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HAVE WE LOST OUR CONSCIENCE?

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We want to take our Scripture text today from **Amos 3:10**, ***"For they know not to do right, saith the Lord, who store up violence and robbery in their palaces. Therefore thus saith the Lord God; An adversary there shall be even round about the land; and he shall bring down thy strength from thee and thy palaces shall be spoiled"***. Needless to say, the Lord speaking through the prophet Amos, is giving a very dire warning to the people of Israel. The description that Amos gives us here in our Scripture text concerning Israel is a very sobering thought to say the least; if not downright frightening. Notice how profound the statement is here in verse 10 ***"for they know not to do right?"*** This is exactly what is now happening in America. The very thought of allowing grown men to go into the restrooms with women and little girls and there be no moral conviction to stand against them neither oppose such reprehensible deeds truly authenticates the words that God spoke through Amos; ***"they know not to do right."*** I would have never believed I would witness what I am witnessing in America today. But regretfully, we are so far removed from Christ and His most holy words. We are now embracing the most wicked and debased sins that can be imagined. Wickedness now overflows this nation like a torrential rain pouring out copious amounts of water in just a matter of moments. When these types of rain storms come to fruition not only is there catastrophic loss, coupled with horrible events, but the very loss of

human lives. Due to the results of these ungodly actions and the lack of spiritual and righteous leadership we are now a nation that is literally drowning in sin! Where are the true ministers of righteousness who will stand and wield the sword of God with the blood stained banner of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and say, enough is enough? We are now a nation that can no longer tell right from wrong. Our present condition clearly demonstrates this nation no longer has a national conscience neither a presidential conscience for that matter. The time has now come when the falling away and the departing from the faith has become fully blown. We read in **Isaiah 5:20-23**, ***"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! Woe to them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength (or in authority) to mingle strong drink: Which justify the wicked for reward and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!"*** Isaiah's prophetic words are truly coming to pass. Men today will call evil good and what is declared good to even good moral men is now called evil. Needless to say, our leaders are now conceded coupled with spiritual blindness. They have truly become wise in their own eyes. They reward the wicked profusely and take away that which is holy and godly from the righteous. They take away our

freedoms and privileges when it comes to serving the only true and living God. Jesus well said in **John 10:10**, the devil comes to steal to kill and to destroy. Regretfully, our leaders both politically and spiritually have become nothing more than a bunch of thieving wolves: who steal from the righteous and reward the wicked for their evil. Regretfully, America is on the verge of collapse when good and evil appear to be the same. The deceitfulness and hardness of men's hearts towards God has brought us to this place of debauchery and degradation. The people's minds are now in a state in which they no longer question what is right or wrong. We are a nation that has not only lost its conscience but what conscience we did have has now become seared as with a hot iron. That is exactly the state of the church today, because Paul the apostle prophesied in **1st Timothy 4:1-2**, ***"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron."*** No doubt this nation has become seduced by lying spirits and purveyors of doctrines by demon possessed people and leaders. In Paul's closing words in his epistle to the church at Rome he said here in **Romans 16:19** ***"For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil."*** Paul

Paul said I want you to be very wise concerning the things which are good, and I want you to be very simple concerning the things which are evil. But seemingly today they've taken away the simplicity of evil and made it so twisted and so convoluted that even people who were once spiritual are now divided concerning their faith in Jesus Christ. I am determined as never before to not compromise in preaching the word of the Lord here in these last days. Our nation is now so lost the people call evil good. As a nation we are no longer in a state of disbelief but rather one of unbelief; we are unable to comprehend and understand that which is right and that which is wrong! What is even worse, we no longer question morality and the sinfulness of sin? Once a nation loses its consciousness then God turns them over to a reprobate mind because they do not want to retain God in their knowledge. The reason God turns them over to a reprobate mind is because the knowledge of God brings Holy Ghost conviction to their consciences. We read in **Romans 1:28** "**And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, and to do those things which are not convenient.**" The word convenient in the Greek is #2520 and it means "they no longer do that which is becoming in the sight of God." It is very evident to me this nation now does that which is very unbecoming in the sight of God. Every preacher in America should stand in his pulpit on Sunday morning and tell them how they need to become agents of consciousness and oppose that which is ungodly and unruly. Every person in this nation needs to consider their ways and apprise them of their responsibility to fear God Almighty. Solomon truly was wise when he said in **Proverbs 1:7**,

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction." Paul the apostle also reiterated that very same tenor in **Romans 3:18**, "**There is no fear of God before their eyes.**" There is no godly reverence any longer in this nation because sin has all but taken this nation under. Regretfully, America is bathed in sin and iniquity. The one word the Lord gave me in January 2012 during a fast was "acceleration" and that has truly come to fruition. Needless to say, my heart is very heavy concerning this coming fall. If you will notice according to the Gregorian calendar this year the church celebrated the resurrection (I refuse to use the term Easter) of Jesus Christ a full month before the true Passover which was on April 23, 2016. This was a leap year for America and it is evident to me it was a leap month for Israel. Thus, I have said all along America did not dodge anything in the fall of 2015, but the question is, did God delay judgment exactly one year upon this nation? Personally, I do not have the answer to that question, but there is one thing that I am certain of and that is sin is damnable, sin separates man from God Almighty, and denies men of eternal life. In closing let me share a word the Lord gave me in 1994 while reading my Bible and praying on a balcony at a motel while in Pigeon Forge Tennessee. It was during the bombing of the Oklahoma City building: the Lord said to me: "stay humble, be quick to repent, and live at the foot of the cross." Like many of you, there have been times in my life when I have missed God but I have always been quick to repent of any sin. Repentance keeps the heart pure and the hands holy. We ask you to continue to pray for us here at the ministry because we need it. We are truly seeking the face of God about

whether to go out into our nation and hold meetings and preach revivals. The fields are white and they are ready to be harvested but truly the laborers are few. I wept profusely this morning while in prayer asking God, what more can I do for your people? Know that I will always be faithful to His Word and continue to bring to you an uncompromising message. The greater the attacks and criticism that follows, the greater we burn for God to preach uncompromisingly in these closing days. May the God of all grace and the God of all comfort keep you and your family and may our Lord faithfully order your steps. I know many of you are seeking God for direction. Keep seeking him with all of your heart and you will find Him, for He will be found of those who truly seek Him. Again thank you for your love, prayers, and financial support for this ministry. Truly the Lord God of Abraham is using you to help us literally preach the Word of God around the world. You will all be rewarded immensely because you not only help to pave the way but you have paid the way. I encourage you to pray for this presidential election this coming fall because we now have a divided Supreme Court and that may allow our president to rule for an unlimited time by executive orders. In case you may have forgotten, this nation has been in a perpetual state of emergency since 9/11. May God Almighty have mercy upon each and every one of us!

Serving With You All,

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