

The Quest - Part One
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Quest: a long or arduous task or journey

This series will piece together a diverse assortment of information from recent news stories, government activities and Scriptures to provide God's people with a better understanding of that journey which lies directly ahead of them, the situations they will face, and what is required to prepare for the quest. Among the items to be discussed are the murder of an abortion provider in his church; the recent crash of Air France flight 447 with the loss of all aboard and its relationship to the last voyage of Sir Ernest Shackleton; The construction of FEMA detention camps; President Obama's recent meeting where he discussed the need for the government to have "preventive detainment" powers; The Department of Homeland Security's document defining the people and groups that the government is watching; the sudden fall of a group of Orthodox Jewish schoolgirls in New York; an earthquake in Honduras that collapsed the Democracy Bridge over the Ulua River and toppled a water tower in the town of Independence.

The signs of Satanically inspired actions aimed at creating a New World Order are abundant. That Satan comes only to "kill, steal and destroy" does not seem to trouble the hearts and minds of those who have given themselves to be willing accomplices in his schemes. Satan has no love for mankind, and neither do his servants. Although they masquerade as humanitarians, they are actually in their hearts "anti-human." Is this not evident to all but the most blind when men such as Barack Obama will oppose laws that require medical assistance to be given to babies that survive a failed abortion, while at the same time they act outraged when an abortion provider perishes after having slaughtered 60,000 children while reaping millions of dollars in profits from his butchery?

Make no mistake, those who are presented relentlessly by the media as humanitarians and as saviors of mankind, are far from it.

II Corinthians 11:13-15

For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to

their works.



During the presidential campaign one brave young lady, Gianna Jessen, who was a survivor of a failed abortion, had the courage to stand up and say that Obama's policies in support of the killing of babies are not the actions of a humanitarian. This young woman has a remarkable testimony, and I encourage everyone to take the time to watch the following two videos from a recent address she gave in Australia.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kPF1FhCMPuQ>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k8B1nKGIAeg>

The land of America is stained with the blood of tens of millions of babies who were sacrificed on altars of lust, pleasure and selfishness. Their blood is not silent, but cries out for God to observe the evil done to them and to judge.

Genesis 4:10-11

And [Yahweh] said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to Me from the ground. And now you are cursed..."

If God heard the blood of one man's blood crying out from the earth, then what must the blood of tens of millions sound like in His ears?

For the transgression of abortion alone, God would be justified in destroying America completely. Recently I read a news article that described an archaeological find where an ancient altar to Molech was uncovered. There was evidence of over 20,000 children having perished in the flames of this one altar. What is there to distinguish an altar of Molech from a modern abortion clinic? Saline abortion is one of the most common methods employed where powerful salts burn the flesh of the baby inside and out. Children can be seen recoiling in pain in medical images from these procedures.

We consider that the ancient peoples must have been very callous, backward, and beastly to have caused their children to pass through the fires, yet in America the places of her sacrifices have been hidden behind a facade of respectability. Men and women who are called Doctors and Medical Professionals, oversee the grisly ritual. By cloaking their abominable activity in these false garbs of respectability Americans are persuaded that they are somehow different from those whom God judged severely in ages past.

Jeremiah 7:31-34

"And they have built the high places of Topheth, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire, which I did not command, and it did not come into My mind. Therefore, behold, days are coming," declares Yahweh, "when it will no more be called Topheth, or the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of the Slaughter; for they will bury in Topheth because there is no other place. And the dead bodies of this people will be food for the birds of the sky, and for the beasts of the earth; and no one will frighten them away. Then I will make to cease from the cities of Judah and from the streets of Jerusalem the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride; for the land will become a ruin."

Topheth was a valley in which the Israelites sacrificed their children to the god Molech. Truly there is nothing new under the sun, and God will judge America as He did Judah and Jerusalem. What was the government's response to the killing of this abortion provider? Barack Obama stated, "'I am shocked and outraged by the murder of Dr. George Tiller as he attended church services this morning.'" Attorney General Eric Holder issued the following statement, "The murder of Doctor George Tiller is an abhorrent act of violence, and his family is in our thoughts and prayers at this tragic moment... The Department of Justice will work to bring the perpetrator of this crime to justice."

I am reminded of Jezebel's outrage when she heard that the prophet Elijah had the prophets of Baal and Asherah killed. Jezebel was incensed that those who led the nation into wickedness had perished, but she had no fear of the righteous judgment of a holy God. Where is the outrage at the killing of babies? Tiller was well known to be one of the most prominent men in the nation to perform late term abortions of babies that were completely viable, able to live on their own at the time they were killed. Should not the president and attorney general have expressed outrage and shock at the daily murder of innocent children who cannot protect themselves?

Proverbs 31:8-9

Open your mouth for the dumb, for the rights of all the unfortunate. Open your mouth, judge righteously, and defend the rights of the afflicted and needy.

I share this at the beginning of this series to express to you how serious a judgment awaits this nation. The Spirit is testifying that America will suffer profound judgments. Millions will perish. Her economy will be shattered. Her ease and prosperity will be gone in a moment. Terror will stalk the cities. Famine and plague will decimate the population. Even as the population of America have gone to evil men to kill the weak and defenseless, so God will give this nation into the hands of evil men who will slay them by the millions.

Even now, the schemes of evil men are being advanced. The population is being readied to be sacrificed in great numbers. It is at this time that Yahweh is instructing His people to prepare themselves, to ready their arks, for they will soon have to flee to wilderness places in order to escape the judgment. A remnant are listening and acting, while most go on oblivious to the destruction that lies at the door.

Ezekiel 21:31-32

“And I shall pour out My indignation on you; I shall blow on you with the fire of My wrath, and I shall give you into the hand of brutal men, skilled in destruction. You will be fuel for the fire; your blood will be in the midst of the land.”

A remnant are hearing the voice of Yahweh. They are receiving directions on preparing for the coming days. Yahweh has warned His people before to seek a place of safety when His judgments were about to fall upon a land. We see examples of this in both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible.

Genesis 6:13-14

Then God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth. Make for yourself an ark..."

