Can America Be Corrected?

Today, IF you will hear GOD's voice, harden not your hearts!

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Greetings, everyone! Welcome to Sabbath services! Very happy to be here and very happy that you are there and we can have Sabbath services together, especially in the times that we are living in, and the problems that we are facing on every side, everywhere, every place in the world!

One thing I learned this past week recovering. Sometimes you have to get down and realize how weak you are and insignificant that you really, really are, and that you need God more than anything else. *That's why episodes like these come along to help us draw close to God!*

I was watching the news! You will notice that with the new outlets in America, they don't tell you very much about what's happening in the world. Right now, Russia is having a terrible time trying to conquer Ukraine! China is in terrible straits! There is a record drought that is absolutely unreal.

The Yangtze River is the main river that runs east to west. Right at the Three Gorges Dam the largest dam in the world—the Yangtze River is running less than 50%!

That's very disastrous for China because they don't have very many rivers. That's disastrous for them for food, because they don't have much arable land.

> News Article: <u>China races to alleviate</u> <u>drought, power cuts amid record</u> <u>heatwave</u> by David Stanway—Aug. 17, 2022 {https://news.yahoo.com/china-takes-action-alleviatedrought-062245678.html?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM 6Ly9kdWNrZHVja2dvLmNvbS8&guce_referrer sig=AQ AAAHteCQIqjtfOcuZdKYu7iTIWEobwC24Zf4Cg_ISxh4 HjvXYNbRdgTiEsfzNaUYsc2IJ4YZpO2VzrwpY8JvtNyna HttfQI_6rDzgu8pEgtRPCaq4wYYWhG_YZWKPijPCrpYE

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SHANGHAI (Reuters)—China is scrambling to alleviate power shortages and bring more water to the drought-hit basin of the Yangtze River as it battles a record-breaking heat wave by deploying relief funds, seeding clouds and developing new sources of supply.

The truth is, when you run out of water, guess what, you're out of water! There's a whole climate high that is bringing record temperatures up to 111 degrees Fahrenheit. Whatever little moisture that is there is 'poof'—gone!

For more than two months, baking temperatures have disrupted crop growth...

Think about China: Only seven percent of it's land is arable land. Consider that they have the most mouths to feed of any nation in the world—1.4-5 billion people! A billion is a thousand million!

- think about your food supply
- think about your family
- think about what you eat
- think about the stores that you go to, and the shelves are getting more and more bare

What is going to happen?

China is in terrible condition, and in no more of a position to invade Taiwan than it has ever been. What are they going to feed the troops? Think about that, 1.5-billion mouths to feed three times a day! You must import the greatest proportion of your food because you can't grow it! What they are able to grow is dying on the vine!

> ...threatened livestock and forced industries in the hydropower-dependent regions of the southwest to shut down so as to ensure electricity supplies for homes.

In other words, it's going to affect the whole economy! You shut it down and you do not produce, the factories don't run, the people don't work! If you can't buy the food, the people don't eat! When the people don't eat, things go terribly wrong! Riots! Killings! Every evil under the sun takes place, because everyone is just trying to get enough to eat!

Then when they can't get enough to eat, then cannibalism takes over. Will we see that? *Who knows!*

The current extreme heat is likely to stem from a "special case" of high pressure from a West Pacific subtropical high extending over much of Asia...

On Wednesday, China's southwestern province of Sichuan said it would ration power supplies to homes, offices and shopping malls, after having already ordered energy-intensive metals and fertilizer producers to curb operations.

So, they're doing everything they can to shut it down!

In what appears to be an official call to cut back use of electricity, government offices were asked to set air conditioners no lower than 26 degrees Celsius (79 Fahrenheit)...

Pretty soon they'll just turn them off!

...and use more staircases instead of lifts...

- What if you're in a 40-story building?
- How would you like climbing the steps to work?

Fountains, light shows and commercial activities after dark are to be suspended, it added.

What happens when the lights go out? You have nothing left!

Power shortages have also prompted several companies in the sprawling Chongqing region bordering Sichuan to say they would suspend production.

Chinese vice premier Han Zheng visited the State Grid Corporation on Wednesday and said further efforts were needed to ensure power supply for residents and key industries

If the Yangtze River dries up anymore—which it will—it doesn't matter what you try to do! You're not going to have electricity! So, we can see something very important: China is no more ready to invade Taiwan than it ever has been. Then it talks about the soaring temperatures.

Some reservoirs have dried up, after water from major rivers reduced by as much as half, it said.

Drought throughout the Yangtze river basin was also "adversely affecting" drinking water for rural people...

