

CHAPTER TEN

ALL NATIONS THAT FORGET GOD...

All nations that forget God shall be turned into hell.

Psalm 9:17

The Retreat

What does it mean to “forget God?” The answer is vital to America’s destiny. Is “remembering” a simple act of acknowledging that God is indeed Lord and reciting a list of His attributes as is often set forth in songs of praise?

Every Christian is called by God to the highest level of personal character and virtue, to a *knowledge* of the Source of his and her freedoms and of their duty to defend and perpetuate those freedoms. If that sense of loyalty and responsibility is destroyed—if the Ten Commandments are outlawed along with prayer and Bible-reading in the schools and our youth deprived of knowledge of their heritage—then we cannot be far from Witherspoon’s prediction that our Constitution will collapse—and with it, our liberties.

As previously discussed, much of the clergy, along with their millions of victimized American Christians following their pastors’ lead, have retreated from the battlefield to the social, non-confrontational, noncontroversial reservation. They say that Christians should confine their religious activities to politically noncontroversial roles and keep their Bibles out of the political process.

There is a maxim which relates to conquering great nations; that is, if you cannot beat them militarily, erode them from within and destroy their vision, *for where there is no vision, the people perish* (Prov. 29:18). Consider the plight of our country.

Deadly Inversions of the Christian Faith

(1) **“End-times”—“Last days”?** Some Christian leaders say that based on prophecy these are the “last days,” and any efforts we make to restore righteousness to this nation will be in vain and need not even be undertaken.

Over-application of a branch of theology known as eschatology, in which signs and evidences of the prophesied “end times” are used to date the “last days” as being in the very near future, creates the often-heard attitudes of futility and despair. We hear, “Why bother? It’s all but over anyway;” a misinterpretation of “We’re in this world, not of it;” “America is under God’s judgment and is irreversibly going the way of ancient, pagan Rome;” and “The ‘rapture’ and ‘return of Christ’ are imminent at any moment.”

Expressions such as the “New Age,” the “post-Christian era,” and the “New World Order” have come into vogue and are often heard and accepted in church services and Sunday School classes with little protest. We are assured, however, by the Abandonment Clergy that God is in control of all events and if we are “born again,” we and our loved ones will be taken from this world in the “rapture.” They say our job now is to love Christ, worship Him, adore Him, lead virtuous personal lives, keep Christ out of the political arena and be sure the two-way “wall of separation” between church and state remains high and impregnable. After all, politics is no business of the Church.

The following paraphrased story helps illustrate this point. One of America’s radio theologians said the following:

You know, folks, people call my office and ask, “Don’t you love your country? You’re always so negative about it and unwilling to get into the battle.” I respond, “Of course I love my country, and I love living here. I love my freedoms, but I have to face the fact that America is on the way down as was ancient pagan Rome, and she will meet the same horrible fate because of her sins. My concern is not for a country that is finished but rather for the kingdom of God.

I love my family, and my concern is that they be right with God and concern themselves with the kingdom where nothing that happens on earth can affect their salvation and immortal souls.”

The answer to that clergyman’s position is that ancient pagan Rome was *always* pagan. In contrast, America was created in Jesus Christ and the Bible. America was *never* pagan. God’s mandate when the nation strays is for its faithful to *stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free* (Gal. 5:1) and to come forth and engage in the battle. In Psalm 94:16 He asks, *Who will rise up*

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for me against the evildoers? or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?

Futility, hopelessness, surrender by default, surrender by false interpretation of the “last days” and the “end times” have no place in

the spirit or conduct of the people of God. Such surrender serves only one master—Satan—and leads a free nation to only one destiny—destruction. America is well on its way, not as a result of any irreversible tide of history as the Marxists would have us believe but *as a direct result of the inversion of basic doctrinal mandates to action.*

Theologian Dr. R. C. Sproul charges such clergymen who disengage from this world with trading on “the narcotic effect of ecclesiastical opium.”¹⁷¹ This is precisely the condition sought and hoped for by those who would conquer and enslave the American people, anticipating that with the teeth having been pulled from their faith they would surrender their heritage without a fight under the promise of pie in the sky and salvation without responsibility. Dr. Sproul wrote in *Classical Apologetics*:

Other religions may choose a radical denial of this world, seeking asylum in a supratemporal sphere of mystical otherworldliness; but Christianity enjoys no such luxurious option. Attempts by Christians, past or present, to quit this

world in ascetic retreat betray a tacit denial of the most elemental principles of the Christian view of creation and redemption.¹⁷²

Clearly, the Christian's mandate in our crisis world is to stand and fight in the cause of God. Abandoning ship should be unthinkable to an American Christian knowledgeable of his or her heritage and duty to Christ and of the consequences of defeat. Yet the Abandonment position is common through much of the American Church.

What Would God Say?

Would God agree with the philosophy of abandoning the ship of America that He created, a philosophy which has been taught by the clergy of the last few decades? Would He consider it glorifying to Him?

