

The People,
The Preachers &
The Politicians

How One Woman's
Prayer Changed a Nation

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Introduction

God often spends our whole lifetime preparing us for what He has purposed for us to accomplish in His kingdom. This message has been thirty-five years in the writing.

Little did I realize as a young preacher the tapestry God was beginning to weave in my life with each golden thread of truth until now. Looking back, it all makes sense. The wisdom of God.

This message to America is one of genuine hope and eternal change not based upon empty promises or political rhetoric, but the everlasting truth of God's Word.

I am convinced America stands at the crossroads of the greatest opportunity for revival. Whenever things happen negatively in the natural or political realm, usually the exact things are happening positively in the spiritual realm of the Church.

Right now there is an attempt of fundamental change transpiring in our nation's government – from the rule of the people to the rule of one man. An attempt to redistribute our nation's wealth from the rich to the poor is being pushed through Congress. Gold is steadily increasing in value while paper money is losing its value.

There is a revival coming that will fundamentally change how the church will be governed – from denominational and organizational rule of men to the sovereignty of her one true King and Lord - the man Jesus Christ.

There will be a redistribution of the wealth of heaven, spiritual and financial, to the poor in spirit who shall inherit the kingdom.

We must invest in the gold of His righteousness which will become ever increasing in its value and divest our holdings of the worthless paper of men's ideas. *I counsel thee to buy of me gold*

tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich,
Revelation 3:18.

This message is one of God's grace to restore. The prophet Joel (2:20) declares that God will restore all things that our enemies have systematically taken away from us.

We cannot ignore the locusts, caterpillars, and palmer worms that have systematically stripped our nation and the Church of their god-given liberties. Admitting we have a problem is the first step in repentance. Realizing that only God can fix the problem is the wisdom key to restoration. Letting Him do it, well that's what we've got to decide as a Nation.

It is from this passion that Come Pray With Me was birthed. The answer to America's problems is prayer. As simplistic as it may sound, prayer is the most powerful weapon that we possess. It is a weapon of *mass* destruction that will bring down our spiritual enemies.

Prayer changes things. That is why we have organized Come Pray With Me – for churches, civic organizations and communities, large and small, to gather together in a public place and pray for Your House, God’s House and The White House.

Revival begins at the bottom and works its way up. It doesn’t begin in Washington or the Church. Revival begins in your house and your heart. That’s how churches are transformed and governments changed.

This is the lesson found in this message, *The People, The Preachers & The Politicians*. Read it, be challenged and then Come Pray With Me, together we can make a difference!

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Chapter One

A Message of Restoration –

Your Prayer
Makes A Difference!

People ask me all the time, “Pastor, what can I do to make a difference for my country? I’m just one person, who’s going to listen to me? I don’t have any influence.”

There is something very powerful you can do – PRAY! There is someone very important who has great influence in Washington, in fact, He holds the affairs of this nation in the palm of His hand.

He is ready to listen, His name is – Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God the Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace! And *your* prayer can, your prayer *will* make the difference. Prayer changes things.

In the darkest hour of Israel’s history lived a woman named Hannah. Her name means *grace* – God’s unmerited favor. This woman’s prayer not only touched the heart of God but brought His unmerited favor upon a nation that had turned its back on Him.

The fruit of this woman's travail birthed a man child, Samuel, who would later anoint the greatest king of Israel – David, a man after God's own heart – who would restore the nation back to its founding principles and bring the presence of God back to Its preeminent place in the government.

This is a story of restoration – God's undeserving favor upon a nation. My message today is not one of fear - we have nothing to fear. My message is about the undeserving favor of God – His grace - to restore this great nation, America, once again.

Our story takes place in the first eleven chapters of 1 Samuel. The parallels between what Israel faced then and what America faces today are more than coincidental, they are, as we will see, a prophetic sign post for understanding *our* times.

Whether or not America will make the same mistakes Israel did and once

again we watch as *history repeats itself*; or whether we will as a nation make the right spiritual and civic choices to restore the founding principles upon which *this* great nation was built, and like Israel enjoy the greatest awakening in *our* history depends upon whether we choose to obey God's word and turn from our wicked ways.

Patrick Henry said, "I know no way of judging the future but by knowing the past." I am not here to purvey fear or pedal hope built upon *empty* political rhetoric; I am here to lay a foundation of Truth, the solid rock of God's WORD whereupon we might fearlessly stand to use Godly principles braced firmly upon the fulcrum of God's Grace that together we can move our world and change the course of our nation.