In other words, now you're going to get sick because the water is dirty! Who knows what sort of refuse is in the water? In the heat the mold will expand it!

> It urged drought-hit regions to make plans to maintain water supply with steps such as temporary water transfer, the development of new sources and the extension of pipe networks.

Well, all of those are not going to work! You can do all of that, but if there's no water, think about it! **Have you ever been without water**? *That's a terrible situation!*

What's amazing is, is that this was not reported on any of the major news! The major news is all focused on Mar-a-Lago and Trump. While I was recuperating and flipping from channel to channel and seeing what's on the news and seeing how they're presenting the news, it became very evident!

What I did, I wrote down my musings; in other words, what were my thoughts that day as I

was watching the news? As I was watching all of these news 'experts' give us *their* opinion!

• Can America be corrected?

• Do you think that American can be corrected, even in the troubles and difficulties that it's facing today?

I wrote this:

I don't think there's anyway to correct very much of anything! The problem is that everything has its various establishments!

- Democrat establishment
- Republican establishment
- all your hi-tech establishments
- educational establishments
- religious establishments

They are all there predicted to furthering their own agendas and own goals. Anybody who stands in the way they can just eliminate at will!

Who's going to change? *Everybody's hoping Trump* can save us! **Trump isn't going to save anybody** <u>IF</u> <u>**God doesn't!**</u> Everybody is hoping for a reprieve, but:

- Will people be corrected?
- Will their sins be noted and removed?
- Will those who perpetrate them be eliminated and executed?

If anything was going to happen the way it happens in the Bible, there's going to be an awful lot of people that have to be executed, because they're incorrigibly wicked! Now we see the great weakness of the greatest Constitution that men have ever devised, which is:

• *IF* the wicked rule, it doesn't matter

• *IF* the righteous can't get rid of the wicked

How good is your Constitution?

• <u>*IF*</u> you can't get rid of the wicked when you need to, but wait two years to have another election

<u>What good is your system</u>? *It's worthless!* Then you add on top of it the infiltration by those:

- who want to destroy America
- who want to pervert every sexual norm that there is
- who want to destroy every vestige of Christianity that there is

It's rightly so that they are after it, because the establishment 'Christianity' of this world <u>deserves</u> to be destroyed, <u>because they reject the true God</u> and the true Jesus!

Now let me read on what I did here:

So, we're only going to get so-much truth out of the Republicans. You're going to get virtually nothing out of the Democrats. You're going to get none out of the fake news. You can have Newsmax, Fox News, but they have their own establishments. They only go as far as they are allowed to.

Watch the news carefully! Every single word is written down for the commentators to read. Who controls that? *The producer*! Who controls the producer? *The owner*! When you have foreign owners like Murdoch of Fox, what makes you think you're going to get the truth? *Only what they want to allow you to have*! Then anybody who is contrary to that is a 'troublemaker' and needs to be eliminated!

They can't go any further than what their own bosses allow them to do, because that's where we are! You watch it! I was told sometime ago that Newsmax is the greatest thing that there ever was. No! It's no different than Fox News, which is not the greatest of anything either! You can tell that every commentator comes to a certain point in their presentation and they can go no further! So, you can't get the news from them!

- Are you going to tell the truth about Merrick Garland or Judge Reinhart? *Two atheist Jews who hate America, who hate God, who hate Trump!*
- Do you think any justice will come out of them?
- Do you think any justice will come out of the Democrat Party?
- Do you think any standing for truth will come out of the Republican Party? *Maybe one man will stand for a while until he's fired!*

That's why the most important thing for us to do *is* to really preach the Word of God the way that it needs to be preached! That we have <u>no</u> establishment parameters around us set by bosses lording it over us!

<u>The One Who leads and guides us is Jesus</u> Christ! How He does that is:

- through His Spirit!
- His Word! His Word is the Truth!
- *His Word is a two-edged sword!*
- His Word cuts asunder those who sin!
- there's mercy for those who repent
- there's kindness for those who forsake their sins

But how many are willing to do that? Really do that?

Here's what I wrote on Aug. 19:

I tell you, after being here at home and watching the various news, every single one of these newscasters is controlled! *Every single one!*

They can only speak what is printed on the screen for them to read! If they were really able to tell the truth, as it is, they wouldn't let them speak. The truth would be: 'I'm sitting here bringing the news and I've got a boss over me that controls me and won't let me bring the truth of what the news really is.' Commercial time and that person is gone!

You have your players with Water's World and with Tucker and Hannity. It's an amazing deadly thing when the establishment controls everything!