Dr. Sproul comments on the Church today:

The church is safe from vicious persecution at the hands of the secularist.... So long as the church knows her place and remains quietly at peace on her modern reservation. Let the babes pray and sing and read their Bibles...the church's extinction will come not by sword or pillory, but by the quiet death of irrelevance. It will pass away with a whimper not a bang.¹⁷³

Dr. Sproul continues:

But let the church step off the reservation, let her penetrate once more the culture of the day and the Janus-face of secularism will change from benign smile to savage snarl.¹⁷⁴

In summary, the clergy who preach these doctrines or doctrines which draw those conclusions are in reality preaching disobedience to the commandments of Christ and abdication of

duty. *Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man* (Eccl. 12:13). In our surrender we give up our God-given American heritage without a fight.

(2) Love. *This is love, that we walk after his commandments* (2 John 6).

Another deadly inversion perpetrated by Satan concerns the doctrine of Love. Abandonment Theologians' and their victimized followers' rallying banner is "love." LOVE: one of the most powerful terms in the Scriptures, the centerpiece of the mission of Christ, has been stripped of its very essence—obedience to the commandments which themselves represent a declaration of war on evil in all of its manifestations. The *inverted* meaning of "Love" reduces the faith down to virtuous but noncontroversial activities on the "reservation" and an interpretation of "Love" as a passive sentimentalism. The teeth have thus been pulled from Satan's archenemy, leaving Christians defenseless in their ability for discernment of Truth from error, good from evil, and wide open to the *wiles of the devil* (Eph. 6:11) who is the "master of deceit."

Ask anyone on the abandonment reservation, "Do you love the Lord with all of your heart and with every ounce of passion that is in you?" The answer will come back as a thunderous "Yes!" "Do you love your country?" "Yes!" The fact is that they will mean it, and their hearts will be as devoted to the cause of Christ as any could be.

If we were to examine their bank accounts, we would find impressive examples of generosity to hospitals, orphanages, churches, educational institutions, all manner of benevolences, and charities. Surely, God would be pleased. Undeniably, love is giving of one's resources and of one's self. Its virtues include compassion, tenderness, helping a brother, and feeding the poor.

The Other Side of Love

But that's only a part of the meaning of Love. What's missing from their definition of Love is the action dimension—the "war cry" of confrontation against evil. What happened to it?

Certainly the Founding Fathers lived by the war cry, won against seemingly impossible odds, and gave us our Constitutional Republic.

How is it that so many of America's Christians have ended up on neutral reservations? Have they intentionally defected from the battlefield? Have they knowingly abandoned their sacred Christian duty in our crisis world? Of course not! Then why the retreat?

The Abandonment Clergy have taken Christ's most commanding, demanding charge—Love—and subtly removed its firepower, its major action dimension, and reduced it down to simply a sentiment of compassion. What have the clergy extracted?

Love is expressed in numerous ways throughout the Scriptures, but it all comes down to one definition: Love is obedience to the commandments (see 1 John 5:3). But if God's commandments are Truth (see Ps. 119:151), and God is Truth (see John 14:6), then the commandments by definition represent a declaration of war against evil in all of its manifestations.

A born-again Christian is one who has committed his or her life to the service of Christ and thus pledges obedience to the commandments. The commandments represent a battle cry of righteousness and a war cry to engage the workers of iniquity on every front.

Christ proclaimed that He had come to *destroy the works of the devil* (1 John 3:8). A born-again Christian, indwelt and empowered by the Holy Spirit in the cause of Truth and liberty, belongs on the front lines of the action according to his calling (see 2 Pet. 1:10), not in the bleachers watching his God-given country crumble and not on the reservation socializing in the midst of the holocaust.

According to the Bible, a Christian's commitment to action is not an option. Whatever his reasons for abandoning the battlefield in preference for the social reservation, even if he is a victim of the Abandonment Clergy, the consequences to his country and loved ones will be the same. How he will fare with God at the Judgment is another subject. Next is one of the most *subtle* inversions of the faith.

(3) Works and Salvation. Are “works” really necessary to salvation? Can one lose his salvation by not doing good works? What does James mean when he says: *But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?* (James 2:20).

If we are saved by “grace,” not by “works,” why bother doing works? If works are not important, why did Jesus say, *I wish that you were hot or cold; but because you are lukewarm, I will spue you out of my mouth* (Rev. 3:15-16)? If “God is in control,” are works necessary for the triumph of freedom over tyranny, righteousness over evil?

The Founding Fathers would have had no difficulty in answering these questions. But many Christians today do have difficulty because their Abandonment Clergy have sold them a doctrine of “salvation without responsibility,” and their confusion is leading them and their children into darkness by default. *Where there is no vision, the people perish* (Prov. 29:18).

If America is finished and has passed the point of no return, as the Abandonment Clergy are preaching, do works really matter? Some contend that works are the same as legalism and that legalism—winning God’s favor by your works—is precisely what Christianity rejects. This position looks to the Apostle Paul for its Scriptural support. Paul writes,

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast (Eph. 2:8-9).

On the surface this great truth would seem to negate the value of works in God’s eyes or would at least relegate works to a secondary position having nothing to do with one’s personal salvation and heavenly destination. The argument says this: we live in a fallen, lost world which ultimately is destined to perish, together with our works. What truly counts, then, is our personal salvation and that of our loved ones because salvation is eternal while the world—and works—are transient.