Chapter Two

America Is Today Where
Israel Was 3000 Years Ago

It had been 400 years since Israel had come out of Egypt, received the Ten Commandments at Mt. Sinai, crossed Jordan and possessed the Promised Land. But now, 400 years later, she was facing a fundamental transformation of her government – from a priesthood to a monarchy, the masses were crying for a king, there was a redistribution of Israel’s wealth and globalism was the hot political topic of the day.

The nation was engaged in a war on terror, the moral failure of a politically correct clergy was scandalous, judges were ruling for political and monetary gain, God’s presence was absent in the town square and the Ten Commandments ... *literally* GONE - nowhere to be found – not in the courthouse, the schoolhouse *or* the church house. SOUND FAMILIAR?

At the beginning of this national erosion of moral and civic principles Hannah prayed to God. She not only grabbed the horns of the altar, she touched the heart of God.

The answer to her prayer – One Woman, One Prayer - brought forth a prophet and a judge – a man child named Samuel – whom God would use to set in motion the events that brought into existence the greatest revival in Israel’s history. The answer to Hannah’s prayer saved the nation.

Prayer is our most effective weapon in turning the course of America back to the premise of our founding fathers. It was the travail of Hannah’s prayer that brought forth the nation’s salvation.

It will be the travail of prayer, our prayer that saves America. May the answer to our prayers, like Hannah’s, set in motion the events that will bring about a second great awakening in America.

Are there any Hannah’s here today? Are there any men and women who will intercede at God’s altar on America’s behalf?

I declare to you that America *has* her Hannah's. God has raised up men and women across this great land who are crying out to God for a move of His Spirit in our nation.

Liberty and freedom can only be birthed through the travail of prayer. It has been through adversity and travail that America's greatest leaders have boldly come to the fore of the battle. May America's Samuels boldly rise up today and set into motion the times of refreshing for America.

Chapter Three

The Five P's –
Patterns, Principles, Purpose,
Promise & Prosper

God's Eternal Purpose –
To Use the Church

I am a simple preacher. I preach God's Word from a simple template which I have developed over the years. I call it *The Five P's*. "In God's Word you can see *patterns* that are created by divine *principles* to fulfill His eternal *purpose* in your life that you may obtain His *promise* and *prosper*." (Romans 8:28-29)

God's *eternal purpose* is found in Ephesians 3:9-11. God has had a secret which He has kept hidden since the creation of the world. God has revealed this mystery to men through Christ; that He will use *the church* to display His wisdom to all the principalities and powers that have rebelled against Him, both in heaven and in earth. "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done *in earth* as it is in Heaven."

God plans on using the church! That's God's eternal *purpose*. That may not be politically correct, but everything in history is heading toward the fulfillment of God's eternal purpose - *to use the church*.

So I am not worried today about the church. I've read the back of the book. She comes out of this thing without spot or wrinkle. She will emerge as the glorious church, the eternal bride of Christ. It's not the church that's my concern. It's America, *but* America's hope *is* the church – a praying travailing church!

One cannot deny how God used the Church in America's beginning. This great nation came forth out of the womb of a travailing praying Church – *that's* separation of **state** from the **church**.

The State was conceived in, formed in and came forth from the womb of a praying travailing church. America owes her very existence to God's providential hand and the birth pangs of a travailing church. These are America's father and mother. May we honor our father and mother that our days may be long upon this land.

But what is the church? Who is the

church? The church is *not* an organization made up of organisms. The church is not *your* organization made up of the organisms of people; rather the church *is* an organism of the lively stones of men, which God intends for it to infect every organization with which it comes in contact.

The church is an organism of men and woman washed in and bought with the blood of Jesus Christ, of which God intends for *it* to infect everything - every organization in our society - social, economic *and* political.

The church is to be a communicable disease of pandemic proportions that infects everything in her path with the fever of God's love. Are we infecting every organization in America with the love of God? How contagious are you? Has anyone caught the *flu of God's love* because you have infected their life? Benjamin Franklin said, "Take every opportunity to spread the gospel and when necessary... use words."

Chapter Four

Is History Repeating Itself?

So that we understand God's purpose, He has left us *patterns* that can be seen in history. These *patterns* tell us His-story. Daniel Webster said, "History is God's providence in human affairs."

If you believe that God's word is divinely inspired then you know that He wrote the end from the beginning. He is the Alpha and the Omega - without beginning without ending. Only an omnipotent God could do such a thing by His unrestricted foreknowledge.

