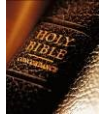


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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK: MAKE AMERICA FREE AGAIN

Someone once said, “If liberty means anything at all, it means the right to tell people what they do not want to hear.” Well America, there’s no time like the present. Our Founding Fathers made it clear, in our Declaration of Independence, that “all men are created equal, (and) they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty (Freedom), and the pursuit of Happiness.” They continued, “That whenever any form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government.”

Unalienable rights are human rights that cannot be violated or taken away under any circumstances. They are a gift from God. They are contrasted with legal rights, which are subject to removal by the government, and are not universally guaranteed. The First Amendment to our constitution gives us the freedom of religion and the freedom of speech. We have the right to speak the truths given to us from our Sovereign God; truths that our current government does not want to hear. And because our Founders gave us the First Amendment, we have the right to worship and follow our sovereign Head.

And therein lies the rub. We have a government that has devolved from the Founder’s worldview. Whereas Franklin, Jefferson, Adams, and Washington (among many others) recognized the God of creation as the Supreme Being to whom we are held accountable, those in power over us today look to the State as the final arbiter in all disputes and questions of policy. The State reigns supreme, and any who come against its dictates (the Constitution notwithstanding), will be subject to its judgment, vengeance, and punishment (see January 6th prisoners).

Which brings us back to the Declaration of Independence. In particular, the part that says “whenever any form of government becomes destructive ... it is the Right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute new Government.” Our government, as given to us by the Founders, is fine. It’s the people who are running it that have to go. “We the People” have been so normalized by our lack of freedom, that many of us don’t know what we’ve given up.

This is why the upcoming election is so critical. Our nation’s future literally depends on the outcome. If the current leadership is not altered at the ballot box, freedom-loving patriots may seek to abolish it in any way possible.

Rev. David Lewis

Living in the “Daze” of Deception
By Robert Luthardt, Sr.

In the Forward to Radio Preacher Pastor Jack Hibbs’ timely book, “Living in the “DAZE” of Deception,” we read that “Fake News” has produced the very conditions about which our Savior warned. Concerning the “LAST DAYS” and Christ’s return to the earth, Jesus said, “Take heed that no man deceive you” (Matt. 24).

The Forward in Pastor Hibbs’ book was written by the evangelical Christian who was the American Secretary of State under President Trump, Mike Pompeo. Mike said, “I share Pastor Jack’s faith and optimism. Jesus Christ overcame sin for those who love Him – forever.” Two thousand years ago the only supernaturally begotten SON OF GOD died on the Cross of Calvary. Since that day, the Apostles, Disciples, and Saints of God have been telling true believers, “Believe on the Lord Jesus and you shall be SAVED” (Acts 16:31).

At that same time period and at a visit to the temple, Jesus to His disciples made a shocking assertion regarding Jerusalem and the beautiful Temple: “There shall not be left here one stone upon another” (Matt. 24:1-3). In Jesus’ prophecy, the first admonition was “Take heed that none deceive you.” His Apostles were told to always be watchful” (Luke 21:36).

Jesus told His disciples that as the end approaches (in Christ’s return to earth in power and glory) deception will markedly increase (Matt. 24:4-5, 11). What did Jesus assert would happen at the “end of the world” (or age)? Christ said He would, “send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet and shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other” (Matt. 24:31).

Jesus taught all that to enter the Kingdom of heaven, we each must “determine to do the will of ‘My Father’ in heaven.” Yet some will say, “We did many wonderful works in your name.” Christ will say “depart from me, I never knew you” (Matt. 7:21-23). Christ told us that eternal life comes not from the decrees of men or their churches, but by the mercy of God (Rom. 9:15-16). Jesus’ parable of the sinful publican who sought forgiveness and justification, found the blood of the Lamb of God and salvation (Luke 18:13-14; 11:9-10).

So, all wonder how close is our end and the return of Christ? Jesus said, “And the gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the WORLD for a witness in every nation and then shall the end come” (Matt. 24:14). Christ will come with all His angels to sit upon the throne of His glory (Matt. 25:21). Every believer will have a part and place in Christ’s Kingdom.

Christians were further taught by Christ and His Apostles to always beware of false prophets (Matt. 7:15-20). Just how well church leaders did, history will attest. If we are living in the “DAYS” just before the return of Christ, then “signs” Jesus gave will become more distinct including the sign that deception would grow worse as we draw nearer to the end. Deliberately planted falsehoods assail us from every media. Pastor Hibbs asserts that we are living in the “DAZE” of deception.

Our Bible assures us, “In the last days perilous times ‘WILL COME’: men will be lovers of themselves ... more than lovers of God” (2 Tim. 3:1-5). Yet Jesus said, the only way to heaven, is that none can come to the FATHER but “BY ME” (John 14:6, 6:42; 17:18-26). Let all be ready to acknowledge that the faith we receive is surely a “Gift of God” and not of the works of men (John 4:10; Rom. 6:23; Ep. 2:8).

Our spiritual understanding is a gift of God that enables every child of God to be established in the faith of Jesus Christ, in our hearts with God’s Word and knowledge of saving faith in our minds (Luke 24:44-45; Ep. 1:17-18; 1 John 5:20).

