

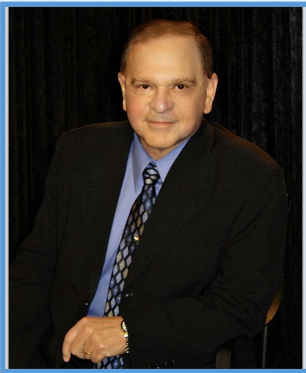
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LEADERS REALIZE THEIR NEED BEFORE THEY MINISTER TO OTHERS

By Dr. Henry A. Harbuck / PCAI President and General Overseer



In the pulpits of America there are many bleeding and wounded shepherds who need to be healed. Perhaps they've suffered heartbreak, disappointments, tragedy, the loss of love and/or finance, childhood trauma (physical and sexual abuse), or other setbacks, which have rendered them ineffective. Sometimes these "bleeding and wounded shepherds"

deliver powerful sermons. More often, however, their sermons are abusive and legalistic. These kinds of pastors have a strong need to control the flock (church congregation) to keep them boxed in. Underneath their veneer (outer shell) is a personality that craves love, attention, self-esteem, and power. If you are one of these, do something about your problem. Remember, "Those who have problems create problems for others." Seek help from a good Christian Counselor, or ask God to heal you completely from your wounds. ♥♥♥



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From the Heart of an Evangelist

By Rev. David Copeland, Revival Now International President

Ephesians 2:10
(NKJV)

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

Hermeneutics (the study of the Bible) has a governing principle called the “Law of First Mention.” You can tell how important a doctrine or subject is in the Bible by when it is first mentioned in scripture.

God never wanted mankind to be without His Spirit: He has never wanted us to be without His Presence. Many people criticize Spirit-filled people as simply being too emotional or greatly unstable. But when you look back to the very beginning of creation, you will find God creates humans to not only need His Presence but to desire His Presence.

Genesis 1:2 states “*The Spirit hovered or moved over the face of the deep.*” The Holy Spirit was waiting for the words to come out of God’s mouth “light be!” “animals be!” “trees & grass be” so He could enforce or activate the power of what God words He wanted to create. English translates the phrase “let there be light,” but in Hebrew, it’s translated as “light, be!”

When you look at Genesis chapter one, you will notice that God spoke every plant, every tree, every animal, and every bird into existence with His Words. Then on the

6th day, God didn’t speak man into existence, but He knelt down and, with His own hands, formed man out of the dust of the earth... (not dirt, dust). I’ve always read that passage and assumed man was made out of the earth’s dirt, but read it again: mankind was not made out of the dirt; he made out of the dust of the earth.

Then He knelt again and breathed into man the breath of life! The elements were created with His word, man was created with His touch!! He didn’t breathe His life in the oceans, fish, animals, or

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God Has Drawn the Line in the Sand

By Rev. Mike Taylor, Raphah Ministries President



Joshua 24:15
(NKJV)

“And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

God has drawn the line in the sand. That means God is not drawing the line in the sand the line has already been drawn. In other words the only option left now is for us to choose which side or whose side we are on.

In Joshua chapter 24 the Bible speaks of the former generations. It describes how they practiced idolatry on the other side of the river and in Egypt. Today we speak of Egypt as a type of the world or world system. People who are worldly find the temptations to serve the gods of Baal. There are many false gods not just Baal.

The point is: “Many today worship false gods and are being forced to choose sides.” Joshua says in chapter 24 verses 14 and 15 “Now therefore fear the Lord serve Him in sincerity and in truth and put away the gods which

your fathers served on the other side of the river and in Egypt. Serve the Lord! And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the river or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house we will serve the Lord.”

God is exposing many who now must choose who they are going to serve. We are seeing this big time in the political world. Just recently the Methodist Church split over the issue of ordaining gay clergy. God is giving many a platform in this hour. He is raising up truth tellers.

Recently I’ve received a revelation from the Lord

that the next president will receive a record number of crossover votes. Although He did not tell me Who Will Win it’s clear He is judging the two party system. If a Republican wins they will receive a record number of democratic votes. If a Democrat wins they will receive a record number of Republican votes. An Independent will receive both. What it tells me is that people will vote for the man or woman not the party.

The bottom line is this we must line up now before it’s too late. I believe in many cases it is too late. God is turning many over to a reprobate mind. Let’s pray that many will turn and we will see a great spiritual awakening. Choose this day who you will serve. As for me and my house we will serve the Lord.

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Narratives to be Observed in a Valued Relationship

By Rev. Daniel O.C., DLCC Senior Pastor

Psalm 96:4-6 (NKJV)

“For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.”

For the Lord’s greatness is beyond description, and He deserves all the praise that comes to Him. He is our King -God, and it’s right to be in holy awe of Him. Other gods are absolutely worthless. For the Lord God is Creator-God, Who spread the splendor of the skies! Breath-taking brilliance and awe-inspiring majesty radiate from His shining presence. His stunning beauty overwhelms all who come before Him.

May the Strength of God protect you. The Wisdom of God instruct you. The Hand of God bless you. The Word of God direct you. May the

good Lord be good to you all the time in Jesus’ mighty name, Amen!

