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**REVIVAL IN AMERICA  
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Thank you for joining me as we continue our series on “Revival in America”. We read, *“But to the king of Judah which sent you to enquire of the LORD, thus shall ye say to him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, As touching the words which thou hast heard; Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the LORD, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee, saith the LORD. Behold therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again”* (2 Kings 22:18-20).

Josiah was exceedingly wise by immediately inquiring of the Lord. Because Josiah did the right thing, the Lord gave him a personal word.

One of the great characteristics we observe in Josiah is that he had a tender heart. The word *tender* (#7401 in *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance*) in Hebrew simply means *soft*. Josiah had a soft and tender heart toward Jehovah along with His most holy Word.

I understand the Word of God will either harden someone’s heart, like a clay brick, or soften their heart so it melts like wax. The Bible declares: *“Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?”* (Jeremiah 23:29)

No one should underestimate

God’s Word. Like fire, it will consume everything. The apostle Paul declared: *“For our God is a consuming fire”* (Hebrews 12:29).

There are many descriptive words concerning the Word of the Lord and they mean what they say! Jeremiah declared the Word of God is like a *hammer* and more than able to break any rock into pieces. The Word of our Lord is able to break to pieces any entity or ideology that would challenge or oppose His Word in any way.

Because Josiah had a soft, pliable, tender heart, he willingly humbled himself before the Lord when he heard God’s Word concerning judgment. No doubt Josiah shuddered when God’s Word decreed Jerusalem would become desolate, coupled with a heinous curse.

I am full of consternation as I don’t see a spirit of national repentance in America. Soon, I fear America will become desolate and awash with a curse from Jehovah.

The Word of God overwhelmed Josiah so powerfully he rent his clothes and wept before the Lord of glory. Oh how we all need to rent our spiritual garments and weep before the Lord.

The Bible declares: *“They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him”* (Psalm 126:5-6).

This passage in Psalms always reminds me of Joseph. He had a dream concerning his family as they were binding sheaves in a field. Joseph’s sheaf arose and stood up-

right and his family’s sheaves made obeisance to his sheaf. When Joseph shared his dream they all became angry and bitter towards him. In time, we witness how accurate his dream was when his brothers came down to Egypt to buy corn and how they knelt before Joseph and made obeisance exactly as his dream foretold.

Let us look at that passage: *“And Joseph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but made himself strange unto them, and spake roughly unto them; and he said unto them, Whence come ye? And they said, From the land of Canaan to buy food. And Joseph knew his brethren, but they knew not him. And Joseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them, and said unto them, Ye are spies; to see the nakedness of the land ye are come”* (Genesis 42:7-9).

In the end, Joseph would weep as he brought his sheaves, symbolic of his family, down to Goshen, in Egypt. We read *“Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren. And he wept aloud: and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard. And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled (terrified) at his presence. And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. Now therefore be not*

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*grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life” (Genesis 45:1-5).*

You may be troubled reading this letter because there is some division in your family. The key to answered prayer is humility. David declared *“... he forgetteth not the cry of the humble” (Psalm 9:12).*

Joseph was such a humble man that he burst out in tears and wept profusely with immeasurable joy. However, through it all, he secured his family; meaning he brought his sheaves with him down to Egypt.

I sense in my spirit the need to say to someone reading this newsletter that if you remain faithful and embrace humility, you too will bring your family home with you as well! We read: *“But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble” (James 4:6).*

Please allow me to address the destructive spirit of corruptness destroying the church and our nation.

Daniel and Jeremiah were contemporaries. We read: *“In the first year of his (Darius) reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem” (Daniel 9:2).*

This passage allows us to witness as Daniel understands the duration and reason for Israel’s grievous captivity. We read: *“And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem” (Daniel 9:12).*

Let me be very candid here. It appears many District Courts, State Trial Courts, Appellate Courts, State Supreme Courts, Federal Circuit Courts, and even the United States Supreme Court are, in great part,

corrupt. Their corruptness will hasten God’s judgment on America.

When those in leadership make decisions based upon greed, avarice, and venality it weakens the moral fabric and foundation of our nation. Political correctness and bribery have truly perverted righteous judgment in America. Solomon declared: *“A wicked man taketh a gift out of the bosom to pervert the ways of judgment” (Proverbs 17:23).* The *New Living Translation* reads this way: *“The wicked take secret bribes to pervert the course of justice” (Proverbs 17:23 NLT).*

There is another passage found in **Exodus 23:8**, *“And thou shalt take no gift: for the gift blindeth the wise, and perverteth the words of the righteous.”* I also want to share the *New Living Translation* concerning this passage, *“Take no bribes, for a bribe makes you ignore something that you clearly see. A bribe makes even a righteous person twist the truth” (Exodus 23:8 NLT).*

Sadly, the whole world – including the church – is enamored with money and greed. The apostle Paul declared *“For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred (been seduced) from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows” (1 Timothy 6:10).*

Here’s one more passage on bribery: *“And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel. Now the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, Abiah: they were judges in Beersheba. And his sons walked not in his (Samuel’s) ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment” (1 Samuel 8:1-3).*

Never allow your convictions to be compromised or destroyed by becoming venal and coveting that which is not holy, just, or righteous. Sadly, this spirit of bribery is now rampant throughout most governmental institutions and even in some

church denominations.

It is purported that President Joe Biden and his son, Hunter, have been bribed and corrupted by at least \$20-million from foreign governments and there are some 17 audiotapes to prove it. Never underestimate the power of bribery for it will corrupt anyone!

Judges are supposed to be honest; possessing the highest integrity and character. Truly it is hard to find justice in America; even though we have a government agency called the “Department of Justice”!

Let me encourage you to pray and read your Bible daily. Between now and the upcoming presidential election, uncertainty will grow exponentially in our nation. I encourage you to seek the Lord regarding how you should prepare for the coming days.

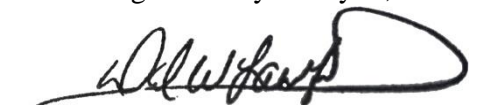
Each week we hear more disturbing news concerning a war with China over Taiwan. I am certain China wants to take America’s place as the world’s new superpower. Each day China is making more and more deals with our enemies. Right now China is even building a military base in Cuba.

It is been said, every man has his price: however I do not believe that to be true amongst the blood-bought saints, the redeemed.

I want to say thank you from the depths of my heart for your continued love and support for the *Voice of Evangelism (VOE)*. You have been so kind and gracious to this ministry and, for that, we are forever indebted.

Know that we pray for you and we seek to bring an uncompromising message from the Word of our Lord at each opportunity. May your faith grow and sustain you in the coming days because of His faithfulness!

Serving faithfully with you,



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