If that were the sum total of the Christian salvation experience, then perhaps works really are not that important to God. But

this reference to works speaks specifically to the issue of salvation. Paul does not argue that works are without value or that they are not imperative, only that works play no part in personal salvation.

By isolating the meaning of Ephesians 2:8-9 from its full text, the Abandonment Clergy have produced a nation of disarmed, would-be Christian warriors who in their minds are certain that they are, by their simple proclamations of faith, heaven-bound and that their salvation cannot be lost, especially not as a consequence of their lack of righteous works or engagement in sinful practices.

The Rest of the Works Story

The faith of Christians of all mainline denominations is grounded in the belief that eternal salvation is a gift of God which cannot be earned. But we cannot afford to stop there. God mandates throughout both Testaments that those called by His name must obey His commandments with total commitment. *Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind* (Matt. 22:37) is called *the first and great commandment* (Matt. 22:38). Obedience is works! Clearly, God assigns considerably more importance to works than much of the Abandonment Clergy.

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Putting Ephesians 2:8-9 back into context may not be very popular with the Abandonment Clergy. Acknowledging that works and Christian duty go together tends to cause controversy and considerable discomfort on the reservation, perhaps even implying political involvement which, heaven forbid, might violate the fabricated, unBiblical, two-way “wall of separation.”

What does the rest of the Ephesians passage say? Verse 10: *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.* Far from diminishing the value and Christian imperative for works, God is saying that we were created to do good works. He

also says the purpose of those works is to glorify the Father. *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven* (Matt. 5:16).

If the contemporary clergyman denies the importance of works, he also denies the importance of glorifying the Father. His attitude is that “as long as my free, unearned salvation cannot be lost and I am guaranteed a mansion in heaven, the rest is secondary.”

A person cannot earn salvation by doing works that he thinks will please God. The centerpiece of salvation, of becoming “born again and indwelt by the Holy Spirit,” is not works, but rather the heart. One cannot *earn* his way into heaven. Rather, to be born again Spiritually, he must accept Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior and commit his life to Him.

When a person becomes born again, he literally undergoes a Spiritual transformation of his mind whereby he, in effect, plugs into the Source of Truth through the Holy Spirit, Who, revealing the will of God, will become his Source of strength, courage, Biblical wisdom, vision, and power. The transformation is all-encompassing.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will, of God” (Rom. 12:2).

If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new. And all things are of God (2 Cor. 5:17-18).

Then the mighty works which God commands can be put into action with total obedience. *Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not* (Jer. 33:3). The Bible claims that God is directly accessible through prayer, that He answers prayer and through the Holy Spirit will give His people the power to be triumphant over their adversaries if their actions and objectives will glorify the Father. *Greater is he*

that is in you, than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4).

To the born-again Christian the above will make eminent sense; to others it may seem like foolishness. But it describes the Founding Fathers and the colonists in the days of the War for Independence. God answered their prayers, interceded on their behalf in otherwise hopeless situations, granted them seemingly impossible military victories and through them founded our American Republic on Christianity whereby it became recognized as the “wonder of the world.”

God’s principles concerning freedom and how to maintain it transcend the ages. Settings and circumstances change, but the laws of God do not. If the American people will turn back to God and obey Him, a rebirth of our nation can be achieved. We are born unto good works, even mighty works. With the Source of Spiritual light and Spiritual power we will possess the kind of discernment and wisdom essential to our total commitment to the task. The battle between freedom and tyranny is spiritual, not secular, in its essence. *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places* (Eph. 6:12).

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God Sets the Order of Priorities

The first priority God sets is faith which is followed by a natural outflowing of works. In other words first comes salvation with the transformation of one’s mind. Then comes the evidence of total commitment to Jesus Christ—the works which we were born to do but could not do by our own wisdom and strength. James asks, *What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?* (James 2:14).

But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? (James 2:20). James is talking about the patronizing,

professing Christian who thinks he has a highway to heaven based on an out-of-context concept of “salvation without responsibility.” If a man is truly born again and filled with the Holy Spirit, he will have an irresistible desire to do works that glorify God. James is saying that it is not possible to be truly plugged into the power Source and stand neutral, that good works are the evidence of one’s transformation, that a mere proclamation of faith which is destitute of its outflowing evidence is no faith at all, and John claims that such a person is not of God.

Whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God... (1 John 3:10).

This issue has been debated for decades and has been a major cause of the deadly paralysis of the vigilant dimension of our faith in confronting, turning back, and destroying the works of Satan. But the Scriptures are clear regarding the importance of obedience:

And now...the ax is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire (Matt. 3:10).

If the salt has lost its savour, it is henceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men (Matt. 5:13). Note: Christ is calling for unrelenting vigilance. The “foot of men” means enslavement under tyranny.

So then because thou art lukewarm...I will spue thee out of my mouth (Rev. 3:16).

Tough words, aren’t they? Clearly, God is a demanding taskmaster, but why? If God truly loves us so much that He even sent His own Son to die on the cross for us, why does He make such stringent demands upon the faithful that we obey Him with total commitment, even threatening to “spue us out of His mouth” if we do not?

Jesus Himself answers when He says:

Wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be that go therein. Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it (Matt. 7:13-14).