And so that you and I will not be children of the night and have *that* day, our day, come upon us unaware, God has left us *patterns* in His Word so that we would be sober and awake, like the five wise virgins waiting for their Lord's return. Yet, too many in the church are slumbering and have fallen asleep.

Jesus said to the Pharisees and Sadducees, "O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not

discern the signs of the times?" (Matthew 16:3 KJV)

These *patterns* are revealed in history. History repeats itself. The lesson we learn from history is: we don't learn anything from history. That's why it repeats itself.

We are bound to repeat the same mistake's if we cannot discern the principles that created them in the first place. And if we keep governing ourselves by the same erroneous principles and expect different results: that is madness.

God's *divine patterns* are seen in the cycles of history. These *patterns* of history were created by the *principles* men chose to take. Your destiny is decided by the *principles* you choose to govern your life.

America's destiny lies in the *principles* by which She chooses to govern herself – either by the principles of men

or the principles of God's Word. *There is a way that seems right to man but the end thereof are the ways of death.*

In Amos 3:6-7, God declares:

Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the Lord hath not done it? Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

God *never* does anything without first revealing His actions to His people through His prophets. *That* is a pattern you can find in the Bible. God's people should never be caught off guard as to what God is about to do.

I am by no means a prophet. I am a simple preacher from East Texas. Yet I find in Scripture that God used *men* to declare His word, He used a *jackass* to warn Balaam and a *rooster* to remind Peter. God uses men, jackasses and

roosters and I fit comfortably into any of those three categories.

There is no more dominating *pattern* in the Bible than the patterns created by the principles through which Israel chose to be governed. Israel's history continually repeated itself, especially during the period of the Judges.

It was a continuous pattern of prosperity followed by complacency, and then to apostasy into bondage, God sends a deliverer with a message of repentance. When Israel made her choice to repent a revival restored the blessings of prosperity.

The Apostle Paul asserts, "Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come, (1 Corinthians 10:11 KJV). Sit up take notice. "Here's your sign!"

Thomas Jefferson said it this way, “History, by apprizing them of the past, will enable them to judge the future.”

God has given us the patterns of Israel’s history to show us the principles that will determine the outcome of *our age*. Can America discern the *signs of her times* in which she lives and make the right choices to receive the promise of God’s prosperity and blessings?

America is today where the nation of Israel was 3000 years ago. Is history about to repeat itself or can God’s people recognize the crossroads, the signs of *our times*, where we stand and make the right choices to follow God’s principles?

No other nation has had such a miraculous birth like the nation of Israel. Only America runs a close second. With a mighty hand God brought them out of slavery and bondage on the wings of eagles unto a wilderness mountain where He gave them the greatest document by which any nation has ever been governed

– the Ten Commandments – the *original* Constitution.

There in the wilderness, at Mt. Sinai, God birthed a nation and provided them a founding document to govern them morally, socially and economically.

But Israel walked 40 years in circles (a *pattern*); all the while God purging them of the *principles* of Egypt which had created in them a faithless mindset. In the wilderness a new generation emerged, birthed through travail, now filled with faith in God's Word; they crossed Jordan and entered the *Promised* Land.

Crossing over Jordan before this now faith-filled nation were the Ten Commandments housed in the Ark of the Covenant carried on the shoulders of anointed and sanctified priests.

The preachers were leading the nation into the Promised Land carrying the principles of God upon their

shoulders. *And his government shall be upon his shoulder.* That's the pattern for the nation.

God's *eternal purpose* for Israel, prophesied some 430 years earlier to Abraham, was now being fulfilled – they were entering the Promised Land, following the Preachers, so they could obtain the promise and prosper.

All of this was fore-written by God so that we would have an example; so that we could understand how *our age* should come to pass, how we can obtain the blessing and prosper in our *new* Promised Land.

Chapter Five

Knowing Our History Is important!

In the first eleven chapters of Deuteronomy as Israel was finally crossing the river Jordan, Joshua was reminding them of their national history and giving them new instructions for possessing the land. Knowing our history is important!

We cannot understand who we are or where we are going unless we know where we've been. Do we know who we are? Can we remember as a Nation where we've been, where we've come from and Who it was that got us here?

The word *Deuteronomy* means "telling again." Joshua was reminding the nation "again" of their providential history so that *by faith* they could now enter the promise land and be courageous to face the giants, fight the battles, enjoy the prosperity of individual hard work and celebrate the harvest of God's goodness.

