

Christian Influence in the Public Arena

“Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles.” –Psalm 2:3, NIV

In Psalm 2, the world says of the Lord and His anointed (i.e., His Christ): “We don’t want to be bound by God’s rules.” So the conflict is set.

There is a growing opposition that is taking place within our own government towards Christianity. Many people do not realize that secular humanism is a religion, which is now doing everything in its power to completely destroy Christian influence in any part of the public order of our nation.

Many decades ago, no one ever heard of secular humanism. A few decades ago it began to make its voice heard. Then it began to become the dominant voice to be heard in the media, in government bureaucracy, in the schools; and now it has taken over almost every one of these spheres completely. Its agenda now is to completely silence the Christian voice in every phase of the public life in this country.

After removing all vestiges of it from the public domain, the final solution to the “Christian problem” is then to remove every vestige of Christianity altogether from this nation, both in the public and in the private spheres as well.

Part of the reason this has happened is because for too long we Christians have retreated into our “holy huddles” and have not influenced the world. But Jesus taught us we are to be in the world but not of the world. When we pray “Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven,” we are certainly asking for His presence to be felt in greater ways. Why must Christian influence be squeezed out of the arena that for the most part Christians created in the first place?

O Lord, we see the destruction and silencing of Your church and we ask that You will once again turn our society back to You. We have seen You do it before and we ask humbly by for another outpouring of Your Spirit in a national revival...

BY GOD’S STRENGTH, WE CAN HAVE A NEW SPIRITUAL AWAKENING.

Statesmen vs. Politicians

“He sat down and called the twelve. And He said to them, ‘If anyone desires to be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.’” –Mark 9:35

When we consider how our fiscal policies in this country are borrowing from the future at such alarming rates, it should not surprise us if our children’s’ children rise up to curse us. We are saddling them with an unpayable debt.

Somebody said well, “It is because of our own greed that we have become ungovernable. We cannot balance the budget of the nation now. Why? Because politicians are scared that they will be voted out of office if they do not pander to the greed of the people. Now, this is not a popular thing to say. But, my friends, somebody has to say it.

This country is going to be destroyed by the twin evils of public greed and a false philanthropy on the part of politicians who are simply buying their reelection by taking money from one group and giving it to another.

The government is instituted for the purpose of administering justice. If you want to know what the government is supposed to do, read the 13th chapter of Romans where God explains what the purpose of government is. And that purpose is justice, not philanthropy. There is a great need for philanthropy and for benevolence but it should come from the private sector where it produces positive results and not from the government sector where it produces chaos and will inevitably bring this nation to destruction. Pray that God would raise up more statesmen who serve the people and instead of politicians who serve themselves.

Lord of the nations, we pray for godly leaders. WE pray for public servants, who run for office to serve the people and promote justice and protection. We repent of our national greed and ask for Your help to turn our nation around....

BY GOD’S STRENGTH, THOSE WHO GOVERN US CAN BE PUBLIC SERVANTS.

The Best of Times, the Worst of Times

“Seek the LORD while He may be found, call you upon Him while He is near.” –Isaiah
55:6

“It was the best of times; it was the worst of times.” These familiar words open Charles Dickens’ great novel, *A Tale of Two Cities*, which was set in Paris in 1789, just at the beginning of the French Revolution. It was a time of great turmoil in that country. As we consider where our nation is spiritually, I think Dickens’ description is apt.

American was unquestionably founded as a Christian nation, as the Supreme Court once admitted, “This is a religious people. This is a Christian nation.” Well, that’s the way it started. The people in New England, when they got together in the early days of this country, signed the New England Confederation, in which they said, “ We all came into these parts of American for one and the same end and aim,” Do you remember what that was? They said that one single aim was “to advance the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

I am sure that many people would be just shocked to hear that, and yet that is where we started. Unfortunately, because we have failed to share the Gospel consistently and frequently, there have been a growing number of people who have not known Christ, who know nothing about His kingdom, have never entered in, and wouldn’t even know how. Consequently, the number of unbelievers in this country has grown tremendously, while the percentage of believers has declined.

Let us pray for revival!

Lor of history, we have seen how You have quided nations as well as individuals. We pray for our nation, which started so well. Bring us back to Yourself and give us the gift of repentance.

BY GOD’S STRENGTH, EMPIRES RISE AND FALL.