I Kings 17:2-5

And the word of Yahweh came to [Elijah], saying, "Go away from here and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. And it shall be that you shall drink of the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to provide for you there." So he went and did according to the word of Yahweh.

Isaiah 26:20-21

Come, my people, enter into your rooms, and close your doors behind you; hide for a little while, until indignation runs its course. For behold, Yahweh is about to come out from His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; and the earth will reveal her bloodshed, and will no longer cover her slain.

Luke 21:20-22

"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is at hand. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are in the midst of the city depart, and let not those who are in the country enter the city; because these are days of vengeance, in order that all things which are written may be fulfilled."

Revelation 12:14

And the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, in order that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

Even in recent history there are amazing accounts of the Spirit of God speaking to His people to warn them to ready themselves to escape the hands of evil men. I have posted the testimony of Boris Sorokovsky on the Heart4God website. Mr. Sorokovsky relates an account of how the Spirit of Christ directed many Ukrainian believers to escape from the hands of the Communists who would come in and kill millions of their people. Following is an excerpt from that writing:

The revolution took place in Russia in 1917 and Russia was in for 70 years of great darkness, of atheism and the authorities fighting against God. So the Lord, in His mercy and His providence, decided to send help to Russia and put up a standard there and bring the Light of the Gospel into Russia.

The Lord sent one man from the U.S.A., filled with the Holy Ghost. He sent him to Russia. He was a Russian man, and he came into Russia and started to preach the apostolic message; the message of salvation; the message of sanctification; the message of holiness; the message of dying unto sin; the message of repentance; and the message of also entering into the blessing of the Lord - into the outpouring of the Holy Ghost and the miracles of God's power which are able to be performed when God's people seek His Face.

Russian people were very simple people at that time. The majority of them were farmers. There was hardly any education. The message preached was believed and so a revival broke out in Russia. It spread like a wildfire through many villages, many towns.

Within the first seven or eight years from 1923, when God sent that man into Russia, revival took over the whole of the Ukraine and all of Russia; as far as the Ural mountains which are the mountains running north and south, dividing the Russian mainland from Siberia.

So the Lord was doing mighty things and He was establishing a church there; a living church which was going away from the orthodox church. The orthodox church, as you may be aware, worships idols and icons, crosses and all those types of things.

There were many people, thousands and thousands of people, coming to the Lord through the simple message and the power of the Holy Ghost like in the days of the apostles...

My mother was a living witness of the revival that took place. She was in it herself and she's still alive and she's still in Canada with us. She related many mighty things that the Lord did for His glory in Russia. Saving hundreds and hundreds of thousands of people in Russia.

The Lord would pick out men by the Holy Ghost. He would tell them to fast and pray. The Lord would tell them the name of a village, the name of a street, and the name of a person where they should go. The Lord knew who

was prepared in that village. The brethren would go there and find the man in the house. He was ready and prepared by the Lord to receive the message. They would start singing. They would start preaching the message and before you knew it, the whole village gathered by the prompting of the Holy Ghost.

They were not eloquent people. They were not people with mighty speech. They were just simple farmers carrying the message and the power of the Holy Ghost, like the simple fishermen in the days of Christ. They were preaching the Gospel, not in their own might, but in the might of the Holy Ghost.

The whole village would gather and before you knew it, most of the village had come to the Lord. They'd be drinking vodka. They'd be worshiping idols and then they'd become repentant. Then they become empowered of the Holy Ghost and miracles would begin to take place all over.

My mother was relating to me that all the miracles that happened in the days of the apostles and throughout the Old Testament, were repeated in Russia. People saw mighty wonders of God including the resurrection of the dead. The Lord was proving Himself a Mighty God, a Living God, even today in this last generation, a generation of unbelievers, a generation of darkness. So this was a direct working of the Lord in Russia...

The Lord taught them by the Holy Ghost, by direct revelation, by visions, by angels, and by the word of prophecy. The Lord taught them without Bibles the principles of holy living, and separation from the world. The Lord taught them the commandment of washing the saints feet so that the Russian revival church practiced the washing of feet. The ladies covered their heads. The Lord taught them that it is the sign, the visible sign of headship in the house, and for the angels that sign must be.

Many other things the Lord taught specifically by the Holy Ghost because people didn't have Bibles. Then, of course, when the brethren had the opportunity to check with a Bible, it was right in the Word...

That was the mighty revival in Russia which took place in our generation. It was a blessing of the Lord and God had prepared Russia for the great and dark hours of the godless atheism and persecution...

About 1928, the Lord had started to speak throughout all those home groups throughout Russia about the things to come in the future. The Lord said by the Holy Ghost, "My children there will be a great starvation coming to this land. And after that there will be a great bloodshed and much suffering in this country. My children, whosoever will believe my voice and obey Me, I'll lead you out into another country and I want to deliver you and save you from the great sufferings which are coming upon this land."

That was the voice of the Lord coming independently throughout the whole Russian area. Many, many people have heard the same message about the days to come. That message came through and of course at that time people were still living very freely, even though it was during communist regime.

It took communists about 16 years to get in power and in strength. From 1917 to about 1933, they left the people very untouched and there was freedom and relative freedom of movement and preaching of the Gospel. There was not much persecution at that time. They really clamped down from '33 and on. Then it was a ruthless time of persecution and trouble for Russia. Before that time there was relative freedom for the Gospel there. People lived very freely. They had their own houses. They had their own cattle. Mostly they were farmers so they had their own farms. They were quite well off. But there was a cost!

The Lord was speaking that He wanted to deliver them from future suffering. So the Lord saved, set a condition, "whosoever believeth My voice and obeys Me, I'll lead them out."

It's not enough to be saved. It's not enough to be, empowered by the Holy Ghost. It's not enough to have miracles. That's all nice and well and it's in the Scriptures and it must be part of the church's life. Yes! It's for the New Testament believers. There will come a time when people have to pay the cost of obedience. Forsaking all for the sake of fulfilling the Lord's will and leave whatever, and go wherever the Lord will lead.

Out of those thousands and thousands of Christians who were used by God in Russia to proclaim the Gospel and to spread the message of the Living God, just a few hundred believed.

The Lord said to them, "My children pray and seek my face and I'll direct you."

