

*Respect for religious conviction played no small part in the birth and early development of the United States. Thus John Dickinson, Chairman of the Committee for the Declaration of Independence, said in 1776: "Our liberties do not come from charters; for these are only the declarations of preexisting rights. They do not depend on parchments or seals; but come from the King of Kings and the Lord of all the earth." Indeed it may be asked whether the American democratic experiment would have been possible or how well it will succeed in the future, without a deeply rooted vision of divine providence over the individual and over the fate of nations.... No expression of today's commitment to liberty and justice for all can be more basic than the protection afforded to those in society who are most vulnerable. The United States of America was founded on the conviction that an inalienable right to life was a self-evident moral truth, fidelity to which was a primary criterion of social justice.*

—Pope John Paul II on "The American Experiment"

*For the nation and kingdom which will not serve you shall perish, and those nations shall be utterly ruined.*

—Isaiah 60:12

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*And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, and had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, when she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.*

—Mark 5:25–29 (KJV)

LADY LIBERTY IS bleeding to death in the sinister clinics of malicious physicians. Her wounds are horrifying. Her hemorrhage is horrendous. She is suffering “many things of many physicians.” These wicked surgeons of doom probe the sanctuary of her womb and brutally slash her offspring. They lacerate her motherhood and sever the cord that was ordained to link her to her cut-off progeny. The lethal wounds inflicting her are deeper than the natural eye could ever possibly see. The surgical weapons assaulting her are slaying the soul and assassinating the spirit of a nation.

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The heart of America has been viciously stabbed. These slashes are appalling. The bleeding is profuse. This massacre has poured out so much blood that the savage land is utterly saturated. The heinous seepage from her barbaric slaughter has polluted her pristine rivers and turned her shining seas red with bloody guilt.

Osama Bin Laden, dead or alive, is not the issue. Radical Islam's vicious holy war is not the issue. The issue is not Iraq or Afghanistan. The Islamic fascists of Iran are not the issue. North Korea is not the issue. The aggressive resurgence of Russia is not the issue. Economic turmoil is not the issue. Weapons of mass destruction in the hands of terrorists are not the issue. These are just terrifying symptoms of our nation's mortal wound. Lady Liberty, with her damning issue of innocent shed blood—*that* is the issue!

A foul fountain of murder continually flows from Lady Liberty's violated, vacant womb. She bears a permanent wound, with a perpetual, running sore. There are no creams or ointments humankind can manufacture that would remove the deep scars that have eternally etched each of these butcheries in a book of God's remembrance. The souls of the poor innocents have not been cut off from their right to life hidden in secret. God sees every one of these murders. Heaven weeps over the tiny corpses as their dismembered bodies are wrapped in bloody rags, discarded like trash, and flushed like human waste, or incinerated like rubbish going up in hellish flames and putrid smoke. This stench in the nostrils of God has provoked Him to wrath. Appallingly, God does not have to search in secret places to find the festering gashes that are carved in cold blood as the warm blood of the innocents is ruthlessly spilled. Our national disgrace has not been veiled in grief and humiliation. It has been flaunted in arrogant haughtiness.

Our national sin has forced the reluctant withdrawal of the heavenly grace that was bestowed upon us at our nation's

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dawning. Through our national sin we have chosen hell's fury over God's favor. On January 22, 1973, our Supreme Court sealed a blood covenant with death that is empowering hell to destroy America. A weapon of mass destruction called *abortion* has already massacred multiple millions of innocent Americans. Because of this merciless issue of blood, America is wobbling on the brink of a terrifying plummet. God is the Sovereign King over all creation. By His decree nations rise and fall. If the church does not lead the nation into repentance, America will fall and experience the fury of God's wrath. If the church turns toward God in prevailing prayer, there is hope that America will turn from its evil and God will relent from the disastrous judgments our nation will soon incur.