Before crossing Jordan, Joshua reminded this new generation - a

generation who were born in the wilderness, a generation who had never worn the chains of slavery, never felt the mud between their toes in the miry pits gathering clay for bricks to build Pharaoh's cities, never felt the taskmaster's whip upon their backs, who were not present that first Passover night in Egypt, who did not walk through the parted waters of the Red Sea on dry ground, who did not see Pharaoh's army drowned before their eyes – Joshua was “telling again” all the mighty acts which God had done to bring *this* nation to *this* place, on *this* day to fulfill *their* destiny.

Hear the words of the Lord to Joshua from Deuteronomy 11:7-14:

7 But your eyes have seen all the great acts of the Lord which he did.

8 Therefore shall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that ye may be strong, and go in

and possess the land, whither ye go to possess it;

9 And that ye may prolong your days in the land, which the Lord swore unto your fathers to give unto them and to their seed, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

10 For the land, whither thou goest in to possess it, is not as the land of Egypt, from whence ye came out, where thou sowedst thy seed, and wateredst it with thy foot, as a garden of herbs:

11 But the land, whither ye go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven:

12 A land which the Lord thy God careth for: the eyes of the Lord thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.

13 And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently

unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the Lord your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul,

14 That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.

God was telling Israel His requirements for economic stimulus and job growth for the nation. *If you want to gather in your corn, wine and oil there are certain things you must do.*

If you want job growth, if you want a harvest you must do certain things - live by His principles, and love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul. If you do, God said, I will stimulate your economy with the rain of heaven.

The rain of heaven was Israel's *stimulus package* – without it nothing you did would prosper. *It's not by power, not by might, but by my spirit says the Lord.* The rain of heaven is the Holy Spirit.

No matter big your tractor, how rich the soil, how much you plowed or how good the seed, it was all vanity without the rain.

It was to be much different in Canaan than the way you did things in Egypt. Egypt was dry, flat and sandy. In Egypt you watered Pharaoh's garden with the sole of *your* feet. In Egypt the stimulus package was the river Nile, not the rain from heaven. In Egypt everything was under Pharaoh's control, not God's.

In Egypt, Pharaoh decided how big the return on *his* investments. If Pharaoh wanted ten acres of wheat, *you* grabbed your bucket and bailed out *his* stimulus package from the river Nile.

If Pharaoh's investment was to be stimulated, if the seed was to germinate

and grow to maturity so *he* could reap a harvest, it was all up to his *bail-out* program.

In Egypt you worked for Pharaoh!

You were not a free man in Egypt, but in Canaan you were not only free you owned the land and the harvest was yours!
That's capitalism!

God told Joshua, "I'll not only stimulate *your* investment, I'll stimulate the return as well. Just obey and worship Me and I'll give you the early *and* latter rain."

What was God saying, "In Egypt Pharaoh took care of the land, but in Canaan that's *my* responsibility." In Egypt Pharaoh stimulated the economy by *your* sore feet and blisters, but in Canaan God stimulates the economy by your calloused bended knees (Worship and prayer!).

Worshipping God, keeping His commandments, living as a nation by His principals and precepts were the

requirements for economic stimulus. God was telling Israel that you cannot stimulate Canaan's economy by Egyptian means. Your prosperity will not come through "de Nile." You must acknowledge God and look to Heaven! America is in "de Nile." She is denying the principles of God to obtain a prosperous economy.

You cannot reap the harvest of capitalism with an Egyptian bucket (socialism).

God went on to tell Israel that if you ever forget all that I've done to bring you into this land, I will withhold the rain of heaven and remove you from it. Israel's entire economy depended on the rain from the beginning of the year until the harvest. Our existence as a nation, our survival depends upon an outpouring of God's latter rain.

Chapter Six

October 9, 2008
Wall Street Crashes on
The Day of Atonement

During the year Israel celebrated seven feasts that were all centered around the rain and the harvest. Six of these feasts pertained to the individual or the family, but one feast, the Feast of Atonement, dealt with the sins of the *nation*.

On *that day* the high priest went behind the veil with a blood offering for the sins of the *nation*. If God refused the sacrifice on *that day*, the *nation* would have to bare their sins for a year. The good news is that God *never* refused Israel's offering on the Day of Atonement.

For 10 days prior to Atonement was the Feast of Trumpets – ten days of personal fasting and repentance in preparation for the High Priest going behind the veil for the sins of the nation.

Now let's tie this all together. What does the rain in Israel and her holidays have anything to do with us today? What are the principles I need to see?

Do I need to remind any of you who had a 401k or were invested in the Market what happened on October 9, 2008? You know what happened – the stock market crashed – the largest ***one day*** crash ever! What happened on ***that day***? What was God saying to America on ***that day***?