It does! Who controls it all? You know what the Scripture says. Rev. 12:9—these are the days that we are living in. For us to understand that this is true and that we need to really yield ourselves to God as never before. Let's realize exactly what this is telling us, because every word of God is true! Every phrase and every syllable is true!

Revelation 12:9: "And the great dragon was cast out, the ancient serpent <u>who is called the Devil</u> <u>and Satan, who is deceiving</u>..."

Present tense participle, ongoing; is deceiving and moving people in and out to further deceive. I want to ask all the politicians out there: How are you going to stop all of this transgender and neutering the children? Castrating them and making them into freaks for the homosexual community sexual activities!

By the way, Monkey Pox comes from unprotected sex of male homosexuals! It comes from nowhere else! *So, we're facing a lot of thing*!

"...<u>deceiving the whole world</u>..." (v 9).

Who is going to stand there and tell the people that <u>Sunday is Satan's day</u>? <u>It is</u>! It's not God's day! Luckily, Satan is going to be cast down!

This is what you see.

- What kind of news are you going to get?
- What are you going to know about anything unless you know the Word of God?

I hate to even turn the news on today, even Newsmax. I watch them and it's all preprogrammed. They have the parameters of what they should speak, and they can't vary from it, so *there's absolutely no such thing as a public free press!*

There are a few blogs, websites, like ours and others. What does that count for with 7.5 billion people in the world today? It doesn't!

You look and see what Trump might be able to do, but he's limited, too. He knows it, but they let him go on rant and rave because they know they have him controlled howbeit from a distance.

When it says that "...ancient serpent <u>who is called</u> the Devil and Satan, who is deceiving the whole world..." it means that <u>he is controlling it!</u>

What do you do when you find yourself in what I just described? What the circumstances are? *You know that you are being lied to* through everybody's flapping lips! <u>You trust in God and go</u> to God; you believe HIM! You believe His Word! You understand how important and powerful that the Sabbath Day is!

It's important because the world has been locked into Satan's system and set for destruction! God's judgment is going to come upon us. If you think the drought in China is anything, *wait! It will happen here!* Unless we are fortified with:

- the Spirit of God
- the Love of God
- the Truth of God
- the righteousness of God
- the understanding of His Word
- knowing that it is there for us:
 - \checkmark to stand by
 - \checkmark to live by
 - \checkmark to die by
 - ✓ to be a witness to this world in whatever way that we can

Psalm 111:1: "Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart..."

That's what we need to do in times like this. So, when you get down and out, don't get discouraged and give up. You praise God with your whole heart:

"...in the council of the upright and in the congregation. The works of the LORD are great..." (vs 1-2).

Think about how mighty God is in making and creating all that there is, everything that exists!

"...sought out by all those who have pleasure in them. His work is glory and majesty, and His righteousness endures forever" (vs 2-3).

So, it doesn't matter what's goes around outside you, it matters what goes on:

- in your life
- in your mind
- in your heart
- in what you do

This is why we have the Word of God!

Isn't it an amazing thing that in the most evil time in the world we have more Bibles than ever before? Only God could do that!

Verse 4—*interesting*, #4; what's the 4th commandment? "He has made a memorial for His wonderful works..."—*the Sabbath Day!*

He says, '*Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep <u>it</u> Holy!*' No other day; it cannot be transferred to Sunday!

- it doesn't matter what the Jews have preached
- it doesn't matter what the Protestants have preached
- it doesn't matter what the Catholics have preached

The Sabbath Day was <u>made by God for mankind!</u> And in particularly for His Church and His people, so that in these days in which we are living we're going to have the strength and the courage to face what's coming. It's not going to be pleasant!

"...the LORD is gracious and full of compassion. He has given food to those who fear Him..." (vs 4-5). *Food comes two ways*:

- 1. physical food
- 2. spiritual food

The spiritual food comes from the Word of God. But you can't understand the Word of God unless you love Him and keep His commandments. It's an impossibility! That's why God designed it the way that He designed it, so that only those who would be willing to yield to God and serve Him, love Him and keep His commandments would understand! None of the world is going to understand!

"...He will always be mindful of His covenant. He has declared to His people the power of His works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations" (vs 5-6).

That's the goal, the Kingdom of God! That's why we're here, that's why we do what we do! It is the Kingdom of God that is the most important and the only thing that's going to save this world! The Kingdom of God and the resurrection of the saints! We are not going to rule the world with 'patty cakes' We're going rule the world with power! There will be no compromise with evil! Satan the devil will not be around! There will not be perverts around to try and pervert the children and the minds of our young people, and destroy the family and destroy people's lives!