*The instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, to pull down, and to destroy it, if that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it.*

(Jer. 18:7–8)

God made His requirements clear thousands of years ago when He spoke to Noah, and nowhere in Scripture does He change this dictum:

*“Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning; . . . From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man. Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed; for in the image of God He made man.”*

(Gen. 9:5–6)

If Lady Liberty does not get up and press into Jesus with deep repentance for her torrential hemorrhage, her reign of leadership in the world will cease. Without far-reaching repentance, mass destruction will devour millions of her citizens, crush her dreams and aspirations, crumble her infrastructure, and incinerate her

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wealth. Unless God's people unite in repentance and intercession, Lady Liberty does not have a prayer of being healed from the curse of her bleeding womb. The consequences from this blight of butchery in our land will progressively worsen until the famine of kingdom-advancing prayer ends in God's indifferent church. Perpetuating the plague of prayerlessness that has enfeebled multitudes in the national church would abort America's only hope, and seal the ominous reckoning our national sin has sown. Speaking through the prophet Jeremiah, God said,

*“Has a nation changed its gods, which are not gods? But My people have changed their Glory for what does not profit. Be astonished, O heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid; be very desolate,” says the LORD.*

(Jer. 2:11–12)

If the heavens are astonished, how in God's name can the church on earth be so callous and apathetic? We should be astonished that America rejected her Christian heritage and abandoned the blood covenant of the Crucified Redeemer. It is more than astonishing; it is almost beyond belief! How far Lady Liberty has fallen from the grace that conferred divine favor upon her! For four damning decades, one nation under God has carved in crimson over fifty million times a cursed covenant with hell. As we sacrificed our own flesh and blood, we enthroned the very same things that Christ's death, burial, and resurrection conquered—death, hell, and the grave.

The heavens are astonished by a once God-fearing nation that now blindly worships devils. We butcher multiple millions of unborn children as offerings to Satan on scarlet-stained surgical altars. This sadistic sacrament, sealed in innocent shed blood, has crowned Satan as the new god of America! The spirit of death is now sovereign in one nation under God! Death, hell, and the grave have reigned over God's sacred gift of life for a generation!

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The helpless victims of this brutality have been ripped from the hallowed sanctuary of their mother's wombs. Unless we repent for our national slaughter, oppression will abort our liberty, and the fight for our very survival will terminate our pursuit of happiness. We are on the verge of having the American dream ripped from us in a nightmare of terror and destruction.

“Be astonished, O heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid; be very desolate,’ says the LORD” (Jer. 2:12). Like the heavens, we who dwell on earth should be astonished and horribly afraid! Instead, we are apathetic and horribly complacent! This verse decrees that the nation that forsakes God will be very desolate. Still, for most professing believers, it is church as usual. Have we lost the knowledge that God is the sovereign King over all creation? Have we forgotten that God judges the nations? Where, in God's name, is the fear of the Lord in the churches of America?

*“Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, they would have none of my counsel and despised my every rebuke. Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, and be filled to the full with their own fancies. For the turning away of the simple will slay them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them.”*

(Prov. 1:29–32)

God forbid that we eat the fruit of our own ways! The terrifying harvest that is growing out of abortion's murderous root will eventually slay us! If we act like simpletons and do not repent and choose the fear of the Lord, the complacency of fools will destroy us! “Be astonished, O heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid; be very desolate,’ says the LORD.”

The heavens are astonished because the complacent church foolishly neglected the advancement of the kingdom of God as multitudes of American believers relinquished their

responsibilities as soldiers of the cross. Angels gazed in bewilderment as the church stood idly by in prayerless silence as unborn multitudes wailed in agony under a savage scalpel. The heavens were astonished as Satan ascended as the new god of choice in America on the bloody throne of sacrificial slaughter that our Supreme Court erected for him. Out of abortion's deadly roots the venomous fruit of terrorism has grown. As America massacred a generation ripped from their mothers' wombs, radical Islam infected a vicious, violent generation with pure, unrestrained hatred for America.

It is astonishing, but fifty million of our children are dead, while these satanic missionaries are grown, militant, and obsessed with suicidal zeal. They are poisoned and poised and frothing at the mouth to die as martyrs as they rip apart American civilization. The terrorism we are now beginning to reap is from the deadly terror we have sown. America needs to wake up! Abortion is terrorism against the most vulnerable members of our society! Only national repentance for our mortal sin of murdering the innocent unborn will lead us to victory in our war against the other terrorists. As long as our atrocious, surgical weapons terrorize unborn children in the hallowed haven of their mother's wombs, the curse of terrorism will plague our guilty nation.

How, in God's name, did we as a nation reject the Lord of life and through the abomination of abortion enthrone the prince of death? It is astonishing! Absolutely astonishing! However, in light of our fall from heaven's glorious grace into hell's ghastly grip, we should not be astonished that the prince of death has begun his lethal reign of terror.