Obedience is “tough love” in one sense because it is so demanding of loyalty. On the other hand, God’s tough love is true love because He knows the level of obedience required if we are to be free from the yoke and tyranny of spiritual and political bondage to enjoy His blessings. There can be no “lukewarm” commitment of a Christian because total commitment is required if we are to be victorious over our merciless and relentless adversary, Satan.

America is the product of a citizenry, clergy, and an association of Founding Fathers united as Christians in absolute obedience to God. They knew the total commitment which would be required of them to be victorious in Christ’s cause of liberty, and to that end the Founding Fathers committed “their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor.”

Many paid the ultimate penalty. Some died of torture, others of stress and hardship from the rigors of the war, and others once wealthy died in poverty. But they selflessly did the will of God and gave us America. It takes such warriors—born-again Christians filled with life, Truth and God-given power—to be victorious over the relentless wickedness of evil and achieve the blessings of liberty:

I give to you power to tread on serpents...and over all the power of the enemy (Luke 10:19).

What is God’s reaction toward those Christians who stand neutral in the holocaust and to the clergy who lead them into disobedience of His commandments? We don’t need to speculate: *Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the Lord (Jer. 23:1).*

It is clear what the pastors have done against the cause of Christ by preaching only the compassionate, charitable side of “Love” and deleting its action dimension. Love is obedience to the commandments which through the power of salvation produces works which call forth the vigilance and greatness in every true Christian and commits him to the battlefield. Remember, Christ came to *destroy the works of the devil* (1 John 3:8), and to *set at liberty those who are oppressed* (Luke 4:18 NKJ).

Situational ethics and secular considerations that would likely be the guideposts for well-meaning but unsaved Americans could never produce the loyalty, the focus, the recognized Source of authority, discernment and the solidarity of purpose essential for victory in this spiritual war. God’s commandments are designed for and directed to Spiritually empowered believers whose obedience is selflessly driven by their passion to serve Him and do great and mighty works which will glorify Him. In return He promises us the blessings of liberty in all of its Spiritual and political forms.

Conclusion of Salvation and Works

Not only are “works” of central and vital importance to our faithful execution of our Christian duty, but God set a standard of righteous works that could not possibly be envisioned or achieved through the power of mortal man. In fact His standards and demands are so high that only the indwelling Holy Spirit empowering man can enable him to meet the test of works that will achieve God’s purpose and grant the freedoms and blessings that we in America enjoy.

Such Spiritual empowerment is necessary because the ongoing war between righteousness and evil is spiritual, and mere secular man devoid of the Spirit and power of God stands no chance against the deceitful, enslaving spirit of Satan. Neither is he capable, when operating alone without the Holy Spirit, of achieving long-lasting political freedom of which God is the Author, or even of maintaining it. This is America’s plight today in the wake of her desertion and abandonment of God under the leadership of the Abandonment Clergy.

In fact the key is that if we claim to be “born again” and truly have undergone a transforming renewal of our minds and that if we are plugged into the ultimate power Source, then the works unto which we have been created will be revealed to us according to our “calling.” Such power will be given to us that *...if ye do these things, ye shall never fall* (2 Pet. 1:10). If we obey God and do the things which He commands and will never fall, by what right, logic or authority can we justify, as the Abandonment Clergy do, ceasing to do as we are commanded?

How important are “works” to Christ?

...let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth (1 John 3:18).

He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him (1 John 2:4).

That’s about as tough a mandate regarding the imperative for works and consequence for abdication of duty as anything can be. From cover to cover, literally thousands of times, God promises to do all manner of wondrous things for us. But those promises inevitably are conditioned upon *our* taking the initiative and doing certain works that demonstrate our faith. “If you will, then I will....” *If*, with all our heart, mind and soul we want to be free and we turn to God through prayer and a pure heart, He will answer us, show us the way, grant us the power to destroy the evil works of Satan and achieve the victory which glorifies the Father. Satan is no match for a committed Christian. Without the power of Christ, man is no match for Satan.

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God sent His only begotten Son to show us the way to Spiritual and political freedom and to give His life in that cause. How important, then, would you say “works” are to God? Get an excellent Bible concordance such as *Strong’s* and look up “works.” You will be astounded.

Works are essential to freedom. They are the essence of obedience to the commandments. *Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man* (Eccl. 12:13).

The Abandonment Clergy, who preach salvation out of the context of the great and mighty works of righteousness teach a false doctrine. It mocks God, and God will not be mocked. These clergy, in full defiance of God's clear mandates to works and action, betray Christ, our country (which is of Him), and our children. Christianity is a faith which calls its believers to the highest commitment to duty, responsibility, and greatness. It gives

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them the knowledge, wisdom, vision, direction, and power essential to victory over the deceit, slavery, and death brought by Satan.

As an aside, the God-given freedoms we in America enjoy have their roots in the Constitution which itself is founded upon the Biblical

laws of God. The Constitution presupposes that the citizens will demonstrate the highest level of responsibility (works) toward their political representatives and will govern their own lives (works) by the highest moral code of the Bible, beginning with the Ten Commandments. As the citizens become passive under a pretense that "God is in control so it doesn't matter anyway," they cease to be *salt* (Matt. 5:13) and *light* (Matt. 5:16). Both being forms of "works," God's response will be that they are *thenceforth good for nothing but to be cast out and to be trodden under the foot of men* (Matt. 5:13). That is, they will lose their liberties and become enslaved under tyrants governed by their own fallen human nature.