Keep v 7 in mind because this is what God wants! Not only is God doing a great work out here

in the universe and on the earth, and in the nation and in the Church, but also in each one of our lives by a special and notable thing between God and you. The world can't see it, and the world doesn't know it or understand it! That's why we pray, study, yield to God and when we get down and out there is nothing left for us to do but to seek God, we seek God and repent, yield and come to Him the way that He wants.

Verse 7: "The works of His hands <u>are</u> <u>Truth and justice</u>..."

Truth is what's missing in the world! Oh, there are various forms of truth, with a little bit of lie here and little bit of lie there, that now we can promulgate and say that 'we're bringing truth.' *But you're bringing lies!*

"...<u>all His precepts are sure</u>" (v 7).

This means that *there is no way around the Word of God!* We will either repent and believe, and live by, or we won't. It's that simple!

Verse 8: "They stand fast forever and ever; they are done in truth and uprightness."

Notice that there's Truth in v 7 and v 8. we need Truth; not nice sounding platitudes! We need Truth, which will heal. We need Truth that will enlighten us! All of those things come from Christ, Who said 'I'm the Way, the Truth, and the Life!' Do you remember what else He said? *And no one comes to the Father except through Me!* That's what it's all about! That's why it's so important.

Verse 9: "He sent redemption unto His people; He has commanded His covenant forever; Holy and awesome is His name. <u>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom</u>..." (vs 9-10).

You never need to not fear the Lord, because that will keep you from sinning when you understand the result of it.

"...<u>a good understanding</u>... [this is what we need now for what's going on in the world today] ...<u>have all those who do His</u> <u>commandments.</u> His praise endures forever" (v 10).

Let's understand how important that the Sabbath is; *that the things of the Sabbath can never be transferred to Sunday!* <u>Never!</u> I want to emphasize this from this point of view: the Sabbath is the key fundamental thing upon which everything else is based. Everything else concerning salvation is based on that. The children of Israel didn't keep the Sabbath all during the time of the 40 years of wandering in the wilderness.

The Jews like to pretend that they've always kept the Sabbath, but their version of the Sabbath is as meaningless as Sunday is to the Protestants. Hebrews 4:3: "For we who have believed, we ourselves are entering into the rest..."

That is if you believe Jesus Christ! What did He say concerning the Sabbath? *The Sabbath was* made by Him for mankind so that <u>you</u> can have a relationship with God! <u>No other day!</u>

"...as He has said, 'So, I swore in My wrath, "<u>If</u> they shall enter into <u>My rest</u>—"..." (v 3). *God* gives a choice:

- <u>*IF*</u> you obey God
- <u>*IF*</u> you submit to God
- <u>*IF*</u> you will believe God
- What is it that we believe?
- What is our life?
- Where are we going?
- Where are we headed?
- Where is it?

"...although the works were finished from *the* foundation of *the* world. For He spoke in a certain place about the seventh *day* <u>in this manner</u>..." (vs 3-4).

This is what He spoke! Think on this: God keeps His Sabbath, and is with those who keep it with Him!

"...'And <u>God rested on the seventh day</u> from all His works" (v 4).

That's the key to understanding what's going on today! People in the world will never understand it. I was thinking about that yesterday evening before Sabbath came to Hollister. The Sabbath came to some places back East and here were these stadiums filled with people for football, baseball, soccer, all of these things. They were cheering, yelling and having your team shirt, hat, everything that belongs to you that you are married to that team, *rather than God!*

I thought to myself: how many in the thousands and thousands out there would even have a thought concerning keeping the Sabbath Day! That helps answer the question: <u>Can America be</u> <u>corrected?</u> The only correction it's going to come upon them is what God is going force upon them!

- Do you think they will give up their Friday night games?
- Do you think they will give up their Sabbath Day games?
- Do you think they're going to give up their gambling?
- Do you think they're going to give up their sex?
- Do you think they're going to give up anything?

• they don't like suffering under all the

curses

 they don't like all the crime that's going on

In Chicago they can't even find enough graves to bury the dead, because the savages rule Chicago! But do you think they would keep the Sabbath?

Verse 5: "And again concerning this: 'If they shall enter into My rest—' Consequently, since it remains *for* some to enter into it, and those who had previously heard the Gospel did not enter in because of disobedience" (vs 5-6).

They didn't keep the Sabbath! They refused to do it! Just like today, try going into a Sundaykeeping Church and get up in the pulpit and say:

Listen here everyone out there! Get on your knees. God said to repent of Sunday-keeping! God says you come back here next Sabbath!

They would carry you out of there so fast that it would make your head swim. They can't stand the Truth! They want to live in disobedience; yet, claim the blessings of God, *and they won't happen*!