Eventually around 1930, probably by 1931, the Lord's message came, "My people, time to move out." First of all the Lord will always speak in advance. As you read the Word of God, just like in the Old Testament, you read it in New that the Lord will always warn His people in advance. He will tell them of the things to come, because Christ promised.

[End Excerpt]

For those who want to read the entire testimony, it can be found online at the provided link. I have been reminded of this testimony much of late. I believe we are seeing a similar thing occurring in America in this hour. A few are hearing the voice of the Spirit and obeying. A few are seeking His face and asking God to direct their paths. Most are not!

There are difficult days ahead. The Spirit recently commissioned me to go across the nation, 8,000 miles in seven weeks, and speak to His people about that which is coming. He had me testify to them "through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God."

Our Father would have us to understand the day we live in and the things that lie ahead. He will purge, purify and refine a people in the midst of troublous days.

The Quest - Part Two
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The Left Hand

Barack Obama is the 44th President of the United States and by some counts he is the 6th President who wrote with his left hand. This present generation has produced as many left handed Presidents than the previous 200 years of America's history. George H. W. Bush, Bill Clinton and Barack Obama were all lefties.

Yahweh speaks through many symbols, having precisely ordered the Universe with minute detail. All flesh is stamped with the number 666 at its lowest level, as all life forms on this terrestrial ball are carbon-based. Carbon has 6 electrons, 6 neutrons and 6 protons. So those of you who are reading this blog who are left handed, or who have loved ones who are left handed, please do not be offended by what I am sharing here. All flesh is corrupt, and I am not implying that left-handed people are more sinners than those who are not. Yet there is something being signified in Barack Obama being a left handed President.

The Scriptures have much to say about the symbolism of the left hand and the right hand. In many passages we see the *righteous* associated with the *right hand*. I have spoken recently of the 153 large fish pulled up in the nets that did not break. The disciples were instructed by Christ to cast the net on the right side of the boat, and none of these fish were lost.

John 21:6

And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you will find a catch."

The right hand is associated with the righteous, and the left hand is associated with the unrighteous.

Matthew 25:41, 46

"Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels...' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Such associations are not merely limited to the Scriptures. The website Wikipedia relates the following information on societal associations to left-handedness.

In more technical contexts, 'sinistral' may be used in place of 'left-handed' and 'sinistrality' in place of 'left-handedness'. Both of these technical terms derive from sinistra, a Latin word meaning 'left'. Left hand shakes are a sign of disrespect. In Hebrew, as well as in other ancient Semitic and Mesopotamian languages, the term "hand" was a symbol of power or custody. The left hand symbolized the power to shame society, and was used as a metaphor for misfortune, natural evil, or punishment from the gods...

Meanwhile, the English word sinister comes from the Latin word sinistra, which originally meant "left" but took on meanings of "evil" or "unlucky" by the Classical Latin era... The contemporary Italian word sinistra has both meanings of sinister and left. The Spanish siniestra has both, too, although the 'left' meaning is less common and is usually expressed by izquierda, a Basque word that made its way into Portuguese too. In Portuguese, the most common word for left-handed person, canhoto, was once used to identify the devil...

[Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Left-handed>]

Beyond any doubt in my mind, I am convinced that there is great significance in the current President being left-handed. You will not see a *righteous* act emanating from this man, yet he has been appointed by God to be ruler of America in an hour when great judgment has been determined for her. Indeed, Barack Obama is part of the judgment of God upon America. Yahweh

has given a sensual, idolatrous, selfish, depraved and wicked people into the hands of evil men who will perform many sinister actions that will result in the destruction of America as a nation and which will bring on calamity and severe suffering for her population.

Even now, the President is performing one left handed action after another that are sealing the judgment of God upon America. His recent speech in Cairo, Egypt was one of great blasphemy and a tremendous offense to a holy God. In the speech Barack Obama spoke the following:

Too many tears have flowed. Too much blood has been shed. All of us have a responsibility to work for the day when the mothers of Israelis and Palestinians can see their children grow up without fear; when the Holy Land of three great faiths is the place of peace that God intended it to be; when Jerusalem is a secure and lasting home for Jews and Christians and Muslims, and a place for all of the children of Abraham to mingle peacefully together as in the story of Isra, when Moses, Jesus, and Mohammed (peace be upon them) joined in prayer.

[S o u r c e :
<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/elections/2009/06/04/transcript-remarks-president-obama-cairo/>]

Barack Obama has continued the transgression of George W. Bush in placing Islam and its false god they call Allah on the same level as the one true God whose name is Yahweh. Obama cites the story of Isra, an Islamic fable. He alludes to Moses, Jesus and Mohammed being joined together in prayer. Such a thought is unconscionable. The same Islamic teachings declare that Jesus (Isa) was a prophet, but Mohammed is a greater prophet. They declare that Jesus was not God, that He was not killed or crucified, and that He is not the Savior of mankind.

It is a perversion to declare that the Son of God would join Mohammed in prayer.

II Corinthians 6:14-16

Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols?

At the same time that Barack Obama was leading the masses into this detestable heresy that seeks to produce a harmony between Christ and Belial, he was also speaking of further dividing up Israel, creating a Palestinian state out of lands that Israel has been induced to surrender, and further lands that she is now being pressured to give up. By placing this man upon the throne of America, Yahweh is sealing up the judgment upon the nation.

Joel 3:2

I will gather all the nations, and bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat. Then *I will enter into judgment with them there on behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; and they have divided up My land.*

On the first day of this month the President of the United States further sealed the fate of America by signing with his left hand the following proclamation.

http://www.whitehouse.gov/the_press_office/Presidential-Proclamation-LGBT-Pride-Month/

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary
June 1, 2009

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER PRIDE MONTH, 2009

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
A PROCLAMATION

Forty years ago, patrons and supporters of the Stonewall Inn in New York City resisted police harassment that had become all too common for members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community. Out of this resistance, the LGBT rights movement in America was born. During LGBT Pride Month, we commemorate the events of June 1969 and commit to achieving equal justice under law for LGBT Americans.

