



## Rebellion and Lawlessness By: David W. Lankford

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We read in **Matthew 24:12**, "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold".

Regretfully, each day you are witnessing profuse lawlessness in this nation. The truth is, this lawlessness and rebellion will only accelerate here in the time of the end. Lawlessness comes from rebellion. When men begin to rebel, they are battling and fighting against the truth. We read in **1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 15:23**, "For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry". The word rebellion comes from the Hebrew word *meriy* #4805 which means *bitterness which constitutes rebellion and disobedience*. We have heard it said publicly that this is a nation of laws, yet every day we see rebellion against these laws. Rebellion will ultimately lead to more iniquity and idolatry. Never before has this nation been more tenuous since our fathers founded it in July of 1776. When leadership becomes a purveyor of rebellion, it will ultimately work its way down into the laity. Once the leadership of our nation becomes rebellious, you will begin to witness anarchy from within its populace, which will ultimately lead to untold destruction. All of this stems from the element of sin, which is literally out of control. More and more we are witnessing murder, adultery, fornication, and a spirit of hostility toward anything that is wholesome and Godly. Even today's churches are failing to preach a message of sound doctrine. Paul said the time would come when men would not endure sound doctrine. The word *sound* found in **2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:3**, comes from the Greek word *hugaiino* #5198, which means *to be healthy, wholesome, along with being safe*.

Once men depart from sound doctrine they lose the health of their soul, the wholesomeness of their spirit, and the safety that the grace of God brings to all born again believers. Our nation is becoming more vulnerable by the day to not only physical attacks but also spiritual attacks. The psalmist declared in **Psalms 127:1**, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchmen waketh but in vain". God is no longer building this nation because we have taken God out of this nation; thus, whatever effort and labor we put forth regarding the building of this nation is in vain. Because we have spurned and rejected the God of our founding fathers, the Lord will no longer keep this nation and regretfully, when the watchmen do awaken, it will be too late and in vain. We are presently in the throes of a spiritual and physical demise. The only thing that can resolve this demise is a powerful move of the Holy Ghost. Of course, ministers no longer preach the baptism in the Holy Ghost any longer. Some time ago, I had a dear brother who asked me to pray about his ineffectiveness in witnessing. In a very honest and subtle way I asked him about his feelings about the baptism in the Holy Ghost. He said he believed the Holy Ghost was no longer pertinent to the church but God used the Holy Ghost just for a time of transition and for the establishment of the early church. But here is where he made a grave mistake, Jesus declared in **Acts 1:8**, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost

part of the earth". You see the very thing the dear brother wanted me to pray about, he denies its needfulness in the church today. This is the very reason we are in the dilemma and conundrum that we are presently in. How long will it be before men turn back to the immutable Word of Almighty God? Each day, I witness a greater onslaught against God and His Holy Word, and for that very reason we are witnessing more and more rebellion and lawlessness. The greater the sin in this nation, the greater the lawlessness and rebellion will become. As I said earlier, sin breeds lawlessness. As the sinfulness and lawlessness explodes, this will have a very negative effect on the body of the Lord Jesus Christ. We must understand that Jesus fully understood when iniquity would begin to abound that the love of many of the saints of God would wane and wax cold. My greatest desire in my waning years is to see an outpouring and a deluge of the Holy Ghost. The only way we're going to witness this outpouring is for the remnant of Christ to prostrate ourselves before the throne of God and cry out to him for this deluge and freshet. It was when Israel began to cry out to God that He sent Moses to deliver them. We read in **Exodus 3:7-8**, "And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; and I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey". Regretfully, the modern church has learned to coexist with Satan and sin. Preachers will not preach against sin any longer due to political

correctness. When did the Lord call a preacher to be politically correct? Preachers are to cry aloud and spare not and lift up their voice like a trumpet and show the nation and its people their sins and their transgressions! When was the last time you heard a preacher preach with Holy Ghost conviction against sin along with the ravages that sin brings? As my dear friend Steve Quayle recently said "you cannot solve a spiritual problem with a political solution". Many people believe if they get the right party in control of this nation it will solve our problems: however, nothing could be further from the truth, only God Almighty can solve the problems of this nation. I have quoted this passage countless times in the last three years found here in **Proverbs 29:2**, "**When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth the rule, the people mourn**". How apropos is that verse today relative to this nation and its leadership? Nothing is ever as timely as the Word of our Lord. Solomon went on to say in **Proverbs 28:4**, "**They that forsake the law praise the wicked: but such as keep the law contend with them**". Often times when wicked men come to a place of authority they forsake the laws of our land and lawlessness abounds. Then the wicked people of a nation begin to praise the lawlessness of the leadership. Notice how that many praise the lawlessness of the president of these United States of America. God's Word has told us how things would be in the time of the end which we are presently witnessing. We also read in **Proverbs 29:8**, "**Scornful men bring a city into a snare**". The word snare here in the Hebrew means to set a city on fire. We are about to witness many, and I mean many, cities in this nation literally set on fire, and it will be because of our lawlessness

and our rebellion. As a blood bought, born again child of God, I want to encourage you to wholly submit your life to the Lord Jesus Christ and His most precious Word. Other than our salvation and the baptism, in the Holy Ghost, the greatest thing that God has given the church is His Word! Thus, the psalmist declared in **Psalms 119:11**, "**Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee**". If men today would embrace the word and hide the Word of God in their hearts, it would keep them from rebelling and sinning. There is no greater deterrent than the Word of God in the lives of men in this hour. The fact that preachers no longer preach the Word allows the lawlessness and the rebellion to increase within our land. I am quickly reminded of the words of the prophet Jeremiah found in **Jeremiah 6:10**, "**The word of the Lord is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it**". Now the word reproach found here in the Hebrew is cherpah #2781 it means a reproach, shame, scorn and contempt: it is something that is despised. Never before has the Word of God been despised as it is today. Federal activist judges have overthrown the will of many people in the states of this nation regarding same-sex marriage. The people declared marriage to be between one man and one woman, yet these liberal activist judges declare that is unconstitutional. Once again, you are witnessing lawlessness and rebellion throughout this nation by federal judges and thus the sodomites praise the wicked. Regretfully, the end of this nation will not be well. I know God is the answer, and the only answer. Since God is the Creator, and we the creature, we should be seeking His rod and His staff to comfort us. The psalmist David declared that His rod and staff would comfort him, so be it. Let me

reiterate my feelings about the fall of 2015. I do believe we are in some type of a spiritual 7 year cycle. We witnessed 9/11 in 2001, we witnessed the financial debacle in September of 2008, and if we are in some type of a cycle then in the fall of 2015 we should witness another debacle or aberration. Certainly that is not my heart's desire: however, God is doing something and many are refusing to understand it. Luke said in **Luke 24:45**, "**Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures**". Daniel declared in **Daniel 9:2**, "**In the first year of his reign (Darius) I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, where of the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem**". By this particular verse we understand that Daniel came to his knowledge by understanding the books that were pinned by the prophet Jeremiah. If we too seek the Lord we can also have understanding. I trust your heart will remain strong and steadfast all the days of your life. Thank you for your love and support for The Voice of Evangelism. Our hearts desire to always bring to you an uncompromising message from the Word of our Lord; to that end we ask you to pray for us in Jesus name. Until next month, we pray that the peace of God will abound powerfully within your heart and life.

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