Verse 7: "Again, He marks out a certain day, 'Today,' saying in David after so long a time (exactly as it has been quoted *above*), '<u>Today, if you</u> <u>will hear His voice, harden not your hearts.</u>"

That's what the message is for today for all of us as well! It's what we teach and preach and it goes out to the world! <u>God is not</u> some 'religious figure' that's contained in a book! Or an idol! Or a statue! Or a crucifix!

God is the One Who has created the heavens and the Earth and everything there is! *The day you honor Him is the Sabbath Day*, the seventh day of the week!

<u>Can America be corrected?</u> NO! Not until it is absolutely destroyed!

(break@44:10)

Here we are with the long hot summer and all the difficulties with continuing on. Just remember that just because we happen to be scattered, *do not get discouraged!* Just because there's going to be one ongoing event that's going to be taking place, *do not get discouraged!*

Remember that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church! He does the directing, the calling, the inspiring! We pray for all of our elders that they will grow in grace and knowledge, and improve in their speaking and abilities. Then all the brethren together will grow:

- in grace
- in knowledge
- in understanding

- in righteousness
- in conviction

There's one thing that's going to happen, and it's been happening on quite a regular basis.

I get cards all the time; there are a lot of brethren out there in their 85s, 90s, 91, 93, 95! God has given them extra life because of their faithfulness! We're thankful for it. But this is going to happen to every one of us; as this happens the world is going to go on its own way. That's why we need brethren and elders:

- to stand for the Truth
- to preach the Truth
- to write the Truth

If we don't, who's going to?

Let's read what's going to happen, and this is going to happen to me one day. The thing is that it happened to every one of the apostles, every one of the evangelists. Look at our day and how many have died already. Whether they died in the faith or not, that's God's judgment!

Isa. 57 tells us about an event that's going be happening over and over again, *because God is harvesting those for the first resurrection!* When that happens don't get discouraged, don't get down, don't think: What's going to happen to the Church?

I'll tell you what's going to happen to the Church! *Christ is going to do with it as He sees fit!*

Isaiah 57:1: "<u>The righteous perish</u>, and no one lays *it* to heart, and merciful men *are* taken away; <u>none considering that the righteous are</u> taken away from the evil to come."

- How evil is the evil that's coming?
- How bad is it going to get?
- What did Jesus say in Matt. 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21?

Perilous times; difficult times such has never been since the foundation of the world! Here's what's going to happen to those who die?

Verse 2: "He shall enter into peace; they shall rest in their beds... [in the grave awiting the resurrection] ...each one who walked in his uprightness."

Now, here's a message for those who left behind, and I want you to think about it. I want you to think about how ingrained that the evil in America really is!

Verse 3: "But draw near here, you sons of the sorceress..."

We have more atheists, more God-haters than ever before! I saw a little clip on the news where this City Council in Minnesota voted not to pledge the allegiance to the flag when they opened their meetings. One man was asked why he didn't want to, he said, 'I don't believe in God.'

- How did he get there?
- Look at what happens when you have *godless* people take over?

We are a nation denying God at every level, in every community, and the heavy hand of God's correction is going to come!

"...you seed of the adulterer and the harlot" (v 3).

- How did all of this 'gender change' instantly come onto the scene and can't be removed?
- How did they pass the law so that the Teacher's Union or the teachers can talk to their students and talk them into changing gender.

These poor children don't even know what life if about, let alone gender! But they want to operate on them and castrate them, ruin them and change their lives!

• *How did that happen?*

- It's an amazing thing!
 - Whoever heard of such a thing?
 - Whoever heard of such an evil?

<u>Pure satanism!</u>

Verse 4: "Against whom are you making sport? Against whom do you make a wide mouth and draw out the tongue? Are you not children of transgression, <u>a lying seed, being inflamed with</u> idols under every green tree... [you're sexual perverts 24/7] ...<u>killing the little children</u> in the valleys under the clefts of the rocks?" (vs 4-5).

Well, everyone thought that when Roe \underline{vs} Wade was annulled that they solved the problem of abortion! No, they just expanded it by 50!

Verse 6: "Among the smooth *stones* of the stream is your portion; they, *even* they, *are* your lot; even to them you have poured a drink offering, you have offered a grain offering. Should I relent over these?"

Just because you make yourself 'religious'... Like this one stupid woman who made an altar to an aborted baby, and had incense and a fan and candles and all of the sort of thing! God doesn't care! That's just insult to injury!