LGBT Americans have made, and continue to make, great and lasting contributions that continue to strengthen the fabric of American society. There are many well-respected LGBT leaders in all professional fields, including the arts and business communities. LGBT Americans also mobilized the Nation to respond to the domestic HIV/AIDS

epidemic and have played a vital role in broadening this country's response to the HIV pandemic.

Due in no small part to the determination and dedication of the LGBT rights movement, more LGBT Americans are living their lives openly today than ever before. *I am proud to be the first President to appoint openly LGBT candidates to Senate-confirmed positions in the first 100 days of an Administration. These individuals embody the best qualities we seek in public servants, and across my Administration -- in both the White House and the Federal agencies -- openly LGBT employees are doing their jobs with distinction and professionalism.*

The LGBT rights movement has achieved great progress, but there is more work to be done. LGBT youth should feel safe to learn without the fear of harassment, and LGBT families and seniors should be allowed to live their lives with dignity and respect.

My Administration has partnered with the LGBT community to advance a wide range of initiatives. At the international level, I have joined efforts at the United Nations to decriminalize homosexuality around the world. Here at home, I continue to support measures to bring the full spectrum of equal rights to LGBT Americans. *These measures include enhancing hate crimes laws, supporting civil unions and Federal rights for LGBT couples, outlawing discrimination in the workplace, ensuring adoption rights, and ending the existing "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy in a way that strengthens our Armed Forces and our national security.* We must also commit ourselves to fighting the HIV/AIDS epidemic by both reducing the number of HIV infections and providing care and support services to people living with HIV/AIDS across the United States.

These issues affect not only the LGBT community, but also our entire Nation. As long as the promise of equality for all remains unfulfilled, all Americans are affected. If we can work together to advance the principles upon which our Nation was founded, every American will benefit. During LGBT Pride Month, I call upon the LGBT community, the Congress, and the American people to work together to promote equal rights for all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of

America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim June 2009 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month. I call upon the people of the United States to turn back discrimination and prejudice everywhere it exists.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this first day of June, in the year of our Lord two thousand nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.

BARACK OBAMA
[End Transcript]

The highest government official in the nation of America has with *his left hand* further sealed the judgment of this nation. Lest some should be outraged, let them consider that this man was elected by a very fervent majority of voters in this nation. The people have spoken at the voting booth. They have chosen for themselves a leader who calls evil good, and good evil. In appointing this man as leader of America, they have become partakers of everything that he does.

I Timothy 5:22-23

Do not lay hands upon anyone too hastily and thus share responsibility for the sins of others; keep yourself free from sin.

Laying hands upon someone is a sign of endorsement, even as voting for someone is an endorsement. Millions of people thus share responsibility for every evil action of the man they have elected. They are not “free from sin,” but are regarded as partakers in his transgression.

America has a leader that declares virtuous what Yahweh declares to be an abomination.

Leviticus 18:22

You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an abomination.

Barack Obama has declared that America is a better place, and has profited greatly, by having practitioners of unnatural and perverse sexual practices in her midst. He has become their champion, and soon it will be declared a hate crime for anyone to even speak forth or post the words of Scripture that declare these behaviors to be sin and aberration.

Romans 1:26-32

For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error. And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; and, although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

Truly, the President of the United States is giving “hearty approval” to those who practice abominations. The people of America elected this man and they share responsibility for all that he does. Is not Yahweh therefore justified in bringing judgment upon the nation?

In these first two parts of this series titled *The Quest* I have set forth a few of the reasons that God will bring swift and calamitous judgment to America. Words cannot properly convey the enormity and destructiveness of those storms that are about to fall upon a people at ease. It will be with difficulty that the righteous are saved. What will become of the godless man and the sinner?

The Quest - Part Three
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Pure Religion

James 1:27

Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

In parts one and two of this series I spoke of some of the reasons for which judgment is coming upon the nations and the church. In part one I spoke of the great evil of abortion, and in part two I spoke of homosexuality. As we arrive at the end of the age we are seeing the world coming to a fulness of sin. There is to be at this time a greater manifestation of the beast nature than the world has previously observed.

From before the creation of the world Yahweh has determined to have sons in His own image, who display clearly His character. It has been according to His providence that Satan manifests something very much contrary to the divine nature. We learn through contrast. Satan stands as the great adversary, always pursuing a course that is in opposition to God the Father. His servants in this world are many, whereas the servants of God are few.

In truth, however, the nations and the people of God are not being judged because of specific acts of sin, but rather they are being judged because they have given themselves over to the principle of sin. To understand the judgment that is coming, and the reason that God will direct His people into a wilderness experience, we must understand the root of sin.

All sin, whether it be abortion, homosexuality, or any other thing, derives from the same root. The root is serving self. The root can be defined as self-seeking, or living to fulfill the desires of one's soul. In contrast, righteousness is seeking only the will of the Father. Righteousness does not seek its own, but is giving and selfless.

It is at times difficult to discern what root a person is operating from. The difference between the divine nature and the beast nature is more readily observed when the use of power is examined. What do men and women do when they have power over another being? Do they use that power selflessly, seeking only to glorify the Father who created them. Do they use their power

for the benefit of others, to protect the defenseless and to care for the widow and the orphan? Or do they use their power for selfish ends, caring not whether they kill, steal and destroy as long as the lusts and passions of their flesh are satisfied?

Money is one form of power. Much can be learned about the root from which the church operates by examining their use of money. Is this form of power utilized for selfish ends, or for selfless ends? The prevalence of a doctrine of prosperity and materialism reveals how selfish the church has become. The majority of the people of God are focused upon consumption, upon maintaining a life of ease and comfort. They are encouraged to pursue the things their own souls desire. Such an attitude is the antithesis of the life of Christ.

John 5:30

"I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me."

Consider how foreign such a confession is among Christians today. Who among the people of God can declare that they are doing nothing of their own initiative? Who can testify that they are not seeking their own will, but are living solely for the will of their Father in heaven? The church is operating out of the soul when they have been called to walk after the Spirit.

Romans 8:14

For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Those who are sons of God are being led by the Spirit of God. To what degree are they to be led by the Spirit of God? The answer should be obvious. Christ said that no man can be His disciple unless they hate their own *psuche* (soul). Christ never acted upon any desire within His soul. He was fully submitted, directed, and empowered by the Spirit of His Father in all things. Christ is the pattern man for all saints. It is to a fulness of the stature that belongs to Christ that Yahweh has determined to bring His people.

