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Today, we continue our *Revival* in *America* series from the core verse that says: *"Wilt thou not re*vive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?" (Psalm 85:6)

Let's examine a phrase that gives the church one of the remedies for sin: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and <u>turn from their wicked ways;</u> then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place" (2 Chronicles 7:14-15). We want to closely examine the phrase "<u>turn</u> from their wicked ways".

America has become a very vile, evil, and wicked nation. Sin abounds as never before and there seems to be no deterrence in sight. Regrettably, America is far removed from her ancient foundational "landmarks". Solomon declared: "*Remove not the ancient landmark* (boundary), *which thy fathers have set*" (Proverbs 22:28).

America has abandoned what our previous generations embraced. Our previous generations feared God and basically kept His Holy Commandments as a foundational rule. It is apparent to most that America has been in profuse decline since World War II. There was a time when America looked to God for guidance and direction. However, today, far too many are looking to horoscopes and psychics for guidance and direction.

The only way for America to ever find true guidance and direction is to return to Jesus, God's Christ.

Jehovah admonished Solomon

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when he was dedicating the newly built Temple that if He were to shut up heaven and there be no rain, or if He commanded the locusts to devour the land, or if He sent pestilence among the people, there would always be a remedy. One of those remedies, for God to return with His blessings, was for His people to <u>turn</u> <u>from their wicked ways</u>.

Wickedness and its flourishing throughout America are because of the great demise found within the modern pulpit. Very few ministers are crying aloud against sin and the debasedness that is rampant in America. As we witness the exceeding wretchedness exploding in America; it's as though no one wants to address the many evils destroying our nation.

Sin is a very ugly word because, in the end; it only produces death. This is why we are witnessing the death of America. If you listen closely in the Holy Ghost, you can hear the death rattle in the throat of America.

I know better than anyone that I am less than nothing: however God has given me a burden for our nation. He has also burdened me to call a backslidden church to old-fashioned repentance. If I sound pompous and bombastic please forgive me, I don't mean to. It was Christ who called me into the ministry and to work in His vineyard. Please forgive my candidness but America has become nothing more than a rotting, decomposing, and putrid morally corrupt people.

I read just that in the city of Baltimore, not one public school had any students proficient in math. If

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that is not an indication that sin causes dullness and illiteracy, what does? It is evident today's governmental <u>school</u> system is nothing more than a <u>public fool system</u>.

During America's fledging, most students learned to read by reading the Holy Scriptures. Most young people today have not read any part of the Scriptures; much less possess any understanding of who God Almighty is! Tens of millions of millennials will be lost if we don't start pleading with Jehovah!

The more I witness the deterioration of America, the more I am convinced the only thing that's going to change our nation is a Spirit-filled prayer movement. As the body of Christ we must repent and pray in the power of the Holy Ghost. Anytime the people of God pray earnestly it will change the course of a nation. Fervent prayer causes a nation to turn from its wicked ways.

If the way we are going is not the way of God, then it is a wicked way. The word <u>wicked</u> (#7451 in *Strong's Exhaustive* Concordance), in 2 **Chronicles 7:14**, means: *exceeding wretchedness*, *evil*, or *bad*.

America must turn from her evil wretchedness and we must turn quickly. I am certain America is ripe for divine judgment because of the way we are living. There must be intercessory prayer soon or we will suffer the judgment of God.

King David declared: "If the foundations (moral support, truth, or institutions) be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (Psalm 11:3) If the truth, moral standards, and the veracity of America's institutions are destroyed, there are three things the righteous can do: repent, pray,

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and declare the Word of God without compromise.

If America does not soon repent of her wicked ways, God will have no recourse but to mete out divine judgment! I cannot mitigate or lessen the need for prayer; I mean Spiritfilled intercession.

King Solomon said: "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn" (Proverbs 29:2). This famine of the Word of God is allowing unrighteousness to overwhelm the foundations of truth. America and her ministers must return to proclaiming the Word of God without compromise, which will bring Holy Ghost conviction, leading men to repentance.

It grieves my spirit as I long to hear the message of repentance but all I hear is a faint, feeble, muttering cry. Where are the watchmen who cry aloud and spare not? Too many pulpiteers desire to be liked and embraced – but that is not why God calls men into the ministry.

God's ministers are called to be obedient in proclaiming the Word of God without fear or favor. Too many seek the accolades of men rather than the true honor that only comes from Jehovah. Jesus said: "How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?" (John 5:44) What a profound statement!

When ministers seek honor one of another, it impedes their ability to truly believe God. All true ministers should only seek the honor that comes from Christ. When God honors His messengers, you will witness that honor as it is manifested through the anointing, the power of discernment, and by the unction in which they minister.

Without any doubt there is too much cotton candy, fluff and stuff, skittles, popcorn, and peanuts being spewed from the modern pulpits! The apostle Paul declared: *"For the* word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12). The Word of God, proclaimed under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, eviscerates the hearts of those who hear its life changing message.

The Word of God and its goodness cause men to repent, turning from their sins, ultimately driving them to seek forgiveness. Truly convicted people realize it was Christ who paid their debt of sin.

I read recently where 51% of all Protestant ministers no longer believe in a literal Hell. That tells me men are not living in the secret place of the Most High and they do not know the heart of God. When a minister enters into the Holy of Holies through intercessory prayer, they are touched by the power of His holy presence. His divine presence changes their spiritual character and integrity. Having been immersed in the Holy Spirit through His hallowed presence then allows His ministers to depart from the Holy of Holies with their lips purged and ordained to declare "thus saith the Lord."

Far too many have forgotten the awesomeness of God's divine presence. The prophet Isaiah expresses it so well: "Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me" (Isaiah 6:5-8).

We witness as the seraph brought a coal from the brazen altar to purge the lips of Isaiah because he was not yet qualified to speak with the King of Glory. The brazen altar was a place of repentance, sacrifice, and one of death. No one can speak with God until their sins and lips have been purged by His holy fire.

Everyone needs an altar of repentance; *a place to meet God and make sacrifice*! How do we think we can speak to a Holy God unless our sins have been purged?

After having left the ark, Noah immediately built an altar so he could properly speak to his Redeemer. We read: "And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar" (Genesis 8:20). My prayer is that everyone will build an altar and seek the Lord until righteousness reigns over America.

I have determined to keep praying and preaching repentance until He calls me home. Please join me in prayer for *Revival in America*. I know the Lord can do anything: however, will America humble herself and repent of her sins?

Let me say with a pure heart: I am humbled, grateful, and thankful for your continued support and fervent prayers. This ministry is dependent upon your love for Him and His Most Holy Word. The Lord has a record of your every sacrifice and He will reward us all accordingly. "... behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be" (Revelation 22:12). Remember, He brings our reward with Him when He returns! What will your reward be?

Serving faithfully with you,

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