Those who think the clergy preaching Abandonment Theology are right in offering a free, out-of-context salvation from which no duties, responsibilities or Spiritual empowerment can be expected to flow, should reexamine that thesis. Christ told His believers: *Take up [your] cross and follow me* (Matt. 16:24). That is a mandate calling Christians to the highest and most sacrificial standards of duty and works. It is what is required of the citizens

of America if our God-given Constitution is to remain powerful and a light of hope to the world.

Salvation and outflowing works are inseparable. It is a matter of cause and effect. James laid it on the line: *Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves* (James 1:22). James continued: *Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone* (James 2:17).

James is saying that a profession of faith cannot stand alone without the outflowing evidence of the transformed condition of your mind.

That was the faith of the Founding Fathers through which America was born. The converse is that the Abandonment Clergy are by default surrendering our liberties to the tyranny of Satan.

(4) Romans 13:1-4: Is God in Control of Our Government? Is it an expression of true Christian faith to proclaim, “God is in control of our government. Don’t be concerned,” and then to walk away from any sense of responsibility? If God is in control, what is the duty of the Christian citizen? If Satan is in control, what must the Christian citizen do?

For centuries these questions have plagued Christians and the clergy the world over. The wrong answers opened the flood-gates in pre-Nazi Germany to Hitler.

In recent decades Romans 13:1-2 have been taken out of their Biblical context by America’s clergy. The consequence is that the verses’ meaning has been *inverted* from God’s intent, resulting in terrible confusion and noninvolvement of the very people charged by God with the maintenance of freedom.

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God (Rom. 13:1).

Whosoever therefore resisteth the power [defined in verse 1 as government, or rulers - ed.], resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation (Rom. 13:2).

These two verses appear to say that government is God's business, not ours, so no matter what happens we should leave it in God's hands. Further, God seems to be saying that if we resist our Republic's slide into corruption and evil, we Christians will bring damnation upon ourselves.

Is God, in the matter of government, contradicting His calls throughout the Scriptures to our total commitment in His cause of righteousness, His mandates that we be *salt* and *light*, and *bold as a lion* (in confronting evil), that we *occupy*, and *stand up for* [Him] *against the workers of iniquity*? In verse 2, is God establishing a double standard by declaring government to be off limits for Christians?

If so, what has happened? Beginning with the founding of our Constitutional Republic and continuing for almost two centuries, all American citizens, including the Congress and president of the United States, were taught by their churches, schools and colleges that it was their sacred duty to defend the Constitution, the very centerpiece of our government, which itself defines and makes possible our God-given liberties.

That has now changed.

Therefore, as Christians, how involved in the political process are we to be? Or are we to be involved in the political process at all? Are we to live virtuously and obey God in all of personal life but stay out of politics? If so, why did God grant victory to George Washington and the colonies against seemingly impossible military odds in the War for Independence, thus establishing a nation whose people have been blessed beyond any in recorded history?

Is God in control of governments, or isn't He?

In pre-Nazi Germany the clergy acknowledged God's control, but they misinterpreted Romans 13:1-2 to mean that the fate of Germany was in God's hands, not theirs. Thus, they withdrew their leadership on the great freedom issues of the day even though those issues are addressed in the Bible. They saw the approaching evil but went silent, rationalizing that God knew what He was doing, and they were not to interfere. Their followers were left Spiritually leaderless. Great confusion set in, and the people became easy victims of Hitler.

Hitler saw what was happening. He recognized the resulting weakness and irresolution of the people as the clergy abandoned their sacred duty to be *watchmen* (Ezek. 33:6) and to blow the trumpet, and warn the people (see Ezek. 33:3). He wrote about it in *Mein Kampf*.

One of the worst symptoms of decay was the increasing cowardice toward responsibility as well as the half-heartedness in all things resulting from it.... Everywhere one began to evade responsibility and for this reason one preferred to take up half and insufficient measures....¹⁷⁵

All these symptoms of decay were ultimately only consequences of the lack of a certain, commonly acknowledged view of life and of the general uncertainty in the judgment, and the definition of an attitude towards the various great questions of the time, resulting from it. Therefore, everything, beginning with education, is half-hearted and wavering, shuns responsibility and ends thus in cowardly tolerance of even recognized evils.¹⁷⁶

Does this sound alarmingly parallel to conditions in America today? Clearly, Germany—and the world—paid a horrible price as a consequence of Germany’s Abandonment Clergy.

Closer to home, sparked by a dissenting opinion in the 1947 U.S. Supreme Court case *Everson v. Board of Education*, America’s Abandonment Clergy and their followers allowed the Supreme Court to deliberately erect an unprecedented two-way “wall of separation” between church and state. This was in blatant defiance of our nation’s Christian founding and tradition.