Ephesians 4:13

Until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ.

We will only arrive at the fulness of the stature of Christ when we can testify as He did, "I never do anything of my own initiative. I only do the will of the Father."

We must understand that the struggle of the ages is defined as the life of Christ versus the life of antichrist. The carnal mind of fallen man is contrary to the mind of Christ. The Adamic mind always seeks to satisfy self, and the end of this mind is observed in the life of Satan who comes only to kill, steal and destroy. There is a way that seems right unto a man, but it ends in death. The church has adopted the Adamic mind, the antichrist mind, seeking to satisfy their own soul. God must completely divide between Christ and antichrist in this hour. He must bring each of His sons and daughters to make a clear division in their own lives. It is not acceptable that they serve the spirit of Christ at times and the spirit of antichrist at other times. They must not halt between two opinions, and God will bring all double-mindedness to an end.

Let me state this plainly, if you are serving the desires of your own soul then you are walking after the pattern of antichrist. Christ never served His own soul. He lived only to do the will of His Father. Are not all those ANTI-Christ who walk contrary to His own life?

The prosperity doctrine of this hour is antichrist. Christ never sought His own will, or comfort. Had He done so, He would never have consented to the cross, or to the daily trials and sufferings that were His portion from the Father. Do not be deceived! If you are pursuing the desires of your own soul, then you are walking as antichrist!

It is easy for the church to point to Barack Obama and declare him to be a type of the antichrist, but few are discerning that they are operating by the very same principle. The church today is also largely antichrist. There are few overcomers in this hour.

It has been noted that the day the election results were announced declaring Barack Obama to be the next President of the United States that the pick 3 lottery in his home state of Illinois came up as 6-6-6. A few weeks later the news announced that a new heavily armored Cadillac had been created for the new President, and the Secret Service had nicknamed it "The Beast."

Men who are granted power while lacking the divine nature will perform acts of great atrocity. Yahweh has testified through His holy apostles that pure

religion will protect the weak and defenseless members of society. Yet the current President has repeatedly refused to defend the weakest members of society. He voted four times, while an Illinois congressman, against a law that would protect babies born alive during a failed abortion, a law that would have mandated that they receive medical care.

Yet it is not the President who is alone responsible for the cruel and diabolical treatment of the weakest members of society. Millions of women who also lack the character of God are freely walking into these abortion clinics and asking the staff there to rip the living being from their body and to discard it that they might continue on in an uninterrupted pursuit of selfishness.

Nor are the women alone responsible, for the women are not impregnating themselves. It is the lust of men that is responsible for the murder of over fifty million children in the past 36 years since abortion was legalized in this nation. All abortion is the product of lust. Serving the passions and desires of the soul is a manifestation of the beast nature, which is antichrist.

Undoubtably, there are multitudes of men and women who have objected to the wickedness of killing babies in the womb of their mothers who are themselves acting lustfully, and selfishly, in many areas of their lives. Such ones protest the symptoms of mankind's malady without addressing the root. If men and women were conformed to the divine nature, if they were to cease lusting and acting out of selfish desire, then abortion would instantly cease.

The same thing could be said of homosexuality. Homosexuality is a physical parable of a spiritual condition. Homosexuality is a parable of mankind in love with his own image. It is the sin nature at the fulness of maturity.

We have a President who has done what no other President has done. Before he has been in office six months he has declared homosexuality, this vile manifestation of the mature beast nature, to be a virtue. He has said it is to be praised, honored and protected. What he has done is to proclaim that selfishness is an human virtue, while daring anyone to say it isn't so. Yet the church has been proclaiming the same thing for many years. The church has been proclaiming selfishness, a pursuit of the desires of one's own soul to be a virtue as long as there has been a prosperity gospel. This gospel was manifested in the first century of the church and is epitomized by the church of Laodicea. It has found its fullest expression in this hour.

Homosexuality (love of self) doesn't profit society in any way. Those who practice it receive in their bodies the due penalty of their actions. They also call down upon themselves and those around them the judgment of a holy God. Is not the body of Christ suffering the effects of its self-love in this hour? Is it not the body unable to defend itself against sickness even as those who are affected by the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)?

People of God, do not be deceived! That which the church reviles and condemns, they also practice. The body of Christ has lost its ability to defend itself against the ravages of sin because it has given itself over to a love of self. The church has fulfilled the words of Paul:

II Timothy 3:1-4

But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. For men will be lovers of self... lovers of pleasure, rather than lovers of God...

The church has incurred the same consequences in its body as have those who practice homosexuality. Why? Because the church is spiritually practicing homosexuality. They are lovers of self, lovers of pleasure, rather than lovers of God.

The church at this present hour is marked greatly by the beast nature. There is little evidence of the divine nature to be found among them. The same sins that are in the world are manifested among those proclaiming to be Christians, at times even exceeding that which is observed in the world. Yet, it is not the outwardly egregious transgressions that are such a snare to the body of Christ. It is the inward attitude of the heart, and an innate selfishness that is the greater danger.

I recently had a discussion with my daughter Kristin about this topic. I love my daughter very much. Kristin is 21 years old and has a very sincere love of the Lord. She is growing in conformity to the image of Christ, and I am well pleased with her.

Our Father in heaven continues to labor to bring all of His sons and daughters to maturity. I observe patterns in people's lives, and they often reveal the particular area that the Father is working upon. In the past few months my daughter has spoken to me about wanting to get a dog. She adored the Cairn Terrier (think of Toto in *The Wizard of Oz*). She began looking at them online, and was considering getting one. They are quite expensive, and none could be

found locally, which gave her reason to pause and consider whether the Lord would have her to get one.

Not long afterwards there were several young men who expressed interest in Kristin. Many young women would be swept away with the desire of their soul in this area, and Kristin was led to consider the attractiveness of being married and having companionship. She has a strong commitment to knowing the will of the Father in the great decisions of her life, and God is leading her to have the same commitment in the small decisions of life. Her foremost desire when approached by these young men was to know the mind of God and His desire for her.

