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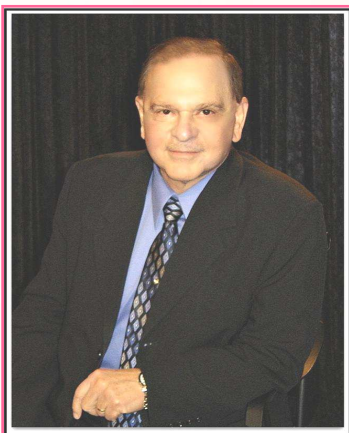


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NO MATTER WHAT BE ENCOURAGED

While many claim the United States is not the world power it once was and there is little in our nation to celebrate or be hopeful of; I want to encourage you. My responsibility is not to encourage the people of the United States but to encourage you—a PCAI member, a partner in this wonderful fellowship.

Like many of you lately, I have been



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exhausted and overwhelmed by the continuing barrage of negative news constantly broadcast by both secular and Christian television stations. According to them there is nothing good. Never have I seen Americans so critical, depressed and hopeless.

Now is the time to remember what Jesus said as He neared the end of His Sermon on the Mount. Like all good preachers, He used a comparative illustration (parable) of two ways to build a house. Matthew 7:24-26 (*New Millennia In-Depth Bible*) reads, “Therefore, everyone who hears these words (teachings) of mine and [habitually] practices them will be compared to a prudent (smart) person who built a house upon the rock—[that is, a solid rock or rocky cliff]. And the rain fell, and the floods came—[that is, the rivers and swollen streams overflowed], and the winds *battered and howled and hammered against* that house; yet it did not collapse, because it was built—*founded and established* on the rock.” In this

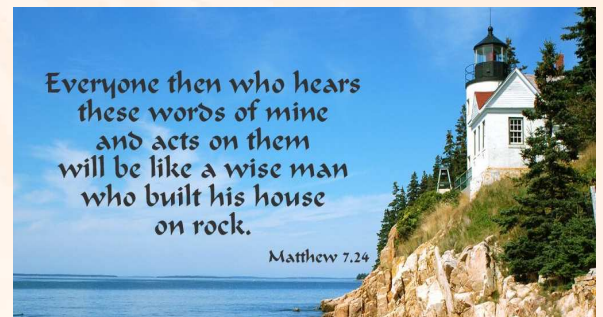


illustration Jesus is introducing Himself to the Jewish community. Through this, His first recorded sermon, He declares His authority—witnessed by the people to be greater than that of the religious teachers (Matthew 7:29).

Some people say this is “the end.” But even if *the United States bites the dust in defeat and destruction, shouldn't we hold fast to the trustworthy teachings we know are true, and continue to trust the One in Whom we have believed?* And if we experience uncontrollable fear or timidity during these perilous times, we must cast it aside, because fear does not come from above (God), but from below (man).

God gives us power to overcome fear (2 Tim.1:7). He gives us love, which is greater than any command or law, and

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Probing Into Devotional Life

Excerpt from Bishop Daniel O.C.'s article on Holiness



Psalm 5:3

"My voice you shall hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning I will direct it to You and I will look up."

Do you have a devotional life? Many do not have their personal devotional life. "Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed" (Mark 1:35). This verse talks about Jesus' devotional time. Do you have your devotion before you start your activities and errands? What kind of morning devotion do you have in your life? Having morning devotion, a time with the Lord is important because it helps to surrender the day to the Lord and submit to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Many people do not plan to be holy. They think holiness just imposes itself on people. You cannot know the word of God if you do not read it. We must seek, thirst, and hunger for holiness. We must also delight in it because it is one of the attributes of God (Matthew 5:5). There must be a well-organized strategy to live a holy life on a daily basis. It starts with an early morning personal devotion every day. With our own strength, we cannot cope (John 15:5). Therefore, we need to draw sufficient strength from the Lord (Mark 1:35/Psalm 5:3).

What the devil wants is to put a spot or wrinkle in the life of their preacher in order to silence him forever, but by the grace of God we shall overcome. Be on your guard,

be sober and vigilant (I Peter 5:8).