What if I told you ***that day***, October 9, 2008, just happened to be the Day of Atonement! Coincidence? I don't think so! It's more like a pattern based upon divine principles accomplishing God purpose in our nation to bring us back to Him so that we could obtain his promise and prosper.

What was God saying to America on October 9, 2008, when the Stock Market crashed? The exact same thing He said to Israel. If you forget Who it is that brings you this prosperity, I'll withhold the rain and your economy will crash.

So what has America been doing the past two years to stimulate our economy?

We've grabbed our Egyptian buckets and started bailing once again from a river of "de Nile"!

Chapter Seven

400 years
Into the Promised Land

Israel's Problem –
The People, The Preachers &
The Politicians

So Israel after 400 years from her birth in the wilderness and enjoying the blessings and prosperity in this land flowing with milk and honey was in a state of denial of the principles that brought her prosperity. And this is where our story of Hannah begins – a nation in denial.

403 years ago, on May 14, 1607, our forefathers left the political and religious slavery of Europe, crossed their *Red Sea* and entered the *new* Promised Land, a wilderness, and founded the first colony of Jamestown - 403 years ago. It is no coincidence.

America today is exactly where Israel was then - 400 years into their Promised Land. Israel's problems then are America's problems today – ***the people, the preachers and the politicians.*** All of us are part of the problem.

The Problem of the People

The people of Israel had a long history of dodging their covenant responsibility and accountability to God. In a covenant both parties are responsible and accountable. There were things that God was responsible and accountable for and then there were those things that Israel was personally, individually, accountable for.

The people's fault was they were always usurping God's areas of responsibility of the covenant upon themselves and then delegating *their* individual responsibilities upon the populace or the government. The fastest way to rile God – start gettin' into His business! God doesn't need you in His business; you need Him in your business!

It began in the Garden when Adam ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. He was usurping God's place, he would be like God. When confronted he

blamed Eve. “No, I’m just a victim; it’s her fault I’m in this situation.”

And right out of Egypt, in Exodus 19, when God wanted to make every man of Israel a priest to come before Him and worship, the men of Israel would not accept the covenant offer of God. They did not want to be directly accountable and responsible to God.

Their response: “No way God, you are too awesome and terrible. You speak to Moses. Let him tell us what you want.”

So before Moses could get back down the mountain with their *instructions*, they had formed a golden calf and usurped God’s place in the covenant with *their* ideas of what He should look like and *their* ideas how he should be worshipped.

Then before the day was through they were belly aching to Moses, to the government, “We’re hungry! Who’s going

feed us? We're the victims; you brought us out here to this desert."

You see, it was a slave's mentality that had created their dependency upon a Pharaoh to provide their needs that kept them from marching straight across the desert *in faith*, take the land and get to work planting their garden. Just a few days journey but it took 40 years because of fear.

Fear of what? Fear of their individual accountability to God. Fear of not having a government to take care of them. Fear of not trusting the gifts that God had instilled in them to become prosperous by their own hands. Because of fear they did not enter in.

It doesn't have to take 40 years to solve America's problems. No we are more than capable of doing that in just a few days, **if we pray**, if we have faith in God, get to work and be personally accountable.

This type of thinking, dependency upon the government, will never get you into the Promise Land of God; the people who thought and lived by this set of socialistic principles *died in the wilderness*. They never obtained the promise; they never prospered.

Whenever we begin to think like the children of Israel and look to big government to provide our needs then big government becomes *our* Pharaoh and we become the government's slaves to make its bricks to build its cities. America will never reap the blessings and prosperity of freedom and liberty with this mindset.

This "dependency upon a Pharaoh" was purged from this fledgling nation's mindset in the wilderness. The early colonies of America that first practiced socialism, they too, soon discovered that if they were to survive in *their* wilderness hard work, private ownership and capitalism would be their only economic salvation.

Individual responsibility and hard work built America- not socialism. You cannot any longer look to someone else to save America. It's up to you. It's up to you to PRAY. This is your personal responsibility to the American covenant. Will you Come Pray With Me?

The Problem of the Preachers

Now to the preachers. The preachers were more concerned with political correctness than Godly holiness. Israel faced a moral and governmental crisis because the once holy and anointed priesthood that governed her affairs by the principles of the Ten Commandments had forsaken the founding documents and forgotten the words of God to her founding fathers – Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The clergy had become corrupted with graft and sexual scandals. The high priest, Eli, refused to circumcise his two sons Hophni and Phineas. So the church was run by uncircumcised priests. Priests

who were not in a covenant relationship with God; rather they had traded their birthright for a morsel of bread and a bowl of beans.