A critical turning point then came in 1962 in the landmark case of *Engel v. Vitale*, when the Abandonment Clergy and their followers allowed God to be expelled from the public schools. In the opinion of the Chief Justice of the New York Court of Appeals:

...such a holding would destroy a part of the essential foundation of the American governmental structure.¹⁷⁷

A series of reaffirming U.S. Supreme Court cases followed, and in 1980 the Court found it “unconstitutional for the Ten Commandments to hang on the walls of a classroom...” (*Stone v. Graham*).¹⁷⁸

Clearly, these cases demonstrated a consistent intent to expel the influence of God—and with it the knowledge and awareness of America’s Biblical heritage—from the minds of her youth, her future leaders.

Without this knowledge of the Source and foundation of their God-given freedoms and of their God-mandated duties, an open door to total power of the government would result. Misapplying Romans 13:1-2 out of context, the Abandonment Clergy refused to become involved in what they termed “political” issues such as the above cases. Thus they withdrew their leadership in what was most clearly a Biblical issue.

What is the correct interpretation of Romans 13:1-2? To understand their meaning, it is necessary to place them in context with verses 3-4:

(1) Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

(2) Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

(3) For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:

(4) For he [the government - ed.] is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.

Please note that sentences beginning with the word “for” are meant to define and explain that which came before. Thus verses 1-2 without their defining 3-4 are misleading.

By taking verse 1 out of context, the Abandonment Clergy declare that God has ordained and is in control of all governments—both good and evil—and that the duty of a Christian citizen in being subordinate to God is to offer no resistance to government. Could this be God’s will, even when the government is clearly becoming corrupted and is descending into a rulership of evil men?

This misinterpretation also provides the Abandonment Clergy with false support for the two-way “wall of separation” between church and state and for the affront that it is to the unquestionable intent of the Founding Fathers.

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Verses 1-2, standing alone, have long been used to confuse and neutralize

millions of otherwise faithful Christians who, if they knew the truth about their duties, would without hesitation answer God’s call to be *salt* and *light* in their government, national, state and local. In the state and national political arenas, these Christians would become formidable adversaries to today’s pervasive godlessness among our elected representatives, or “rulers.”

Romans 13:3 states that the purpose of government under God is to be a terror to evil and to advance good works. “Good works” in that context means works under the authority of God; thus they are the liberating works of His righteousness, the fountainhead of our personal and civil liberties.

Verse 3 concludes with the mandate that we *do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same*. That is, we as citizens must live by God’s laws and ordinances of righteousness, live up to our responsibilities and our sacred duties. That commitment, which often requires maximum vigilance, is our mandate from God.

God poured out upon America's citizens—then and for generations to come—His blessings of freedom, prosperity, and happiness as a result of the faithful obedience of our Founding Fathers, clergymen, and colonists when America was founded. Our nation became a mighty fortress—a torch of freedom in Spirit and in power.

God charged the people with the sacred duty to watch over their government and politicians—to be certain they perform their duties in accordance with His ordinances as set forth in the Scriptures. The citizens, therefore, hold the ultimate responsibility for the operations of their government.

Romans 13:4 reconfirms verse 3 and in positive terms establishes God's purpose for government: *For he* [government-

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ed.] *is a minister to thee for good.* What is "good"? God is good; thus "good" is righteousness. That is, the government of God is a government founded upon His laws and ordinances of righteousness, from which countless blessings flow to the citizens. Such a government is the archenemy of a government

of Satan, who came *...to steal, and to kill, and to destroy* (John 10:10).

Next, verse 4 denounces evil as the adversary of God's government and empowers the government to purge itself of evil: *But if thou doest that which is evil, be afraid; for he* [government] *beareth not the sword in vain: for he is a minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.*

Bear in mind that God established our Constitutional government to be the servant of the citizens (totally unique in the history of governments) and gave the citizens the Divine charge to rule over our government according to His laws of righteousness set forth in the Bible. It is thus impossible for America's Christian citizens to live in obedience to God and to simultaneously abdicate their responsibilities in the affairs of government.

God's government, our Constitutional Republic, was designed by the Founding Fathers to be invincible to external and internal threats only so long as the citizens and their political representatives remain righteous, God-fearing and a terror to any evil adversary.

Ours is a government "of the people, by the people, and for the people." God designed it that way. The mandate of God to America's citizens is therefore that of total involvement in the affairs of our government.

Back to the question: *Is God in control of our government and all other governments?*

The answer is a resounding *Yes!* But God is not evil. Satan is evil. A corrupted government is not a government of God, but of Satan.

In fact, history records that Germany's Nazi government became made up of demonized, anti-Christian cultists and satanists. Many of the Christian clergy were exterminated in Hitler's death camps.

And *yes*—God was at all times in control of Germany's Nazi government, but Satan was orchestrating it. God has made it clear throughout the Scriptures that if His people disobey Him and fall away from their faith, He will allow the entrance of Satan and the travesties which come with him.

And *yes*—God is today in control of our government. He has the power to intervene, to override the works of Satan. But He is quite clear in stating in the Scriptures that although He has that power and authority, He will not use it in the face of an abandoning, defiant people. To the extent that we abandon Him, He will abandon us by opening the floodgates to judgment through Satan. That's what the Book of Deuteronomy is all about with its vivid descriptions of blessings and consequences.

God did not abdicate His throne over Nazi Germany nor has He abdicated His throne today over the United States or the world. He gave the German people, as He gives us today, the blessing of volition, the right to choose between Him and Satan—between righteousness and evil.

I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live (Deut. 30:19 NKJ).