Verse 7: "Upon a lofty and high mountain you have set your bed; even there you went up to offer sacrifice. Also, behind the doors and the posts you have set up your images; far from Me have you uncovered and ascended and enlarged your bed.... [that's speaking of the evil and how it just spreads so much; it's an incredible thing] ...You made *a covenant* with them; you loved their bed; you saw their hand beckoning you. And you went to the king with ointment, and increased your perfumes, and sent your messengers far off, and lowered *yourself even* to the grave. You are wearied with the greatness of your way. Did you not say, 'There is no hope'?...." (vs 7-10).

We're going to do what we want to do, and we don't care what anyone else says.

"...You have found strength; therefore, you were not faint. And of whom have you been afraid or feared, that you have lied and have not remembered Me, nor laid *it* to your heart?...." (vs 10-11). *No one is thinking about God!* They're thinking about:

- their next sex trick
- their next perversion that they can carryout
- the next young man or woman they can change the gender of and destroy their lives

"...Have I not been silent, even of old, <u>and vet you</u> <u>did not fear Me</u>?" (v 11). *That's where we are!*

- <u>Can America be corrected?</u>
- <u>Can those things be changed?</u>

Verse 12: "I will declare your *kind of* righteousness, and your works; for they shall not do you any good."

What's going to happen to them? The days are going to get desperate; the times are going to get terrible!

Verse 13: "When you cry, let them that you have gathered deliver you; but the wind shall carry them all away. The wind will carry them off, a breath will blow them away; <u>but he who puts his</u> <u>trust in Me shall possess the land, and shall</u> <u>inherit My Holy mountain</u>."

Then it blends right into what is in our lives! Are we going to be faithful with all of this? The way that God wants?

That's evil unrepented of! Here in Isa. 58 is what God wants us to do. There is so much sin! Anyone who preaches against sin is going to be counted as an enemy!

Isaiah 58:1: "<u>Cry aloud, do not spare, lift</u> <u>up your voice like a ram's horn, and show My</u> <u>people their transgression, and the house of</u> <u>Jacob their sins</u>." *That's what we have to do!*

- doesn't matter where the chips fall
- doesn't matter whose noses are knocked out of joint

- doesn't matter what they think of you or not
 - What is the Truth of God?
 - What dose God say is going to happen?

Verse 2: "Yet, they seek Me daily, and seem eager to know My ways..."

Isn't that so? *We have more 'religious' channels than anyplace on earth!* Yet, they know nothing about God! It's a crazy situation!

"...as a nation that did righteousness, and one that did not forget the ordinance of their God. They ask of Me the ordinances of justice; they seem eager to draw near to God. *They say*, 'Why have we fasted, and You do not see? Why have we afflicted our soul and You take no knowledge?' Behold, in the day of your fast you pursue your business and exploit all your workers. Behold, you fast for strife and debate, and to strike with the fist of wickedness; you cannot fast as you do this day, and expect to make your voice to be heard on high" (vs 2-4). *Then He talks about what kind of fast that He wants!*

- one of humility
- one of repentance
- one of yieldedness to God

Ezek. 22 shows the big picture of sin everywhere and who all is involved. Like I started out, every one of these different organizations and religions and political parties have their establishment. Same way with all of the hi-tech stuff, news and television programming.

- Where is God? *He's not there!* And that's by design!
- <u>**How is that so?**</u> Because the establishment controls!

Ezekiel 22:1: "Moreover, the Word of the LORD came to me, saying, 'Now you, son of man, will you judge, will you judge the bloody city? And yes, you shall make her know all her abominations" (vs 1-2).

That's what we have to do! We can't sit back and say, 'Oh, why don't you be better.' *Never* happen!

Verse 3: "Then you shall say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD..."

I want you to listen up, L.A., San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, St. Louis, Chicago, Baltimore, Washington, D.C., New York City! Criminals are running the streets and going after innocent individuals. It was on the news last night that a man who had been in jail was let out because people who were supposed to be administering the law let him loose. He came out on the street and almost killed another man, and they let him out on no bail! Go figure !!!

"..."The city sheds blood in her midst that her time may come, and makes idols unto herself to defile *herself*. You are guilty by the blood that you have shed; and you have defiled yourself with your idols that you have made...."" (vs 3-4).

Don't come and ask, 'Why did God do this to me?' Well, look at what you have done!

"...And you have caused your days to draw near, and have come unto your years. Therefore, I have made you a reproach to the nations, and a mocking to all countries" (v 4). *Isn't that a true statement today?* It's spelled B-I-D-E-N!!