They stole from the Tabernacle treasury and committed fornication with the women who came to church. Their two names, *Hophni* and *Phineas* mean “strong” “mouth of a serpent.” Things haven’t changed much in 3000 years. History’s repeating itself.

The high priest Eli was fat, lazy and blind. He and his sons neglected the Menorah – the Lampstand – and the light went out in the house of God. The church had no light and priesthood had no vision. Where there is no vision the people perish. Someone was home, *but the lights weren’t on.*

Our churches are full but where is the vision and fire of God? Where are the preachers who will boldly say to the nation, “We have sinned?” Where is *our* Black Rob Regiment? Where are the

preachers and priests who like our patriotic pastors of the American Revolution were first on King George's death list, to be shot on sight, because they valued liberty and freedom above their lives? Where are they?

Instead we have clergy who proclaim political correctness and collective salvation - like the original "serpent" in the garden who "with a strong mouth" proclaimed a message of doubt and unbelief - "Hath God said?"

The cancerous immoral smell in America today is because the salt has lost its power to preserve and heal! Israel was in a moral dilemma because her preachers lost their conviction, lost their vision, and lost their fire.

The preachers who 400 years earlier led the nation into the Promise Land, were now leading them into a governmental catastrophe. *The Ark of the Covenant was soon to be taken from the nation!*

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Chapter Eight

“My spirit will not always
strive with man.”

A War of Terror
The Glory Departs the Nation

God said, “My spirit will not always strive with man.” God had had enough. He wanted to get out of town so He called the Philistines to give Him a lift.

Israel now had a *war of terror* on her hands. In an unheard of event, in an unprecedented event, the Philistines struck at the heart of the nation, defeated Israel and took the Ark of the Covenant. Inside that Ark went the Ten Commandments – the covenant of God with the nation.

This was the darkest hour of Israel’s history. After 400 years the glory of the Lord had departed.

The Ark of the Covenant that had triumphantly crossed Jordan on the shoulders, on the government, of sanctified anointed priests and destroyed the mighty walls of Jericho, was now 400 years later, leaving the Promised Land by the uncircumcised hands of the Philistines.

The glory of the Lord had departed the nation. The Ten Commandments ***literally gone*** - no longer found in the school rooms, in the public square, in the courthouse or in the church house. They were literally, physically gone.

The nation had forsaken the covenant of God, so the God of the Covenant had left the nation to her sins.

17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? 1 Peter 4:17-18 KJV

There are consequences to our actions or lack of actions. When individuals, the church and government fail in their personal, spiritual and governmental responsibilities to God and

each other INNOCENT PEOPLE SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES.

As a result of the clergy's spiritual and moral failure and the judges legislating from the bench for political and monetary gain Israel found itself in a war with the Philistines and 34,000 young soldiers lost their lives. God told Israel 400 years before, "If you will obey Me, I will make even your enemies at peace with you."

America's victories won upon her battlefields from Valley Forge to Iwo Jima have always first been secured at her altars of prayer. Prayer has always been America's weapon of *mass* destruction.

It has never been America's military prowess but America's prayers that have been her strength. It was not the fodder of musket and cannon that won our freedom but the fervency and travail of prayer that secured our liberty. Musket and cannon cannot prevail where

fervency and prayer has not first travailed.

America is embroiled in a second Civil War; not against North and South, not against Republican and Democrat, not against black and white, not against liberal and conservative; but *against principalities and powers, against the rulers of darkness, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

This war was not caused by an extreme fundamentalist terrorism from without; it is due to a lack of extreme fundamentalism of righteousness from within. If we as a nation are to survive, *this war* will be fought and won in the trenches of prayer.

Will you COME PRAY WITH ME?

Make no mistake, innocent people suffer when *the people, the preachers and politicians* forsake the Word of God and begin to live according to what's right in their own eyes.

Since Roe v. Wade in 1973 almost 50 million **innocent** Americans have lost their lives – that’s about 1.25 million unborn American babies a year for the past forty years have died because *the people, the preachers and the politicians* have forsaken God’s word.

America, like the Titanic, is headed for an iceberg of our own willing and knowledgeable rebellion to God’s Word. Arguing politics, economics or religion is just rearranging the chairs on her deck. It’s futile and meaningless and will not prevent the impending disaster!

To think if we get a new captain and crew in November without taking an immediate and drastic change of course is insanity. Stimulating the engines so the ship can keep moving forward is sheer madness. WE ARE STILL HEADING TOWARD AN ICEBERG just at a faster rate of speed. We must change course NOW.