Last week Kristin went horseback riding, which she occasionally does. She was told by a friend that she could buy a horse from her for only \$50. The horses were beautiful, and once more Kristin's soul was stirred to consider a desire that was resident within her. I am blessed to say that Kristin is much more patient in considering whether acquiring something her soul desires is the will of God than I was at her age. She has waited in each of these situations to know the Father's will.

Few are the people of God who have been willing to subject the desires of their soul to the will of the Father. Self-love has trumped the love of God in most Christians' lives. Kristin is learning that when a desire of the soul begins to get stirred up, if one fixes their attention upon it, the desire grows stronger. When Kristin began considering getting a puppy she began looking at pictures of them online, and the desire to have one increased. The Adamic nature is contrary to the nature of Christ. The Adamic nature sees something and desires it, and will ultimately pursue that which it desires.

Genesis 3:6

When the woman *saw* that the tree was good for food, and that *it was a delight to the eyes*, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

Our soul is greatly stirred up by the things that it focuses upon. How difficult it is to turn away from the world that is all around us. The world around us provokes the soul to lust, and the works of fallen man serve only to increase this desire. Advertising is all about grabbing a person's attention and increasing desire. Images are prominently displayed on every hand. Men and

women practice this advertising individually as well. They dress and behave in ways that will provoke desire in others. Daily the people of God walk through a world that cries out to their soul with ceaseless enticements. A great many have not understood that it is NOT the will of God that they give themselves over to the pursuit of the world and all it offers. Pursuing the world and the things in it is the spirit of antichrist.

I John 2:15-17

Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. And the world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever.

In my younger days I allowed myself to be convinced that the requirements of Christian discipleship were not the same as they were 2,000 years ago. I knew that Christ did not own a house, or have possessions in this world. I knew His apostles lived the same way. I read about the early church in Acts selling their possessions and laying the proceeds at the apostles' feet to be shared with the widows and the orphans and the stranger in need. I knew of Paul's words to Timothy:

I Timothy 6:7-8

For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. And if we have food and covering, with these we shall be content.

Yet, I knew no one in my sphere of existence who lived with such contentment. I was raised among people of God who sought after many things of this world, who accumulated possessions as fervently as the unregenerate citizens of the nation we lived in. Material acquisition was lauded in the church in which I was raised, and my soul fully agreed with this pursuit. If it were not for the patience and perseverance of God on my behalf, I would still be walking in a manner wholly displeasing to Him, seeking many things of my own initiative, living to do MY will, while paying lip-service to God.

As we approach the end of this age, our Father is allowing mankind to see the full and mature fruit of the beast nature that seeks its own will and is never satisfied. An entire nation that calls itself Christian has murdered over fifty million babies in a single generation in order that their pursuit of selfish pleasure may not be interrupted. Those who console themselves with the

thought that they have not been a party to an abortion should realize that all abortion is the fruit of the spirit of antichrist. At its most basic level the spirit of antichrist is self-love, and a majority of Christians are ruled by this spirit. When one gives themselves to a pursuit of the things their soul desires they are practicing the same root principle that leads to abortion and homosexual relationships.

Do not judge by appearances. God sees the heart. Seeking anything apart from the will of the Father is a manifestation of the spirit of antichrist. Whether that which one seeks is a heterosexual relationship or a homosexual relationship, whether one seeks sex outside of marriage or a relationship inside of marriage that is not the will of the Father, if a person is living for self and for pleasure rather than for the love of God, then they are manifesting the spirit of antichrist. The Spirit of Christ is succinctly stated as, "I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me."

God will force His people to make a choice in this hour. They will be brought to choose between Christ and antichrist. Ten years ago when the Lord directed me to begin following Him wherever He would lead me, He began by stripping me of the accumulated possessions of 38 years of living. I was directed to leave my home, furnishings, entertainments, and a mass of possessions behind me. The Lord then directed my family and I to a much simpler walk in this world. We were directed to be content with having food and covering. God was faithful to provide these things, but He did not provide every desire of our souls as we had formerly been accustomed to seeking after.

I have often encountered the argument from people that God has not called them to live as I do. Some have argued that such a lifestyle is totally impractical. I can agree that people are not to model their lives after the *specific circumstances* of my own, but they are to live by the same principle, for the principle is that of Christ. It can be summed up in the following words, "I can do nothing on My own initiative. I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me."

This is the same Christ who spoke to a Scribe who desired to follow Him by declaring, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head." In essence, Christ was telling this man, and all who would hear His words, that He required nothing from His Father. Beasts demand a home, some dwelling place and possession in this earth, but Christ lived only to do His Father's will. Christ was content with

whatever provision His Father chose for Him. So too must ALL take as their own the same attitude toward this world if they would be Christ's disciple.

Some might argue that God has not chosen for them to live a life that is markedly different from their neighbors. I too might have once argued the same. It is difficult to divide between soul and spirit. Quite often, those things we attribute to the leading of the Spirit of Christ were actually done at the leading of our own soul. Do you desire anything other than to know the Father's will and to do it? What then is the source of these other desires? Occasionally the Spirit will place in our hearts a desire for something that He desires to give to us, but in the vast majority of instances our desires arise from our own soul. We must differentiate between soul and spirit.

In the past ten years I have learned to be content with whatever provision the Father has chosen for me and my family. At times we had no home of our own and lived with friends. At times we lived in rented quarters. At times we lived in a motorhome. We moved about frequently, and had no permanent dwelling we could call our own. This experience is soon to become that of a great many Americans, and especially those among a remnant of God's people who are called to walk as overcomers in this world.

The Bible declares plainly, if you do not hate your own soul then you CANNOT be a disciple of Christ. There is a cost, a very high cost, to being a disciple of Christ, but none who choose to forego the temporal pleasures and comforts of this life to follow in the footsteps of Christ will ever come out the loser.

II Corinthians 4:17-18

For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; *for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.*

The people of God are being asked to forego the things which are temporal in order to gain things which are eternal. The things which are temporal are the only things the eyes can at present see. This is why we must overcome the lust of the eyes. We must not give ourselves to pursue those things that our eyes gaze upon. We must pursue that which is unseen.

