

National Intercessory Prayer

When the Righteous are in Authority



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JESUS AND GOVERNMENTS

The political situation was not very good for the Jewish people when Jesus came down to the earth and was incarnated in a physical body. As a nation they had come through some 400 years of bloody wars caused by different nations seeking to control the Middle East. With the onset of the Roman Empire, the Ptolemaic and Seleucid kingdoms became provinces of Rome.

When people saw the supernatural powers displayed by Jesus, they wanted Him to take up His perceived role as the Messiah to destroy the Roman occupation and make Israel the leader of the entire world. But Jesus threw a monkey wrench into their plans when He declared that His kingdom was not of this world.

“Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews?”

Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king.

To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.” (John 18:33, 36-37)

Every government at this time was corrupt and the Son of God knew that unsaved and immoral men could never be rulers of righteousness.

RIGHTEOUS IN AUTHORITY

What happens when the righteous are in authority? The number of Christians rapidly increased after the day of Pentecost. However, even though the church was strong during the first and second century after Christ, they were not formidable enough to induce governments to reject paganism and embrace the teaching of Jesus.

The foundation for Christian governments was laid in the 1500s by Martin Luther and John Calvin. The best government 200 years later was found in England. All the other nations of Europe were governed by unsaved kings. Change did not arrive until 1776 when the English colonists of North America rebelled and founded the United States of America. Strong revivals had swept over the colonies prior to the nation’s founding and revivals kept coming up through the mid-1800s. The result of millions of Americans being born again was a change in government as Christians

began to serve as state leaders, judges and legislators. It is widely recognized that the people rejoice when the righteous are in leadership.

“When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.” (Proverbs 29:2)

Membership in Christian churches within the United States peaked around 1955 and from that time there have been less born-again believers. Christians are a minority today, and as a result, local, state, and federal governments are firmly in the hands of the ungodly who are determined to serve Satan.

REVIVAL AND AWAKENING

Logic dictates that God chooses to work through people, and in order for the will of God to be done, there must be more born-again Christians in the United States to carry out the work. This can only be accomplished through prayer and evangelism. We must bring Jesus into our daily lives, into our prayers, and into our nation. We can't do anything apart from Jesus.

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.” (John 15:1-11)

The first step is to examine your life to see if there is any sin that needs to be given up.

“Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” (Psalms 139:23-24)

Every born-again believer holds the key for the kingdom to expand. Let's search our hearts, repent, and be filled again and again with the Holy Spirit as we enter into intercessory prayer on behalf of our nation.

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY!

“AND IT CAME TO PASS, THAT, AS HE WAS PRAYING IN A CERTAIN PLACE, WHEN HE CEASED, ONE OF HIS DISCIPLES SAID UNTO HIM, LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY, AS JOHN ALSO TAUGHT HIS DISCIPLES.” LUKE 11:1

BE PERSISTENT

If you want results in your prayer life, be persistent. If you know that your prayer request is in the will of God, keep on talking to God until He

moves on your behalf. This is precisely what Jesus told us to do.

“And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man: And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary.

And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.

And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?” (Luke 18:1-8)

PRAYER TARGET

For the time being, I am not going to introduce any new prayer projects. I want to focus on the following targets until we hear from the Holy Spirit that our requests have been granted and they will be implemented.

Continue to pray for the salvation or demise of Joe Biden and Kamala Harris.

Pray that the work former White House Chief of Staff Ron Klein has left behind will be destroyed.

Pray that the new chief of staff, Jeffrey Zients, will be unable to function and push out the ungodly agenda of the Biden administration.