We must PRAY NOW. Will you Come Pray With Me?

Only a miracle of God can save America. *It's a miracle we need.* Not an election, not a stimulus package, not a jobs bill. WE NEED A MIRACULOUS RETURN OF GOD'S PRESENCE AMONG HIS PEOPLE TO RESTORE OUR NATION.

The People, The Preachers & The Politicians

Chapter Nine

The Presence of God Returns To The People

“If my people who are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and heal your land.” (2 Chronicles 7:14) Our responsibility is to pray. His responsibility is to heal.

I think you’ve got the picture. Now, let me tell you the Good News! There is NOTHING to fear! The Ark is coming! Just as the presence of God returned to Israel, IT will return to America IF MY PEOPLE WILL PRAY.

Israel got their miraculous return of the presence of God. For seven long months God’s presence departed Israel but it returned on an ox cart to Joshua’s wheat field at harvest time where it was placed in Abinadab’s house. It returned to the people – Joshua’s wheat field at harvest time.

Joshua’s wheat field is a picture of the Church. *Joshua* and *Jesus* come from the same Hebrew word *Yashua* - LORD. In

Matthew 13, Jesus said the wheat field was his kingdom. The Ark, the presence of God, returned to the people – the wheat field of Jesus.

The Ark did not return to the Tabernacle in Shiloh, it did not return to King Saul's palace, it returned to Joshua's wheat field. The Ark did not come to the preachers; the Ark did not come to the politicians, THE ARK FIRST RETURNED TO THE PEOPLE.

Israel's greatest revival didn't start in the established church, or the politician's palace; it started in the field where God's people were WORKING - doing the will of God.

The preachers didn't get it, the politicians didn't get it, but THE PEOPLE GOT IT! What's going to change America? It's not the preachers or the politicians. THEY DON'T GET IT!

Quit looking to them for the answers. What's going to change America

is when WE THE PEOPLE get the Ark back in *our* house - when you get the presence of God back in your life.

Where does revival begin? How are churches revived and governments changed? When WE THE PEOPLE who are called by his name begin to PRAY. Do you want to change the course that America is on?

Then COME PRAY WITH ME.

Not once did King Saul seek God's advice before the Ark, nor did He care that God's presence was stowed away in a house. God's presence was no longer needed in the public square; it was not politically correct as long as Saul was king. He did though seek advice from a fortune teller. (By the way, in my research I discovered King Saul's last name - Alinsky!)

During the Ark's absence, along with the clergy's corruption and a breakdown in the judicial system, the

people lost faith in the church to be the moral compass of the nation. So they cried out, "Give us a king. We want to be like all the other nations."

Israel's government *made* the *fundamental transformation* from a godly nation, ruled by the principles of God and the Ten Commandments, overseen by holy priests and godly judges, to a humanistic monarchy and a king who took from the people and redistributed the wealth.

Will America make the same choice, take the same road? We're in the LEFT HAND TURN lane with our blinker on. Which direction will we go when the light changes?

But even in the midst of the moral failure of a politically correct clergy and legislating judges, the absence of God's presence in the town square, no Ten Commandments, a cry for globalism, and a war on terror, **Israel was on the brink of the greatest revival in her history.**

Change *was* coming, hope *was* about to be restored to a desperate nation, but not the way anyone was thinking.

Remember the words of Samuel to the blind backslidden preacher Eli. God said, **“I will do a thing in the midst of Israel that will cause both the ears of all who hear it to tingle.”** Are you ready to hear some good news America? Are you ready for God to do *His thing* in America? Are you ready for your ears to tingle?

Then COME PRAY WITH ME.

Israel’s great awakening came all because one woman had prayed! Not two, not twenty, not two hundred, not two thousand – just one. One woman named Hannah – the grace of God - grabbed the horns of the altar and touched the heart of God. The answer to her prayer and travail brought forth a prophet and judge who was raised up and brought change to the nation.

The Role of Samuel

The answer to Hannah's prayer, Samuel, boldly declared an end to a corrupt clergy, the end to judicial legislation, told the nation of the fallacies of socialism's redistributive salvation and pronounced the end to Saul's system of governing a nation.

But the most important thing Samuel ever did was to anoint a man after God's heart to lead the nation in a national restoration of its founding principles.

Samuel anointed David as king. **The first thing David did as king was to recognize and restore the Ark of the Covenant to Its rightful preeminent place among the nation.** He brought the Ark of the Covenant out of a house and back to the nation's capitol where IT belonged.