Christians and Americans have recently been “DAZED” by the deception of the “NEW TOLERANCE” used to take away our constitutional freedoms such as our rights under the Bill of Rights and the Amendments guaranteeing freedom of speech and assembly, etc. This radical liberalism says that what you believe and what you contend for is offensive and if even one person complains, you may be dismissed from an academic position or a job. Add in to this the unconstitutional introduction of “hate crime laws,” we now see the “fundamental change in American Jurisprudence” that one President has imposed upon our nation.

All those who would share in the true saving faith of Jesus Christ and who will humbly “bow the knee,” may come. God, in His mercy, is still “opening hearts” (Acts 16:14) and dispelling our doubts as to what we must do to be saved. The jailer at Philippi asked, “What must I do to be saved? And they said, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and Thou shalt be saved and thy house” (Acts 16:30-31).

One of the thieves at the cross railed on Jesus but the other malefactor rebuked him saying “Dost not thou fear God”? And he said unto Jesus, “LORD, remember me” ... and Jesus said ... “Truly, Today shalt thou be with me in PARADISE” (Luke 23:29-43). Now the thief’s full yet sole hope for heaven lies in the atonement of the Cross of Jesus Christ and nowhere else. Jesus bore the thief’s sins but also yours and mine and every man, woman, and child called to faith by the Spirit of God.

Once led to the narrow road that “leadeth unto life” (Christ shows all the way to the Father of Lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning) Jesus has left us an example that we should follow in His steps, for distinguishing truth from error that has become an increasingly challenging task – even in evangelical churches (Matt. 7:14; Jas. 1:17).

Deception has become so widespread that it affects all of us by the extent of misleading information that has permeated not only our culture in the West but also globally. An example is what happened in the “COVID” pandemic. The pain and sorrow suffered mostly by the elderly (many died not even able to be with loved ones). The “Experts” learned that by “controlling information,” masses of people even whole countries can be controlled by unstable thinking such as gender identity, marriage, the sanctity of life, and the abandonment of the rule of Law.

The world may be “Living in the ‘DAZE’ of Deception,” but also in the “Latter Times” where many will “depart from the faith giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons” (1 Tim. 4:1).

More than ever, we are to “Keep looking up” (Luke 21:28).

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In His Time—Part 2

By Nancy Long

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 – *“To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silent, and a time to speak; A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. What profit hath he that worketh in that therein he laboureth? I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it. He hath made every thing beautiful in His time: also He hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end. I know that there is no good in them, but for a man to rejoice, and to do good in his life. And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it is the gift of God. I know that whatsoever that God doeth, it shall be forever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men shall fear before Him. That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; that God requireth that which is past.”*

I pray we've come to see more clearly in some of the words I wrote last month, and have begun to sense too, the wisdom in these aforementioned verses of Scripture. We do indeed live in a world of change, a state of constant flux. What is experienced today, *is* today, but what will be awaiting on the morrow, we know not! God has deliberately imposed restraints on man's control over life, and has as well, limited, by the sheer fact that we humans are finite and fallen, our complete understanding of it. We are continually being shown, through events providentially sent, that we really have absolutely no control at all! How much are we able to master the weather or have any control over accidents or even relationships? We literally do not know with assurance, what's around the next corner! How discouraging these thoughts might be, and perhaps, even frightening, if it wasn't for the knowledge that a Supreme Being, a Sovereign God, a God who is above all things who is good, and holy, and just, *is* in complete control of everything!! This *“eternal, immortal, invisible, and only wise God* (1Tim. 1:17) has appointed the times and the seasons, and also the circumstances and happenings of life that touch each and every one of us. This is good, my friends! This is very good!! We can find solace here! We can find comfort, and peace and rest!!

It is extremely important we consider our days, and time here on this earth, as blessings that we take events as they come, and accept everything as a **gift** from the Master Potter/ Designer, and Creator. It is a necessity to view every detail of our lives, and seize each one of them as opportunities to thank and glorify the Lord who *“before ordained that we should walk in them”* (Eph. 2:10). Our steps are indeed ordered, fellow believers (Psalm 37:23).

The apostle Paul exhorts us: *“whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatever ye do, do all to the glory of God”* (1 Cor. 10:31), and another like it: *“Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him”* (Col. 3:17) and one more: *“Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men, knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ* (Col. 3:23-24). Such an attitude of gratitude can transform lives!!

If the Lord in heaven has granted you prosperity today, rejoice, find gladness and satisfaction in it. Praise God from whom all blessings flow, and be content in the state you find yourself (Phil. 4:11), for this is the situation, at least for the time being, that God is using to mold and work in you, to help prepare you for glory.

If Almighty God has provided you with a “problem” today, be grateful *in* it! Realize that you need it, even though you might not necessarily like it. Face your present difficulty with a smile, understanding and accepting we, as God’s children, can’t have everything we’d like right now. We need to adopt a “big picture” mindset! Again, I repeat the Apostle Paul’s exhortation to *“be content in the state you find yourself.”* Lean on the faith that’s been given you, trust His ways are perfect, and He will make all things beautiful **in His time!**



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Wednesday, September 11th
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Guest Speaker:
William Federer

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Wednesday Evening Bible Study	7:00 pm
9/11 Service	7:00 pm
Crabs 'n More (Saturday 9/14)	1:00 pm