

# Proclaiming the Gospel

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness;  
But unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (1 Cor. 1.18).

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## Can So Many Be So Wrong . . .

An elected "church" leader asked a question much like the above, meaning it as a statement that "so many cannot be so wrong." It had to do with blatant sin that is now running rampant in most "churches" (state churches – those who receive any benefits from the "State." When a church's beliefs align with the "State" [meaning government or nation] it belongs to the "State".) It *seems* that the "State" is making decisions in churches today. It *seems* it is no longer separation of Church and State – in the true sense of Church and State. It is most difficult, well impossible, to align with the "State" financially as well as in beliefs and be in a position to choose the Lord God Almighty, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, as your God - as did Joshua (24.15).

The statement at the beginning was referring to a specific sin of grave consequences (Lev 18; 20; Ro 1; I Cor 6). This *Message* is not about this sin specifically; so, let us move on. However, this question is asked of many sins until Satan has convinced most that if it *feels* good and benefits you, do it!

Isaiah One deals with a sinful nation. Sound familiar? It is dealing with Israel and Judah. However, it is speaking to any nation today which is living in sin as did Israel and Judah; Yes! So many can be so wrong! I do not believe it will take much convincing as to the truth of this passage in dealing with what was once the United States of America that some remember well. Let us begin.

Some of the prophetic words in this chapter are a "shoe made to fit" for this nation. Verse two speaks of how the Lord nourished his people only for them to rebel against Him. This is true as a nation because it is true of individuals and "churches" who continue wanting choices. They are rebelling against the laws of God, misappropriating and misunderstanding the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. They are as Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.

Verse four is about a nation laden with iniquity, a nation who has "forsaken the Lord, they have forsaken the Holy One of Israel unto anger . . ." Verse five, "...the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint." Verse six goes on to say "From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it."

*The Lord reigns; we affirm it boldly. Our Lord Jesus Christ is reigning, and he is Lord of all; nothing can touch his authority. It is spiritual forces that are out to destroy his interests in China and Japan.*

*Therefore we do not pray for China, we do not pray for Japan, but we pray for the interests of thy Son in China and Japan. We do not blame any men, for they only [are] tools of thine enemy. We stand for thy will. Shatter, O Lord, the kingdom of darkness, for the persecutions [sic] of thy Church are wounding thee. Amen.*

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*Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).*

Now listen carefully to verse seven. “**Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers.**” Does this need to be repeated? Do you need to read this again?

Some took notice forty years ago of this while those hiding behind a pulpit while standing on a pulpitum and “church-goers” mocked and cried, “conspiracy theorists and paranoia.” People of God, Woe to the false prophets, false shepherds, and false pastors of today that are like unto those in the Bible (Isa; 56.11; Jer 2.8; 5.31; 10.21; 23.1; Eze 34.2-10; II P 2.1-3).

People of God in Christ Jesus, the only Begotten Son of God, Wake up!! Arise from your beds of ease (Am 6.1). The Lord Jesus Christ is calling the **very small remnant** (Isa 1.9) to walk on in Him according to His Holy will in a way that He chooses and that will bring glory to His Holy Name! Read Revelation 7.9 which shows how that **very small remnant** from all nations is walking together under the Lordship of Jesus Christ – very small remnant.

This is about the Kingdom of Jesus Christ – not your kingdom. This is about our Lord and Saviour Who came to earth long ago, chose to lay down His life (Jn 10) for you and me on the Cross of Calvary and shed His **Blood** for the forgiveness of our sins if we but approach Him with a repentant, contrite heart (Ps 51.17) and give our whole life to Him allowing Him to make us as He chooses, to use us as He chooses (Jer 18; Rom 9).

There are false pastors, false prophets, and false shepherds today. Read the Holy Bible, and take to heart what the Lord is saying to this nation, to us as individuals which make up this nation that used to be (Jer 14; 23.1-8, 9-32; 25; Isa 56.9-12). God’s wrath is upon us **IF** we do not repent. Read the Old Testament prophets to open your spiritual eyes to see what is going on now.

II Chronicles 7.14 is for this day. If you read these passages listed above you will become aware of the difference between the true followers of the Lord Jesus Christ and those who say the name but mean a god that is made with hands that cannot speak but is pliable in the hands of those who made it, a god who speaks the words those who made it want to hear, meaning the artisans put the words from their own minds/mouths in the god(s) they made with their own hands (Ps 115.1-9). When people say God or Jesus, ask them to which God/god or which Jesus/jesus they are referring! This is a must today.

Those who know Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, as Holy God, transcendent and Holy but approachable with a heart that is seeking His way for His glory to be revealed (Isa 6.1-8), have a hope in Jesus Christ Who is steadfast and sure (Heb 6.19) in these days that lie before us. Let us read verses nine and ten.

Except the Lord of hosts had left unto us a **very small remnant**, we should have been as Sodom and we should have been like unto Gomorrah.

Hear the word of the Lord, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah.

Read verses 11-15 to hear the word of the Lord whose anger is kindled with false praise and worship, a self-serving worship. Many today do not understand that God is Holy. When we recently asked someone if they had repented of their sins and asked Jesus to be their Lord and Savior, the response was, “I am a devout Christian, and he is my daddy.” I wanted to move out of the area lest lightning strike.

Sadly, Satan is giving forth lies through his followers, those hiding behind a pulpit while standing on a pulpitum, as he did in the Garden of Eden when he convinced Eve – and Adam – that they could be as God, well a god which they understood to be as God. They understood from Satan that they had choices, and they did not have to follow the commands of the Lord God Almighty! The “church-goers,” following the those hiding behind a pulpit while standing on a pulpitum, believe they are one with God, a god with Him, that they are His equal so they are on *familiar* terms. No! God in Christ Jesus is **Holy God**. Stand with Isaiah in Chapter Six when he experienced Holy God, the glory of the Lord God so powerfully that he realized his sinfulness and cried out,

Then said I, Woe *[is]* me! for I am undone; because I *[am]* a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts (Isa 6.5).

Isaiah then surrendered his life to Holy God in Christ Jesus and responded to the call upon his life, “Here am I, send me.” It is only as he experienced Holy God and his own unworthiness, that he could be used of Holy God.

This *Message* is to encourage the **very small remnant** that loves the Lord Jesus Christ with all their hearts to come together to walk as one under the Lordship of Holy God in Christ Jesus, our Lord, our Master, our Saviour, that the Holy will of Jesus Christ shall be accomplished in and through us for His glory. Oh, arise to your feet and be blessed in Him for His glory.

Know that it is “By the Word of the Lord we are made overcomers. By the Word of the Lord we are able to stand...” The Word of the Lord is the Living Word, Jesus Christ, but also the written word, the Holy Bible.

Yes, So many can be so wrong. It is in the Bible (Mt 7.13-15)! Read it and take it into your heart. The Cross is the standard for all true followers of Jesus Christ! Satan has deceived so many as we hear said, “Any religion will do. Whatever you believe is okay. Do what makes you feel good. Be understanding; the majority is right.”

The following quote expresses well how we may need to pray – for those who are members of Christ’s Holy Church, those who are seeking to take up their cross and follow the Lord Jesus Christ on the Via Dolorosa, The Way of the Cross. Our prayer is that ALL who know Jesus Christ shall be strengthened in Him to do His bidding.