The other night my wife, JoAnn, and I were watching Fox News and Senator

Rick Santorum and Greta showed a video clip of a Democratic strategist saying how easy the Tea Party and Grassroots America organizations were making it for them in November because they were nominating candidates who were not qualified to lead our nation.

I looked at JoAnn and said, “Did you hear what he just said?”

Who did Samuel anoint that became the greatest King any nation has ever known but a ruddy faced, red-headed, goat roping, guitar playing, song writing, sheep herding, lion hunting, bear killing, rock slinging, giant slayin’, red neck country boy named David!

Everyone said he wasn’t qualified to be king. Even his own father told Samuel, “You got the wrong boy, preacher, he’s not qualified, take one of my other sons!”

In the eyes of man David wasn’t qualified, but in the eyes of God he was the greatest king who ever lived. A king

who conquered more enemies, possessed more land than any king Israel had, but he wasn't qualified.

What qualifies you to lead men or nations are not *your abilities* but your surrendered *availability* to an Almighty God.

Just as America needs her Hannah's to pray, her Samuel's to prophesy, America needs her David's to lead – men and women whose hearts are after God to come forth out the backwoods and wildernesses of America to lead our nation back to God with some good ole common sense!

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Chapter Ten

An Awakening is Coming –

A Fundamental Transformation
Of How The Church Worships
God

Whenever things are happening in the natural, they are usually happening in the spiritual as well.

Israel's government went through a radical transformation, but I have good news. The church in Israel also experienced a radical transformation in how she worshipped her God. Are we ready for revival?

You see David built a Tabernacle, a church, for the Ark in Zion – his capitol city. It was different from anything Israel had ever witnessed before. During David's reign Israel worshipped God like she had never worshipped Him before – face to face.

There was only one room and one piece of furniture in David's church – the Holy of Holies and the Ark of the Covenant. There was no veil to separate David, the priests, the choirs, and orchestras from the presence of God. God *finally* had *His* way in David's Church.

In David's Church Israel worshipped in the presence of God, without a veil, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, fifty-two weeks of the year for forty years. That's revival!

During this time there were those people, priests and judges who had followed King Saul, they were still going to church at Shiloh, still going through the motions of traditions and formalities. But God's presence wasn't there any longer, it was at Zion. Some people just won't get it!

From Moses' Church at Shiloh Israel had the Law, but from David's Tabernacle at Zion she got the book of Psalms. The Ark never went back to Shiloh.

This is the account of those events recorded in Psalm 78:60-72:

60 So that he forsook the tabernacle
of Shiloh, the tent which he placed
among men;

61 And delivered his strength into captivity, and his glory into the enemy's hand.

62 He gave his people over also unto the sword; and was wroth with his inheritance.

63 The fire consumed their young men; and their maidens were not given to marriage.

64 Their priests fell by the sword; and their widows made no lamentation.

65 Then the Lord awaked as one out of sleep, and like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine.

66 And he smote his enemies in the hinder parts: he put them to a perpetual reproach.

67 Moreover he refused the tabernacle of Joseph, and chose not the tribe of Ephraim:

68 But chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion which he loved.

69 And he built his sanctuary like high palaces, like the earth which he hath established for ever.

70 He chose David also his servant,
and took him from the sheepfolds:

71 From following the ewes great
with young he brought him to feed
Jacob his people, and Israel his
inheritance.

72 So he fed them according to the
integrity of his heart; and guided
them by the skilfulness of his hands.

It is sad that most Christians are not even aware that David had a tabernacle and the profound influence it had upon Israel's government.

So special to God's heart was David's Tabernacle, that the Bible declares nine times "in the last days, saith the Lord, I will build again the Tabernacle of David that is fallen down." (Amos 9:11)

David's Tabernacle is a picture of what the next revival will look like.

I declare to you that America has had her Hannah's. For decades people have been travailing in prayer for this day

to come in America – a day of restoration. And I declare to you that WE THE PEOPLE are the answer to their prayers. We *are* America's Samuels!

America needs a man child. America needs a Samuel. Who will be the answer to Hannah's prayer? Who will rise up and in humility and true holiness boldly proclaim the end to a corrupt clergy, expose the evil of judicial legislation, warn the nation of the fallacies of socialism's salvation and pray for the end of a Saul's system of redistribution of wealth.

Who will be America's Davids? Who will be America's Samuels? Who will be America's Hannahs? Will it be you?

Will you... Come Pray With Me?

Thank you. And may God Bless America!