We, the servants of God must deliberately plan to live above reproach:

1. In relationship with the opposite gender, we must be wise, harmless, maintaining godliness and purity.
2. In finance and monetary matters, we must be honest, transparent, and with integrity.
3. In marriage and family relationship. We must be scriptural and lead a spirit-controlled life.

Every believer must adopt a consistent life of devotion if he or she wants to be strong in the Lord.

1. There must be a good study Bible not for preaching but for devotion (Psalm 1:1-3).
2. Get a notebook to write down inspired thoughts
3. There should be good devotional study helps and books and other Christian materials that act like an appetizer to digest the main food. (Bible).
4. Have quality time for meditation on what the Lord has spoken.
5. Make tangible, quality decisions before the Lord.
6. Pray fervently (Luke 18:1).
7. Have some fixed time in a day to meet with the Lord. ♥♥♥

On Jesus Christ the Rock I stand, everything is sinking sand

By Rev. Michael Taylor, Raphah Ministries Int'l President



Luke 12:2-3 TPT

"Everything hidden and covered up will soon be exposed. For the facade is falling down, and nothing will be kept secret for long. Whatever you have spoken in private will be public knowledge, and what you have whispered secretly behind closed doors will be broadcast far and wide for all to hear."

God continues to expose things that are not right. He is bringing things down that are not built on Him and His Word. It's like the Wizard of Oz when the curtain is pulled back. It's all being said and done with smoke and mirrors. Satan is a liar and God is exposing his lies. Unfortunately, many believe the lie. Many today have been trapped by the devil, caught up in the web of his deceit.

During a time of prayer, I felt the Lord said it's a facade and illusion and it is coming down. God is in the process of dismantling decades of lies and the unrighteous acts of sinful man. This is taking place all over the world not just in the United States.

The church, the body of Christ will not escape this exposure. The bible says judgement begins in the house of God. Several high-profile religious leaders have fallen from grace recently. God must deal with His people first before He can deal with the world. Do not be shocked by what is yet to come. Also

know this that it will be a sign to the sinner that they are next.

God does not enjoy exposing people. He wants to be our covering. Over time I have learned that He goes after leaders in particular usually after a long time of giving them a chance to repent and turn away from their sins. At some point God will and must deal with us. Especially if we have hardened our hearts. God hates it when leaders lead the people astray.

We are in the midst of a great spiritual awakening, we are seeing grass roots movements all over the world. Unfortunately we are also seeing evil on the rise. God wants His people to be Christ like. The bible says He is coming back for a bride without spot or wrinkle. If we are honest, we still have many spots and wrinkles.

The good news is that He loves us and He will continue to give us the grace and mercy we need to fully come into His kingdom. Human looks

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History of the US Supreme Court



Excerpt from Christian Law Association

The importance and the need for an impartial judicial branch was understood all the way back to our Founding Fathers.

Every American understands the gravity and importance that a decision from the Supreme Court can bring, but how much do you know about this vital branch of the government's history? The importance and the need for an impartial judicial branch was understood all the way back to our Founding Fathers.

Article III of the Constitution sets forth the Supreme Court and the entire Judicial Branch, stating that:

The judicial Power of the United States, shall be vested in one Supreme Court, and in such inferior Courts as the Congress may from time to time ordain and establish. The Judges, both of the supreme and inferior Courts, shall hold their Offices during good Behavior and shall at stated Times, receive for their Services a compensation, which shall not be diminished during their Continuance in Office.

There are several very important things to note in this language. While the precise number of justices on the Supreme Court isn't listed (a power therefore implicitly given to Congress to decide per the first sentence), the importance of the Judicial Branch to be able to rise above partisan politics and bickering is absolutely addressed. The paragraph notes that the tenure of a judge shall be "during good Behavior" which has essentially meant life terms. This was a very deliberate

choice to ensure that the law of the land would be long lasting and not dramatically change direction like a flag in the wind every time a different political party gained power.

Secondly, the Constitution specifically notes the salary of the Justices cannot be lessened during their terms in Office. This language was explicitly added to limit the power of the other two branches to exert undue influence over the Supreme Court Justices.

Congress initially decided the number of justices based on the number of federal circuit courts that the justices would oversee. The initial number of justices set by Congress was six. Interestingly, the court was so uniformed at that point the fact that six justices could create a stalemate was barely noticed. The total number of justices changed six times before settling on the current total of nine all the way back to 1869. The number of Supreme Court justices hasn't changed in over 150 years. The only attempt since 1869 was a partisan and ill-fated attempt by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1937.