Do not judge other people’s choices when you do not know their reasons for making them. Do ask before you assume. It is amazing how a little communication can prevent a lot of problems in life. Be careful with your words because once they are said, they can only be forgiven but not forgotten.

Every day when you wake up from sleep, there is an opportunity to make a difference in somebody’s life! Be thankful for the

struggles that you have overcome because they have made you who you are today.

Be thankful for the people who love you because they are the ones who make life worth living.

Keep on believing in Jesus— He is all you need. Keep on believing for the impossible to become possible in Jesus’ mighty name, Amen! Keep on believing that the Lord God goes before you to straighten the crooked ways ahead. Have faith in the night as well as in the day. Adonai Yeshua is for you. Therefore none who come against you will prevail, for He fights your battle.

Everybody shout, “Praise the Lord!” ♥♥♥

Pass It On

Excerpt from *Christian Law Association Magazine*

July 4th was over but it’s not over to teach our children the reason why we celebrate Independence Day.

In the 1600s, the nation of England had some unstable religious laws. If a Protestant became King, the official state religion became Protestant, and there were penalties for Dissenters. But if the next monarch was Catholic, the official state of religion became Catholic. Everyone had to happily convert, or at least pretend to do so, unless they were willing to suffer religious persecution at the hands of the new monarchy.

In light of this persecution, many Pilgrims and Puritans made the life-altering decision to leave behind everything they knew and give all they had, often sacrificing their lives, to make the treacherous and difficult journey to North America. They were a

people seeking freedom to worship and stability in the law.

Still, overtime, the English government began to assert more control of the North American colonies. Eventually, heavy taxes began to be levied on the Americans, even though they had no representatives in the British Parliament.

Wanting to be completely free from British rule, the colonists eventually decided to break away from England. Because of their belief that God grants people basic human rights, honorable men crafted the Declaration of Independence to proclaim that men are “endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights.” And these founders of our nation gave their all for the chance to live a life where they were free to exercise those rights.

The Revolutionary War was

brutal, but, against all odds, the Americans succeeded in that effort to secure their independence from England and set about establishing a new nation.

Today, our nation is quickly losing its way. National pride is a thing of the past in many places in our country. Those who wish to deny American citizens the freedoms that our great land has offered since its inception have done much to bring that to pass by purposely failing to teach the next generation the history of how and why America came to be.

Parents, please teach your children why we celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Freedom is never free, but coming generations will never appreciate what they are never taught. ♥



Why do Americans Celebrate the Fourth of July with Fireworks?

Fireworks have been associated with the Fourth of July for centuries. In tracing this history, some people point to a letter that John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail.

“I am apt to believe that (the Fourth of July) will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the Day of Deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations from one end of the continent to the other from this time forward forever more.” -John Adams

The Law has a Mind of its Own



The application of common sense is always a great benefit. But in many cases, you cannot assume that what you think of as common sense is the same thing that a court thinks of as settled law. In a way, the law has a mind of its own.

Sometimes, people are annoyed by the “legalese” that appears in contracts. And in some cases, these documents could have been better written. But part of the reason that certain words and phrases are used in contracts is because the exact meaning of these words has been tried in court, and using this language makes meaning clear to a judge – even if it doesn’t necessarily make it clear to you.

Because this is true, we recommend that you contact our offices when you have questions concerning your situation. Though something makes sense to you, it’s important to ask yourself, “how would a judge look at this?”

It is a great idea to visit christianlaw.org and browse through our available materials. Sometimes, just looking at the resources may jog your mind to think about areas where you can benefit from sound legal advice.

Never stop using common sense, but it’s also wise to seek advice from experienced attorneys who can help you avoid unnecessary legal entanglements. ♥

Reading the Constitution

As we think about preserving our heritage of religious liberty in the nation and passing it on to future generations, it is always a good idea to return to first principles. Oftentimes, people talk about preserving their constitutional liberties, but they have never actually read the document themselves.

For the average reader, it takes about 30 minutes to read the entire constitution. And the Bill of Rights contains fewer than 500 words. It is helpful to understand the Constitution itself, not just what we think the Constitution means.

Parents would be well advised to have their children read the Constitution before they graduate from high school. Church members would do well to read the Constitution for themselves.

In reading the document, it is immediately obvious that it harkens back to a very different time. When you read phrases like establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, and provide for the common defense, it might seem light years away from some of the outlandish topics that concern many of today’s activists.

The Constitution can be accessed freely at the National Archives. Using this link will lead you directly to the text of the United States Constitution: <https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/constitution-transcript>. ♥

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trees: all those were spoken into existence.

Man He formed with His hands (receiving His special touch... receiving special attention), and man was birthed with the very breath that came out of God!!

My point is, if God gave this kind of special care & attention at the very beginning of the earth for mankind, this tells us He has NEVER wanted us to be without His Presence; He never wants us to be without His special touch in and on our lives...

Inside every one of us is a craving, a desire to know the creator in a more intimate way. Has there ever been times in which your heart ached for a special touch from the Maker? It’s there because God, in the beginning, took special care and gave special attention to creating mankind in His image and His likeness.

The question is, what can we do to position ourselves to receive another special touch from the Master’s hand?♥♥♥

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