Satan's Strategy and Triumphs

Satan knows that committed Christians possess a Spiritual power over which he cannot prevail. If we resist the devil, he will flee from us (see James 4:7). Darkness hates the Light and will do everything possible to extinguish it. Satan cannot accomplish

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that task by head-on confrontation; thus he must operate by stealth and deception whereby the desensitized, undiscerning people surrender their God-given freedoms piecemeal through a process of erosion until suddenly

they wake up and realize that they are defenseless before Satan's conquering barbarians.

The Christian culture of our God-given free country is being eradicated. Christ, the Author of our freedoms, the "Light of the world," is being outlawed while Satan's darkness and tyranny are being legalized.

Following are just a few examples of the result of Satan's strategies for breaking America's Spiritual back. He has seduced a once great, God-fearing people into abandoning the militant, action-based dimension of their faith and its application to the perpetuation of freedom without even realizing they are doing so. He is breaking down America's Spiritual and military defenses and imperiling her freedoms which would have been impossible to accomplish without the aid of the Abandonment Theologians.

What else has Satan already accomplished in America? Evidence of his deceitful tactics is easy to find. For example, whereas America funds 85% of the world's missionaries, where does this money come from? It comes from you and me, from our Christian generosity and a longing to see other peoples in the world living in the light of Christ, free to worship and free from

suffering under the darkness of tyranny and oppression.

But Satan has convinced many that “money is the root of all evil.” This contention opposes free enterprise and is the basis for socialism. It is a *distortion* of the Scriptures which proclaim that it is the *love of money* that is the root of all evil (See 1 Tim. 6:10).

Money is a powerful servant if kept in proper perspective. However, when money becomes an end in itself and God takes second place, then money will have become an idol that God will not tolerate: *Thou shalt have no other gods before me* (Exod. 20:3—the first of the Ten Commandments).

When idolatry in any form comes between America’s Christians and God, it costs us our freedoms. As the people lose their focus on the righteousness of God, gradually they will become *trees without fruit* (Jude 12), *wells without water* (2 Pet. 2:17), and *clouds without water* (Jude 12).

The distorted notion that “money is the root of all evil” ignores the fact that God gave us our free enterprise, profit-based economic system. It is this system which gives us the power for financial stewardship by which we fund those missionary efforts throughout the world in obedience to “The Great Commission.” Such application of a percentage of our wealth, our profits (which are themselves often a measure of what we have done for others), is stewardship at its noblest level. Those who are in poverty and suffering under the boot of tyranny are not likely to be in a position to exercise effective economic stewardship.

A transition to a socialist economy (into which our nation is plunging) will bring enslavement without freedom to worship, an end to stewardship in His cause and an end to God’s blessings of liberty. Hitler, Marx, Mao, Gorbachev, Yeltsin—all were or are socialists. It stands to reason that the Abandonment Clergy should challenge their ways and join the front lines of the battles to save our God-given free enterprise system rather than perpetuate this distorted thinking.

What else has Satan accomplished in America through the Abandonment Clergy and their followers? Below are summarized some areas of his deadliest influence:

(1) **Works:** Neutralized the will of many Christians to stand and fight for their liberties by convincing them that “works” are not important.

(2) **Government:** Inverted the meaning of Romans 13:1-2 to discourage Christian involvement and exercise of their sacred duties in the affairs of government.

(3) **Outlawed God in the public schools:** Abraham Lincoln agreed with our Founding Fathers that America’s future security rested in teaching children the highest Biblical and moral

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principles. He understood the consequences of denying them that heritage. He said, “The philosophy of the schoolroom in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next.”¹⁷⁹ It follows that the vacuum created by removing

God from the schools invited an invasion of the “anything but Jesus” cults. For example, when in 1962 God was ousted from the classroom, witchcraft among our youth was almost unheard of. Today it is a national epidemic. Much of this book concerns the freedom-endangering consequences to the American people after they allowed God to be expelled from the public schools.

(4) **Two-way “wall of separation:”** The fabrication of a two-way wall between church and state made it illegal for the church to intrude in the affairs of the state. Such a barrier is an open-door license for political representatives to conduct themselves according to their sinful fallen nature, which manifests itself through all manner of debased, immoral conduct and a loss of Biblical perspective in the commission of their duties. It also confuses and thus partly disables the citizens, making them unable to effectively conduct their sacred responsibilities in demanding the highest Bible-based moral conduct from their legislators and other representatives.

(5) **Love:** Trivializing of the faith by inverting “Love” from an action mandate for obedience to the Commandments to a sentiment primarily of charity and tolerance. Love, in its full

dimension, is the most action-based expression in the Bible. To water it down so it becomes simply a turn-the-other-cheek justification for tolerance of evil is to extract the teeth from our faith.

(6) **“End-times, last days:”** Overuse of eschatology (the study of future events), Biblical prophecy and apparent signs of the times generates futility and despair with an attitude of “Why bother?” and an abdication of duty. It encourages Christians to slacken their resolve to obey Christ’s mandate to “occupy” until He returns, [the Second Coming], and thus by default encourages the onslaught of the forces which would destroy America’s freedoms.