Verse 5: "*Those who are* near and *those* far from you shall mock against you, O infamous one and full of tumult. Behold, the princes of Israel, every one has used his power to shed blood in you" (vs 5-6). *All of the leaders of the land!*

It was astonishing on the news last night. Here it's showing a cemetery in Chicago. They have no more places to dig graves! They're probably going to end up digging a huge trench like the Nazis did in killing the Jews. I ask all the black leaders in America:

> Why can't you stop the murder in your communities? Why can you not stop all of the drugs that are coming in: fentanyl pouring in? One hundred thousand dying from fentanyl overdoses, let alone everything else! And the millions upon millions of homeless that are strewn across your streets!

> Then you have the pretentious, audaciousness to try and tell the rest of the people how to live!

Verse 5: "*Those who are* near and *those* far from you shall mock against you, O infamous one and full of tumult. Behold, the princes of Israel, every one has used his power to shed blood in you" (vs 5-6)—*and make money on the stock market and get away with crime and never have to face a judge!*

Verse 7: "In you they have despised *both* father and mother. In your midst they have dealt with the stranger by oppression. In you they oppressed the orphan and the widow. <u>You have despised My Holy things, and have profaned My Sabbaths</u>" (vs 7-8).

There it is right there, again! See how important that it is? We're not going to let anyone ever again say, 'Oh well, the Sabbath is for the Jews.' *NO*! <u>The Sabbath is God's creation for man</u> <u>and woman!</u> Verse 9: "In you are men of slander *who* shed blood; and in you they *that* eat on the mountains; in your midst they commit lewdness. In you they have uncovered their fathers' nakedness; in you they have humbled her who was unclean in her impurity. And a man has committed abominations with his neighbor's wife; and a man has lewdly defiled his daughter-in-law; and another has humbled his sister, his father's daughter" (vs 9-11).

Every sexual sin that God says don't do, *they are doing!*

Verse 12—how are you going to stop this? How do all of these politicians come in and maybe are worth \$100,000 when they're elected into office, and by the time they get done serving however long the term is, *they're worth tens of millions and hundreds of millions stealing and robbing from the people!*

Verse 12: "'In you they have taken bribes to shed blood.... [that's exactly what they have done] ...You have taken usury and excessive increase, and you gained by extortion of your neighbors, <u>and you</u> <u>have forgotten Me</u>,' says the Lord GOD."

I tell you what's going on right now. The housing market is going down, and guess what they are going to do! BlackRock and Soros and the stock market are going to buy up every house that comes into foreclosure at premium prices and <u>no one</u> will be able to own them again! The corporations will own them and rent them. **That's what they are doing right now!**

Verse 13: "Therefore, behold, <u>I have struck</u> <u>My hand against your dishonest gain</u>, <u>which you</u> <u>have</u> <u>made</u>, <u>and at your blood which has been in</u> <u>your midst</u>. Can your heart stand, or <u>can your</u> hands be strong in the day that I shall deal with you? <u>I the LORD have spoken it and *I* will do it</u>" (vs 13-14).

GOD is coming to meet you! With evil mounting up against you in such a horrendous proportions, you will not believe it!

Verse 15: "And I will scatter you among the nations and disperse you in the countries, and will consume your uncleanness out of you. And you will be profaned by your own selves in the sight of the heathen, **and you shall know that I** am the LORD" (vs 15-16).

Verse 17: "And the Word of the LORD came to me, saying, 'Son of man, the house of Israel has become dross to Me. All of them *are* bronze, and tin, and iron, and lead, in the middle of the furnace; they are even the dross of silver....' [let's mix all things together] ...Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, 'Because you have all become dross, behold, therefore, I will gather you into the middle of

Jerusalem'"

And into the midst of the cities: New York, Baltimore, Chicago, St. Louis, Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles and whatever other city there is that wants to follow all of the evil of this society!

Verse 20: "*As they* gather silver, and bronze, and iron, and lead, and tin, into the middle of the furnace, to blow the fire on it to melt *it*, <u>so I will</u> <u>gather *you* in My anger and in My fury, and I</u> will cast *you in* and melt you."

Do you think it's been rough, yet? *It's going* to be something! <u>Think about what they are doing!</u>

Verse 21: "And I will gather you and blow on you with the fire of My wrath, and you shall be melted in the midst of it. As silver is melted in the furnace, so you shall be melted in the midst of it; and you shall know that I the LORD have poured out My fury upon you" (vs 21-22).

- that's the only thing they will understand
- that's the only thing that they will try to follow and escape from it

But they won't be able to escape! Quite a thing! The nation that God chose to bring the Gospel to the world has turned to be the evil of Babylon the Great! Every sin and every filth that has ever been devised by men and Satan the devil; we are ugly to the world! There it is! Let's see why!