We will only walk away from this present world system if we set our focus upon that which is unseen. My daughter has blessed my heart as I have

witnessed her turning away from the things her soul desires in order to not fall short of the will of her heavenly Father. She is willing to delay, and even forego, sating her soul in order to attain to a far higher goal and possession.

I Peter 1:3-4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Yahshua Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Yahshua Christ from the dead, *to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you...*

God is determined to have sons who share His character. What then must He do to accomplish this end? He will have to separate His people from the world, by violent means if necessary. He must then lead them to take up the cross that alone can bring an end to the beast nature and cause a spiritual creation to arise within them. He must take them down a path of suffering where the flesh with all of its passions and desires is put to death.

The Spirit is testifying that there is an arduous path to be trod by the people of God. It will require tremendous endurance to see the journey through to its end. A difficult trek lies ahead of the people of God. It will be a marathon, not a sprint. It will require perseverance and endurance to see it through to the end, but the grace of God will be abundantly supplied to all who are willing. Our Father is committed to losing none of those who have been appointed to salvation.

The Quest - Part Four Joseph Herrin (06-14-09)



As I write this the 39th General Assembly of the Organization of American States has recently concluded their meetings in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. I am grateful for Randy and Kathy Furman having directed my attention to this event, and circumstances surrounding it. Much of the information shared here is the result of their own research and consideration of this matter.

The Organization of American States... is an international organization, headquartered in Washington, D.C., United States. Its members are the thirty-five independent states of the Americas...

[Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Organization_of_American_States]

A document describing the aims of the OAS includes the following information:

Democracy is the cornerstone of the OAS — a necessary condition for countries' participation and a foundation for all of its activities. The Inter-American Democratic Charter sets out a simple, clear declaration: "The peoples of the Americas have a right to democracy and

their governments have an obligation to promote and defend it.”

This landmark document—adopted on September 11, 2001—defines the essential elements of democracy, indicates ways in which it can and should be promoted, and specifies how it should be defended when it is under threat. It gives the governments of the Western Hemisphere a framework to guide their collective action when democracy faces challenges.

[S o u r c e :
http://www.oas.org/key_issues/eng/KeyIssue_Detail.asp?kis_sec=1]

It is quite interesting to note that the Inter-American Democratic Charter was adopted on the very day that the United States was experiencing terrorist attacks on her soil. It was the same day that the World Trade Centers were struck and collapsed, and the Pentagon was also struck and damaged. This document contains the following statement:

Any unconstitutional alteration or interruption of the democratic order in a state of the Hemisphere constitutes an insurmountable obstacle to the participation of that state's government in the Summits of the Americas process...

The Spirit is testifying that there is coming severe alterations and interruptions of the democratic order that has been observed in the United States for generations. The Constitution of the United States will be suspended in coming days. Martial law will replace the Constitutional freedoms Americans have known, and freedom and liberty will be unknown in the land.

A remarkable event occurred just prior to the convening of the 39th General Assembly of the OAS. The member states had scheduled their meeting in San Pedro Sula, Honduras for June 2-3, 2009. On Thursday, May 28th, 2009, less than a week before the meeting was to be held, an earthquake struck in the Caribbean 80 miles offshore from Honduras. The earthquake was a major one, registering 7.1 on the Richter scale. It collapsed one of the major bridges leading across the Ulua River, the largest river in Honduras. The name of the bridge that collapsed is *Democracy Bridge*. Democracy Bridge is located in the city of El Progreso and connects San Pedro Sula, Honduras' second largest city, to the rest of the country. The earthquake also caused the collapse of a water tower in the town of *Independence*.

<http://dailymail.com/News/NationandWorld/200905280808>



Democracy Bridge - Center Section Fell Into the River

One of the key aims of the OAS is to promote democracy in the Americas. In their own words they have stated, “*Any unconstitutional alteration or interruption of the democratic order in a state of the Hemisphere constitutes an insurmountable obstacle...*” What is pictured in the collapse of the Democracy Bridge is an alteration, and interruption which *constitutes* an insurmountable obstacle. *The Progress* (El Progreso) of Democracy in the Americas will be interrupted as the central force in the spread of this democracy, the United States, falls into the chaotic state that has been prophesied through many signs, visions, and dreams.

One of the things that will certainly be curtailed, is freedom of movement. The Democracy Bridge was designed to facilitate free movement of the people, but when a bridge is out there can be no movement across it. The OAS also has linked the promotion of basic human rights to the promotion of democracy. One document that has come forth from the OAS is the *American Convention on Human Rights*.

Chapter I establishes the general obligation of the states parties to uphold the rights set forth in the Convention to all persons under their jurisdiction, and to adapt their domestic laws to bring them into line with the Convention. The 23 articles of Chapter II give a list of individual civil and political rights due to all persons, including the right to life "in general, from the moment of conception," to humane treatment, to a fair trial, to privacy, to freedom of conscience, freedom of assembly, freedom of movement, etc.

[S o u r c e :
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Convention_on_Human_Rights]

One reason the United States and Canada have not adopted this convention is due to its declaration that life should be protected “from the moment of conception.” Many of the OAS member states are Catholic, and therefore they included this statement recognizing the life of the unborn as part of the Convention.

It seems incredible to many that the United States, which has long been considered the central promoter of democracy, has now become the scourge of basic human rights. The United States has led the world in the promotion of abortion, failing to protect the rights of the weakest members of society. More recently we have seen the United States act in an egregious fashion by imprisoning men without giving them any legal recourse. They have been denied trial and defense, and are being held indefinitely. This action has been tolerated by many Americans for they were told that it was being done on their behalf, to safeguard their own lives. Yet the same action is now being contemplated and voiced by the President as a necessary action to be taken against the citizens of this nation.

Following is an excerpt from New York Times Article Dated May 21, 2009

Obama Is Said to Consider Preventive Detention Plan By SHERYL GAY STOLBERG

WASHINGTON — *President Obama told human rights advocates at the White House on Wednesday that he was mulling the need for a “preventive detention” system that would establish a legal basis for the United States to incarcerate terrorism suspects who are deemed a threat to national security but cannot be tried, two participants in the private session said...*

They said Mr. Obama told them he was thinking about “the long game” — how to establish a legal system that would endure for future presidents. He raised the issue of preventive detention himself, but made clear that he had not made a decision on it. Several senior White House officials did not respond to requests for comment on the outsiders’ accounts.