(7) **Homosexuality:** This practice is condemned by God as “abomination” and “unclean” (transmitters for death-dealing diseases such as AIDS). It is “against nature,” and is not genetic or an “alternate lifestyle.” Sodomy laws, in place since the founding of America, have been obliterated. Church denominations ordain homosexual ministers in defiance of God’s injunction while the majority of Christians passively consent to this mockery of God Whose wrath it invites.

(8) **Women (wives, mothers, sisters, and daughters) in combat:** Women in combat is another “abomination” condemned by God. It is an inversion of the “natural” role for which God created women and contributes to the destruction of a nation through downgrading and demoralizing its military combat forces.

(9) **Abortion:** This legalized murder of innocent children in their mothers’ wombs is called “termination of unviable or unwanted ‘tissue’ or ‘fetus.’” Such tragedy has spawned the expression, “The most dangerous place in America today is in a mother’s womb.” This murder of infants would be expected in the Nazi death camps but not in Christian America, especially not under the banner of the mother’s “choice.” Her choice should be made before conception when there is only one life involved, not afterward when there are two. The mother and child are two different people. The mother is responsible before God for the child.

A nation that tolerates the murder of its children as a form of birth control mocks God, Who condemns the “taking of innocent blood.”

(10) “Peace, peace; when there is no peace:” Years of disarming, neutralizing propaganda take the fight out of Christians. The claim ignores “fallen human nature” and God’s mandates for vigilance by selling the false doctrine of “peace” or “peace in our time” or “peaceful coexistence” (with evil governments) as if peace were nothing more than the absence of battlefield conflict. *And from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealt falsely...saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace* (Jer. 6:13-14).

The doctrine of “peace in our time” has been a cruel hoax upon the American people, long perpetuated by the U.S. government and the Abandonment Clergy who ignored and compromised God’s many warnings. This resulted in the people’s acceptance of freedom-endangering policies of unilateral military disarmament in the face of massive nuclear proliferation and weapons development and stockpiling by America’s enemies.

Conclusion: The Curse of Tolerance and Compromise

The above are some, but by no means all, of the spheres of Satan’s influence which is all-pervasive. He is a master of deceit; his cruelty knows no bounds. He is spirit and is alive and intensely active. He is a destroyer of life and liberty. The only effective defense against Satan is Jesus Christ, the Author of liberty and the Giver of life. There can be no compromise of loyalty to Christ or of vigilance in obedience to Him by those who would defend and perpetuate to posterity the blessings of God’s liberty.

Question: What do all of the above travesties have in common? What is their common denominator—the thread which is leading to the death of America and the enslavement of our children?

Answer: It is tolerance and compromise—tolerance of and compromise with evil. Such tolerance in any degree is compromise with God’s laws of righteousness. That’s like tolerance for just a little malignant cancer. Compromise is impossible, and death will surely follow. There must be only one conduct in our relationship to evil: like malignant cancer it must be totally cut out. Such

intolerance is anathema to the Abandonment Clergy and their neutralized, passive followers because by definition abandonment is tolerance for evil by backing away from absolute commitment to the righteousness of God.

The tolerant, compromising Abandonment Clergy are leading our nation to its destruction, and the task ahead for the “remnant” is clear.

In summary, what has been happening to us as a nation? The obvious answer, in Biblical expression, is that America has been “forgetting God.” What are the predictable consequences? *All nations that forget God...shall be turned into hell* (Ps. 9:17).

The good news, however, is that America can stop her plunge into the New World Order with its godless world government. The movement can be reversed by truly faithful, clear-minded Christians, including much of the clergy, who are made aware of these travesties perpetrated upon them by the master of deceit, Satan.

The Scriptures cry out, *Choose this day whom you will serve* (Josh. 24:15). Note the expression “serve.” “Serve” is a full-action term, the ultimate expression of “works.” It is the outpouring evidence of true faith and commitment to God. God makes no room in His army for pacifists or those who live by the futility and defection of Abandonment Theology.

The Most Intolerant Man

Jesus Christ never tolerated evil. He confronted it and exposed it. In that sense it could be said that Jesus was the most intolerant man who ever walked on planet earth. He never once compromised God’s laws of righteousness. If America is to be saved, we, like Christ, must be intolerant of any compromise with His laws.

Citizen Involvement in Government—How Far?

The very spirit and strength of our Bible-based American Constitutional Republic is that of the citizens’ total involvement in

the affairs of government. A Bible-based citizenry must understand that their God-ordained duty, in return for their God-given freedoms, is to assure that all politicians, including congress, the president and his appointees such as Supreme Court justices right down to the state and local levels, perform their duties in accordance with the civil and moral codes of God upon which our Republic rests.

Revolution is not the way of God to solve America's crises today. On the contrary, *total involvement* in the political process, with the Bible as the standard, is the way of God. That's why He gave us a Constitutional Republic within which to work and to perform our sacred citizenship duties.

America's Christians need to: (1) put Romans 1-4 together in context; (2) change their roles from being confused, misled spectators of the decline of our Republic; and (3) get back to the battlefronts where God commands them to be and, knowing the truth, where they would want to be. We must take the initiative, bearing in mind that through the Holy Spirit we hold the ultimate power to restore what we have been given. These are times that demand the best we have to offer—the greatness that God has placed in every person.