Verse 23: "And the Word of the LORD came to me, saying, 'Son of man, say to her, "You *are* a land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation." There is a conspiracy of her prophets in her midst, like a roaring lion tearing the prey. They have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made many widows in her midst. <u>Her priests have done violence to My Law</u>..." (vs 23-26).

They say that the Law has been done away! That's like saying heaven and earth do not exist! It's an impossibility.

"...<u>and have profaned My Holy things.</u> They have put no difference between the Holy and the profane, and have not taught the difference between the unclean and the clean, <u>and they have</u> <u>hidden their eyes from My Sabbaths</u>, and I am profaned among them" (v 26).

<u>They deliberately close their eyes to the</u> <u>Sabbath Day!</u> That's what they do! They think they're going to bring a revival??? They think they're going to lead repentance in America??? *Never happen*!

Verse 27: "Her rulers in her midst *are* like wolves tearing the prey, to shed blood and to destroy

souls, to get unjust gain. And her prophets have covered themselves *with* whitewash, seeing false visions and divining lies unto them, saying, "Thus says the Lord GOD," <u>when the LORD has not</u> <u>spoken</u>. The people of the land have used oppression and committed robbery, and they have troubled the poor and needy. Yea, *they* have oppressed the stranger wrongfully. And I sought for a man among them who should build up a wall for the land, and stand in the breach before Me, so that I should not destroy it. <u>But I did not find one</u>" (vs 27-30).

A lot of people have thought that maybe that's Trump. But when did Trump really acknowledge God? *Really acknowledge God*? Stand up in his rallies and say:

All you people out there I want you to know that I stand here because God has inspired me, and I have repented of my sins and I want to lead you in a way that will bring you back to God!

- Have you heard him say that?
- Do you think he could possibly do that?

NO! Donald Trump isn't going to be a Savior to America! God said, 'I did not find one!'

Verse 31: "Therefore, I have poured out My fury on them. I have burned them up with the fire of My wrath. I have recompensed their own way upon their heads,' says the Lord GOD."

Stop and think about it for a minute. God is a God of Justice and Truth, and He brings upon the wicked *their own way*. God means business!

Let's see what needs to happen. Will it happen? *We don't know!* But it has to be pronounced!

Do you want to come on God's side? *He's* not coming on your side! Don't think that He's going to come to your Sunday-keeping, your Christmas, Easter, Halloween and your ways! NO! He's not coming there! You repent and forsake all of that and come to Him! Here's what God says and what everyone needs to do: man/woman, young/old: Seek God with His Word! With His Truth!

Go to <u>Church At Home</u> {<u>churchathome.org</u>} and watch the segments that we have there. You will learn how you've been lied to over and over again for generations!

Isaiah 55:6: "Seek the LORD while He may be found... [He's still there and you can find Him] ...call upon Him while He is near."

How do you do that? Get the Ten Commandments and you look at them and see where you have sinned against God! Start repenting! Stop breaking the Ten Commandments! *That's what it says right here!*

Verse 7: "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts..." *There has to be a change*:

- of thought
- of heart
- of mind
- of direction

"...and let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon" (v 7).

Here's the thing you need to understand, God says:

Verse 8: 'For <u>My thoughts are not your</u> <u>thoughts</u>, nor your ways My ways,' says the LORD." You come to Him *HIS way*!

When you do that, you look at your life and you see what you need to do! You will see that you need to start keeping the Sabbath Day as the next chapter tells us. That's from Friday night sundown until Saturday night sundown, and you need to get the Word of God and study it, read it.

Watch Church At Home and truthofGod.org. We have books and materials that will help you, but you must make the effort to get your life squared around and repent to God.

Isaiah 56:1: "Thus says the LORD, 'Keep justice and do righteousness; for My salvation *is* near to come, and My righteousness to be revealed.""

When He does that, it's going to be like 'all hell has broken loose' in the universe!

Verse 2: "Blessed *is* the man who does this... [Do you want the blessing of God?] ...and the son of man who lays hold on it; **who keeps the Sabbath**... [*let that sink in*] ...from profaning it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil."

That's what God wants! So, here we are with all the troubles and difficulties spreading across the land. Who can keep up with it. No one can, because sin goes from:

- city to city
- person to person
- perversion to perversion
 ✓ licentiousness
 - ✓ abomination
 - ✓ Satan worship
 - ✓ child sacrifice
 - \checkmark all this sort of thing

America:

- Will you be corrected?
- Will you repent?
- Will you turn to God?

<u>or</u>

• Will you play religious games because you are self-righteous?

God's Word lays it before you:

- Choose life and live!
- Choose death and die!

That's what's before us!

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