The psalmist wrote, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God" (Ps. 9:17). Our wicked slaughter is the irrefutable, damning evidence that America has forgotten God. Our nation is standing at the threshold of sweeping repentance or a descent into hellish tribulation. May the God of heaven bestow His astonishing mercy on us all!

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In the light of God's favor, which our forefathers invoked and received at our nation's founding, and our providential ascent above every other civilization in the history of the world, our nation's plummet into the hellish, black darkness surpasses the depravity of Sodom and exceeds the wickedness of Gomorrah!

*And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you.*

(Matt. 11:23–24)

God forbid that we receive the same just judgment of obliteration from the face of the earth!

### **There Still Is Hope**

Will the following Scriptural promises of restoration be built on the ruins of twenty-first century America?

*And they shall rebuild the old ruins, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations.*

(Isa. 61:4)

*Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; all nations shall serve Him.*

(Ps. 72:11)

Will godliness have to rise up out of the rubble of our crushed civilization in a distant generation to fulfill these glorious prophecies? Or will the church across America fall on her knees right now and begin that restoration by rebuilding the fallen altars of persevering prayer? Will Christians unite in selfless intercession to kindle the flames of an American awakening?

Will the shedding of tears and the travail of repentance revive the church and ignite a cultural reformation? Will the twenty-first century church recover the kingdom-advancing power of unified prayer revealed in the book of Acts? Will our churches become houses of prayer, where multitudes gather to invoke heaven's miraculous intervention? Will the truth set us free and immunize our souls from the devouring plague of me-first spirituality that has coddled believers in complacency and crippled God's church in cultural impotence? Will an army of Christians in this generation get up from their beds of spiritual ease, lay down their lives, pick up the cross, fall on their knees, and arise in God's power? Will we, or will we not, restore America's godly heritage and rebuild our nation's eroded biblical foundations?

Only sweeping repentance can save us from the dreadful tsunami of wrath that is rushing toward the blood-sodden shores of our guilty nation. Will we be swept away in a furious wave of rising terror? Will our battered Christian foundations completely collapse as our political and financial institutions crumble? Will chaos prevail as the ominous swell sweeps away multitudes, pummels our cities, destroys our infrastructure, and devours our wealth? What cataclysmic event must we endure before Christians in America awaken? Will we remain in deadly denial and spiritual apathy until the darkness falls on the black night of our grim reckoning? Will we all have to endure earth-shattering judgment, death, and destruction at the hands of brutal terrorists before the church repents and unites in intercession for a spiritual awakening in our reprobate land? Will Lady Liberty fall into generations of desolation as the American church plummets into a new dark age? Will our cities be ruined in judgment while western Christian civilization is reduced to religious rubble? Will we refuse the refuge of redeeming grace and incur a plague of devouring wrath instead?

May almighty God forbid! Church of God, in the name of Jesus, unite in prayer and fight for the lost soul of our wayward

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country! Rebuild the altars of intercession in our houses of worship, and restore the godly foundations of American civilization! Only a national spiritual awakening will suffice! And nothing but God's people united on their knees can obtain it!

If the church at large remains entrenched in prayerless indifference, the consequences the United States will face for the curse of her bleeding womb will be devastating. Lady Liberty will fall on her knees in deep repentance for her sin of the bloody scalpel, or she will be forced to her knees by a bloody sword of savage vengeance. The Spirit of God is pleading with every Christian leader and every believer in America.

*Blow the trumpet in Zion, Consecrate a fast, Call a sacred assembly; Gather the people, Sanctify the congregation, Assemble the elders, Gather the children and nursing babes; Let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, And the bride from her dressing room. Let the priests, who minister to the LORD, Weep between the porch and the altar; Let them say, "Spare Your people, O LORD, And do not give Your heritage to reproach, That the nations should rule over them. Why should they say among the peoples, "Where is their God?" Then the LORD will be zealous for His land, And pity His people.*

(Joel 2:15–18)

The time is drawing near when Lady Liberty will fall on her knees for the abomination of abortion. Will she bow in humility and repentance, leading to life? Or will she be brutally broken in humiliation for these atrocious deaths? Where Lady Liberty will fall is a question only the church has the power to answer. However, there is no question that the greatest nation in the history of the world will soon fall on her knees.

*God, grant us repentance! May we fall on our knees at Your feet and find mercy!*