

## AMERICA, A DROWNING NATION

When a person falls into a large body of water without knowing how to swim, he will make an effort to survive, in coming to the surface for a breath of air. As he goes under a second time, he repeats his efforts of survival. However, when he goes under the third time, he has drowned and will not likely survive. America is much like the drowning man. In the last 2 centuries, we came to be the greatest nation in the world, and was known as a “Christian nation” because we were founded on the basic and fundamental principles of the Bible. Our forefathers wanted a nation where families could function in accordance with truth, and freedom from totalitarianism.

**ABORTION.** By the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, this great nation embraced (legally and publicly) the practice of “abortion”, or the destroying of embryos in and out of the womb of mothers, who for some reason, have decided they do not want their forthcoming arrival, or never wanted it in the first place. The Supreme Court decision of Roe versus Wade came in 1973, as the first effort in the sinking of America. Since that time, our nation has murdered some 60 million infants. One thing that God hates is the “shedding of innocent blood” (Prov. 6:16-19). Babies are an heritage of the Lord (Psa. 127:3). They are fearfully and wonderfully made (Psa. 119:14). They are “innocent”, having never done anything wrong. Yet, they are being killed by a worldly government to satisfy the whims of fleshly minded parents.

**BREAKDOWN OF THE FAMILY.** The second time a drowning America went under was in the breakdown of the home in marriage. We have been going down constantly since the legalization of abortion, but have been sinking deeper and deeper. Was not Rome destroyed, partially because of similar attitudes to the sacredness of marriage and the family? The basic principles of the Bible were respected in the early days of America. Polygamy came in for a period of time in the Mormon movement, and the federal government stepped in and put a stop to it (legally, though it is still being practiced in some circles of Mormonism). In recent years, the sacredness of marriage has been slipping away from us. Fewer and fewer of our families are observing golden anniversaries any longer, for they don't stay married long enough. Consequently, our offspring doesn't even bother to get married, as they just move in together and live together till someone comes along to distract them and they just move out and move in with someone else—without having to bother with getting a divorce and a marriage license. Our ancestors did not begin a “tradition” of having one man and one woman in marriage, but they followed the decree of the Lord in observing His will which was “handed down” (divine tradition) through the ages (Gen. 2:7,18,22-25; Matt. 19:4-6). There were departures from this at times, even in America. Now, the greatest departure is to **call** “homosexual relationships” a **marriage**, when in essence they are not. Placing a legal stamp of approval on such is no a marriage than placing a stamp of legal approval on a union one forms with another mate following a divorce not granted for sexual unfaithfulness, or fornication. The Lord calls it “adultery” (Matt. 19:9), as does Paul (Rom. 7:2-3).

Sex outside of the one marriage union is sinful, whether it be with animals (Exo. 22:17), or with another of the “same sex” (Lev. 18:22), or with multiple partners (polygamy). These passages are in the Old Testament, but reveal a confirmation of what was established in the beginning, and are in harmony with the teaching of the New Testament. Remember how God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrha in the long ago, for their perversion? There were not even ten righteous living in Sodom for God to allow it

to continue. When the angels came to the house of Lot, the perverted men were stricken blind in their "lust" (not "love") for the angels, that they were stricken blind, and still wearied to find the door (Gen. 19:11). Peter writes, "And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an **example** unto those that after (America? DWT) should live ungodly; And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day today with their unlawful deeds;) The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished" (2 Pet. 2:6-9). Jude said, "Even as Sodom and Gormorra, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire" (Jude 7). Who is following their "example" today? How long will it be before "polygamy" will be openly avowed and legally endorsed by the Supreme Court?

Are not we "forgetting God" in America today? Isaiah and Jeremiah talked about some who were forgetting God in the long ago (Isa. 48:15; Jer. 2:32; 3:21-22; 18:15). Paul wrote about some who once knew God, but forgot about Him, and went to sexual perversions, and God "gave them up" to do those things against the very nature of male and female, as God intended for each human being (Rom. 1:21-28). This is happening in our great land today.

**WHAT NEXT?** What will be the third thing that will push America under for the third time? Will it be its addiction to alcohol? This nation is virtually swimming in alcohol today. If the Lord were to come right now, He would find at least half of the young and old alike, under the influence of alcohol to some degree. Alcoholism is at an all time high in America and many other "civilized countries." Will it be a total collapse of power as we go into complete totalitarianism (to which we are getting closer all the time), or will be a collapse of our economy? Any or all of this could bring a complete end to the way of life we have known so long with great enjoyment. The "Democratic" party has captured our minds by being the party of "abortion" and "homosexuality". The Demo might well be followed with an "n". I cannot honestly conceive of a single, devoted Christian, who would support this great apostate power in the coming election and years.

Remember when the Chicago preacher said God should not "bless" America, and changed the word to "damn"? Was the preacher really a prophet? One of his flock for some 20 years who was born in Kenya, brought up in Indonesia and Hawaii, has found his way to the leadership of our nation, and is hastening the day of our damnation. Let us pray for repentance and return to God.

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