President Roosevelt had just introduced the controversial and immense "New Deal" program, where he pushed through numerous pieces of legislation. The resulting

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Conscience Protection Act

Excerpt from Christian Law Association

The Conscience Protection Act is a federal bill intended to protect the conscience of healthcare workers, including health insurance plans, from government discrimination if they decline to participate in abortions. It was originally introduced in 2019 and was recently reintroduced in 2021 by Senator Lankford and joined by many other Senators.

The Church Amendment of 1973 prohibits the coercion of those with religious and moral objections from being forced to participate in abortions by providing that hospitals and individuals who receive federal funding will not be required to participate in abortion. Even though federal law provides these protections, some states receiving federal

funding are violating the law and healthcare workers who do not want to participate in the abortion need help.

Because these workers are left without a remedy or a way to get relief from being forced to participate in abortions when it is against their sincerely held religious beliefs, the Conscience Protection Act was introduced to provide healthcare professionals a stated and reasonable legal remedy to defend their freedom of conscience when infringed upon. This bill would allow healthcare workers not to have to choose between their jobs and participating in an act that goes against their religious beliefs. □

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legal challenges to these proposed laws were substantial, and over the next year or so the Supreme Court struck down more pieces of legislation than at just about any other point in their history. This angered President Roosevelt, who felt that the Supreme Court was stopping him from enacting his “agenda”. Sound familiar??

In response to his laws being stuck down, President Roosevelt floated a “Judicial Procedures Reform Bill” that would require justices to retire by age 70, and if they refused, allow the sitting President to immediately add a justice. Based on the makeup of the court at that time, it would have effectively allowed President Roosevelt to immediately add six new judges to the court.

The opposition to President Roosevelt’s plan was immediate and intense from both sides of the political aisle.

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court at the time, Charles Evan Hughes, came out against the plan, as well as a more liberal justice Louis Brandeis. The plan was lambasted by the public as well, with multiple political cartoonists at the time making comics about Roosevelt “packing the Court”. The Senate rejected Roosevelt’s efforts.

Now, more than seventy years later, the idea of “packing the Court” has returned to the public eye. Our very Constitution designed the Judicial Branch to not be a partisan mouthpiece, but an independent judiciary capable of upholding Constitutional values regardless of what the other two branches wanted to accomplish. Let’s pray that the Supreme Court can survive these new attacks on its independence. □

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He gives us a sound mind (2 Tim.1:7). We shall be calm, not fearful! And we shall remain full of power so long as we hold fast to the sound words of the Lord. Our Savior is not an ordinary Person, but extraordinary. He can defeat any foe and deflect every adversity—even if it’s a stock-market crash! As for me, **I’m better, stronger, more trusting, more serving, more committed, more merciful, more faithful, and more patient than I was yesterday.** Adversity destroys the faint-hearted, but it tests and strengthens the soldier of the

cross. So, let us be fruitful and steadfast in the faith.

Scripture tells me (paraphrased for effect) that “whatever test or trial attempts to overcome me is common to everyone. But my God is faithful. He will not let me be tested beyond what I can bear. And when I am tested by any trial or adversity, I shall overcome because He will also provide a way out for me so that I can hold up under it.” (I Cor. 10:13). **LET THIS BE YOUR CONFESSION AND PRAYER AS WELL. ♥**

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at the outward, but God looks at the heart. When we make Jesus Lord and Savior of our life, we now become the righteous of God through the shed blood of Jesus Christ.

end, has great rewards. The bible says that the last shall be first. When we die to self all fear goes from death and man. The bible says if God is for us who can be against us. Most of this battle will be won on our knees. We just need to do our part and watch God work.

The apostle Paul said, “it is no longer I who lives but Christ who lives in me the hope of glory.”

I am excited about the future. God does His best work when things are really dark. These are dark times, but the best is yet to come. ♥

We must sacrifice. Do it for our kids and grandkids. Death to self is never easy but, in the



PCAI Clergy Association extends the warmest welcome to the newly added Ministers and their Ministries since last month. Thank you for partnering with us in expanding God’s kingdom. We love you all!!!



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