We want to take our Scripture text today from ***Psalms 101:7-8, "He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my site. I will early destroy all the wicked of the land: that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the Lord."*** Needless to say, each and every citizen of the United States of America places high expectations upon government leaders to lead with honesty and integrity. This past July 4, 2016 America celebrated her day of independence: the day following America witnessed the greatest debacle and collapse of justice ever witnessed in the 20th and 21st centuries. The director of the FBI James Comey laid out a case wherein Jezebel was as guilty as any criminal who was worthy of the severest of punishment. However, he gave her a pass on national television as she was simultaneously flying on Air Force One with the president or imposter of these United States of America to Charlotte, North Carolina while campaigning. What a tragic day in America when a case was laid out plainly, clearly, distinctly, and succinctly that many crimes had been committed. Needless to say, when Jesus declared in ***Matthew 24:12, "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold."*** The word of *iniquity* here in the Greek simply means lawlessness. You are witnessing lawlessness as it abounds, and lawlessness has become full-blown at this time. The spirit of lawlessness has always been at work. Paul the apostle declared in ***2<sup>nd</sup>***

***Thessalonians 2:7, "For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way."*** The mystique or the very works of lawlessness were already at work in the days of Paul the apostle. The first pronoun *he* that Paul uses in this verse speaks of Michael the Archangel. It is Michael who is holding back the very personification of lawlessness which is the man of sin, the Antichrist. We read in ***Daniel 10:21, "But I will show thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your Prince."*** The Archangel Gabriel was speaking to the prophet Daniel and telling him that Michael the Archangel is helping him to hold back lawlessness. Now, the second pronoun *he* found here in ***2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:7*** speaks of Satan. Of course my detractors will declare that both the *he's* here in this passage is the church which is absolutely incorrect. Once Michael is taken out of the way he will ascend into the heavenlies and begin a war with Satan that old dragon. We clearly read here in ***Revelation 12:7-9, "And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found anymore in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."*** It will be at this point in time when all hell will break loose

upon the entirety of the whole world and chaos will erupt everywhere. What you need to understand is that lawlessness is going to continue to abound until Christ returns: meaning those who know not our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ are going to become more and more lawless. This lawlessness will reach a zenith or apex that will ultimately bring forth the man of sin, better known as the son of perdition the Antichrist. What you are presently witnessing in America is the spirit of lawlessness at the highest levels of government. We are told in ***Ephesians 6:12, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."*** First of all we are not wrestling against flesh and blood but rather against demonic powers and entities. These demonic powers and entities are rulers of the darkness of this world and they rule from Washington D.C. By the way: D.C. stands for demonically controlled. Spiritual wickedness in high places speaks directly to the heavenlies but those powers now infiltrate rulers who govern in high places. For that reason alone you are witnessing more sin, filth, degradation, and debauchery than ever before. Lawlessness will only increase more and more here in the time of the end. Jesus said because lawlessness would abound the love of many would wax cold. If you will, I want you to look at lawlessness as smoke and soot. If you, as a believer, do not constantly

remain in the presence of God and abide in His most holy word; lawlessness as a type of smoke and soot will stain and tarnish your spiritual wedding garment. For that very reason Jesus said the love of many will wax cold. Jesus is not talking about sinners, but rather he is talking about Christians who will backslide, apostatize, and become reprobates because they are allowing lawlessness, which again typifies a type of smoke and soot, to stain their spiritual wedding garment. As believers, when witnessing lawlessness, we must be very careful and not become angry nor become filled with bitterness because we perceive God is not being just. The truth is God is so just He is allowing every person to either become a full-blown sheep or a goat so that in the Day of Judgment He too will adjudicate with the utmost righteousness, which mortal man could never fathom. No mortal man could ever get his finite mind around the righteousness of God Almighty. There is one thing for certain, He will judge and He will judge with the purest of righteousness. The man of God, Abraham declared in **Genesis 18:25**, "**Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?**" Abraham was well aware that God was a righteous judge and that He would only do that which was just. The word judge here in the King James Version bible is capitalized because it is a title of God and in the Hebrew it simply means: "to give justice or equity, to administer in righteousness and execute judgment." Do not ever underestimate the righteousness of God Almighty. The psalmist declared the wicked are deceived and because they are deceived they believe they are getting by with their injustices and wickedness. However, the Bible tells us in **Ecclesiastes 8:11-13**, "**Because sentence against an evil work is not**

**executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil. Though a sinner do evil a hundred times, and his days be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him: But it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong his days, which are as a shadow; because he feareth not before God.**" In this passage of scripture, Solomon describes exactly what we are witnessing. Please do not be discouraged today, but be of good cheer because the Lord God Almighty still sits on His most holy throne. Again, let me remind you of the word of the living God: we read in **Psalms 90:10**, "**The days of our years are threescore years and ten: and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off and we fly away.**" As a child of God I want you to remain courageous and faithful because God is going to honor His most holy word. It is God who raises men up and it is God who brings men down. Again we read in **Psalms 75:6-7**, "**For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.**" I want to remind you again according to **Jeremiah 32:27**, "**Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me?**" I trust you will take this verse to heart and ask yourself this very question: is there anything too hard for God? We all know with God all things are possible to them that believe. God's divine will is going to be wrought, and I will accept His will no matter what. You too must accept the will of God. Jesus said lawlessness would abound and the word of God declares emphatically, God is not a man that He should lie. Therefore lawlessness must abound. The matter is very simple however: lawlessness and sin

does not have to abound in your life as a Christian. Sin and lawlessness is a choice for every individual. I choose to not suffer my life to be tainted with smoke and soot. I want to be like the five wise virgins and keep my lamp trimmed and burning brightly and at the same time keep the soot out of my life. As always we thank you from the very depths of our heart for your love and support for this ministry. In the last several years God has allowed us to grow exponentially, and for that we are very humbled. We will continue to preach an uncompromising message because God has ordained it, hell fears it, and the world along with its flagrant wickedness demands a pure and truthful message. I want to encourage you to spend more time in prayer and continue to bathe your mind in the word of our Lord. The word of God is symbolized by water which will cleanse the soul and spirit. We read in **Ephesians 5:26**, "**That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word.**" May the word of our Lord cleanse you and keep you sanctified, blameless, and holy until His second advent. Jesus said in His closing admonition in the Gospel of **Luke 21:28**, "**And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.**" The signs of the times are everywhere reminding us and admonishing us the return of Christ is very near.

Serving With You All,

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**P.S. Please visit Steve Quayle's website for the September 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, meeting in Branson Mo. I will be ministering Sunday morning and serving communion. We would really love to see you there!**