“He was almost ruminating over the need for statutory change to the laws so that we can deal with individuals who we can’t charge and detain,” one participant said.

[End Excerpt]

Many people fail to be alarmed by such ponderings, for they think that such a curtailing of basic rights would never be used against them. We are constantly told by the media that such actions are only necessary for terrorists and those who are threats to the security of the nation. Yet, the definition of who is a threat to the nation has been re-written to include a great many who are citizens of the United States. Included in this number are now those who are deemed as hate-based because they object to homosexuality and abortion, and those who declare that there is salvation in no other than the God of the Scriptures. Following is an excerpt from a recent (April 7, 2009) publication put out by the government of the United States' Department of Homeland Security.

Rightwing Extremism: Current Economic and Political Climate Fueling Resurgence in Radicalization and Recruitment

7 April 2009

(U) Prepared by the Extremism and Radicalization Branch, Homeland Environment Threat Analysis Division. Coordinated with the FBI.

** (U) Rightwing extremism in the United States can be broadly divided into those groups, movements, and adherents that are primarily hate-oriented (based on hatred of particular religious, racial or ethnic groups), and those that are mainly antigovernment, rejecting federal authority in favor of state or local authority, or rejecting government authority entirely. It may include groups and individuals that are dedicated to a single issue, such as opposition to abortion or immigration...*

[End Excerpt]

It is not hard to discern the trends that are occurring at an ever accelerating pace. There is an erosion of Constitutionally protected freedoms in America, and many of the people of this nation will soon be classified as "rightwing extremists" and threats to the government for nothing more than seeking to defend the unborn or to proclaim what the Scriptures say about behaviors such as homosexuality.

There are at present 35 states that have passed "Tenth Amendment" laws, and those who support such laws are also being classified as "rightwing extremists" for the document above declares, "*those that are mainly antigovernment, rejecting federal authority in favor of state or local authority...*"

The Tenth Amendment movement is described in the following Fox News article.

By James Osborne
FOXNews.com
Tuesday, May 26, 2009

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

-- U.S. Constitution, Tenth Amendment

Fed up with Washington's involvement in everything from land use to gun control to education spending, states across the country are fighting back against what they say is the federal government's growing intrusion on their rights.

At least 35 states have introduced legislation this year asserting their power under the Tenth Amendment to regulate all matters not specifically delegated to the federal government by the Constitution.

"This has been boiling for years, and it's finally come to a head," said Utah State Rep. Carl Wimmer. "With TARP and No Child Left Behind, these things that continue to give the federal government more authority, our rights as states and individuals are being turned on their head."

The power struggle between the states and Washington has cropped up periodically ever since the country was founded. But now some states are sending a simple, forceful message:

The government has gone too far. Enough is enough...

For many state leaders, the degree to which Congress regulates issues within their boundaries, using the interstate commerce clause to regulate just about everything and anything, has become untenable.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry made headlines recently when he made a passing reference to the possibility of the Lone Star State seceding from the U.S., saying, "if Washington continues to thumb their nose at the American people, you know, who knows what might come out of that?"

States rights advocates offer countless examples of what they believe is Washington's overreach.

In Utah, 67 percent of the state's land is controlled by the federal government through wilderness preserves, limiting state leaders in their bid to fill government coffers through oil and natural gas drilling after Interior Secretary Ken Salazar cancelled 103,000 acres of leases this year.

In Idaho, ranchers are furious that federal endangered species law prevents them from shooting the wolves that prey on their cattle.

"The balance of power between the states and the federal government is way out of whack," said Georgia state Senator Chip Pearson. "The effect here is incalculable. Everything you do from the moment you wake up until you get to bed, there is some federal law or restriction."

[S o u r c e : <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2009/05/26/tenth-amendment-movement-aims-power-states/>]

Those familiar with the writings I post will know that I am not suggesting that any Christian make the reformation of the governments of this world their mission. I am not sharing these things to incite Christians to protest, or to become political activists. Disciples of Christ are citizens of a heavenly kingdom.

John 18:36

Yahshua answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting, that I might not be delivered up to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm."

There were great and grievous injustices and sins among the governments of Christ's day, yet He was not sent to reform government. Yahshua came to do the will of His Father, and He was directed by the Spirit of His Father in all things. He did not choose for Himself what issues to involve Himself in, and neither should the disciples of Christ.

Christ did warn His disciples of the things they would face at the hands of the government leaders of this fallen world, and this is also my purpose in sharing those things here.

Matthew 10:17-23

"But beware of men; for they will deliver you up to the courts, and scourge you in their synagogues; and you shall even be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles... And brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents, and cause them to be put to death. And you will be hated by all on account of My name, but it is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved. But whenever they persecute you in this city, flee to the next..."

At this time we are seeing great changes coming upon the nation. Those who stand in righteousness, speak forth the truth in love, and follow Christ wherever He would lead them, will be hated for His name. They will be characterized as religious extremists, as intolerant and haters. The Spirit is testifying that difficult days lie ahead for the people of God. These difficult days are necessary in order to purge, purify and refine God's people who have remained fleshly in their ease and comforts.

Look back at the image at the top of this post. The OAS has chosen a dove with an olive branch in its mouth as the symbol of this assembly and the word "Non-violence" is displayed. The passage just quoted from Matthew begins with the words:

Matthew 10:16

"Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; therefore be shrewd as serpents, and innocent as doves."

This series of writings has been titled *The Quest*, for there is a long and arduous journey that they must make. Those who trust in and obey their God will not walk alone. He will be with them in all things. It is a time to be sober and vigilant. It is a time to be hearing and heeding the voice of the Spirit. If you are still pursuing the things of this world that are passing away, you should immediately end such pursuits and follow after Christ with a whole heart. It is time for His sons and daughters to enter into Sabbath rest.

May you be blessed with peace and understanding in these days.