

Christian no longer?
America 09, Part 2
Slide Notations

Part One: Recap... *Last week we put a filter in place to deal with dealing with end time issues!* Though coming events don't sound "happy" Dad's speech makes them "markers..." Letting us know where we are... What we need to do/needs to happen... What kind of people we should be! We don't want to shield ourselves from the reality of the world predicament/mission!

There is a dangerous movement in America for Christians to put their heads in the sand while they put their hand out to God!

And there are dangerous consequences for those who do!

2Chronicles 18 (1K22) "Jeho asked, 'Is there not someone here who can speak from the Lord?' Ahab replied, 'There is one man but I hate him because he never says anything good to me...' And they called for Micaiah. In the meantime, the other "prophets" put on a great show for the kings, one jumped around in horns as he prophesied victory and prosperity! The officer who went for Micaiah told him to speak good, like the others did. Mike's answer came quickly, 'I will only say what the Lord says.' "So the kings asked Mike, Should we go to battle or not?" And Mike said, 'Go and prosper, you will win!' Ahab said, 'How many times do I have to tell you to speak only what God says?' And Mike answered, 'If you go, you will die!' Ahab said, 'see, what did I tell you?' Mike spoke again, 'I see God on His throne asking, who will entice Ahab to go and die?' and I saw a spirit rise saying, 'I will go and be a lying spirit in the mouth of his prophets...' "And the horn guy, Zedekiah, walked over and slapped Mike in the face... and said, 'when did the Spirit leave me and begin speaking to you?' Mike replied, 'You'll have your answer on the day when you find yourself running for your life hiding in one place then another...' Ahab chimed in, 'Arrest him and hold him until I get back.' Mike said, 'if you return at all I'm a fake. Take note of all my words people...'

The rest of the Story... If all you want is someone to say what you want to hear; a sweet word of personal victory and prosperity, you may... at great personal expense! **v5** Ahab died that day... If you're the "lying mouthpiece" and persecutor of the righteous, watch out! **v10,23,24** Zedekiah was roasted much later... If you're the Lord's, speak true! **v13** If you want the Lord to say only what you want to hear, He may! **v14** What is "evil" about the truth? **v17** For friendship/pride you can find another believer willing to compromise! **v3,28** If you're that people-pleasing person, a poor finish is ahead! **19.2, 20.35-37** Some people want to win more than they want to live a Godly life! **1K22.3,4**

Whole episode transpires around Ahab's "taking" what God had given!

Recap... *Last week took a look at some headlines.* "Geithner globe trotting our debt..." Tuesday night, China said, "uh, let's talk!" Didn't make mainstream but it did FOX. Been warning us for years/ready? How will we deal w/people laid-off/needs? How will you respond/react? How important is it to keep your financial covenant with God? *J.K. Rowland debacle*; \$b's/mil's doses of darkness via Christian distribution/literary freedom! New chains coming/"Twilight" fans! *Rick Warren's blurred vision of a "fix."* Others like him praying for world peace... Shot up faith thinking 2/166 okay! ***Our faith is a lifestyle, not an activity!***

How did we get so weakened, then fearful, then duped... in politics, economy, spirituality?

Church only wanted to hear the good parts... too distracted to deal with the realities of life and the times we live in! We just wanted to be blessed!

Part Two: Going to take a look at the president's words... but first we need to "remember our place!"

From Moses in the courts of Pharaoh to Prophets standing before kings to Paul in the presence of Festus... God's moral rule stands in the face of man's political government! Our place has been, is now, always will be, to stand and speak the things the Lord says, regardless of who it's to, who approves, and what happens for speaking up!

Our President... Has been set by God... Is proving to be perfect match for a compromised country... Has said things about our nation that are not true... Has misrepresented himself to millions of Americans/people around the world...

And it's the "place" of the people of God to confront the lies with the truth!

Our President... Represents himself as a Christian... Certain he believes he is... Grandmother raised him Christian influence. 20 yrs w/Jeremiah Wright. But no Christ-follower can do or say the things he does... Mandating record abortion funding... Gay pride proclamation... Narcissistic "rule from the middle..."

Our President... In the Cairo speech Obama said we must work for the day, "when Jerusalem is a secure and lasting home for Jews, Christians & 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." "peace be upon them" is used by Muslims to bless deceased holy men... According to Islam, Moses, Jesus, and Mohammed are (equal and) dead prophets!

Our place to speak up here!

How did we end up w/so many Christians being swept up in a vote for such a not-for-Christ president?

There were multitudes only caring about prosperity and victory, not willing to stand up and speak the truth nor regard the promises of "fundamental changes!"

Part Three: "Whatever we once were, we're no longer a Christian Nation – at least not just..." Not a Christian Nation... not just? Statement is untrue and ***unjust!*** "Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, Hindu's, non-believers" comprise less than 10% pop! On demographics alone, that's not enough for redefinition in a democratic society! We are still very much a Christian nation... Even if a large part of the 90% have forgotten and lost their way!

When it's said... "America is no longer a Christian nation; but a Muslim nation..." need to look! 2008: 304m Americans; 6.4m Muslims. 2% according to Muslim website! On numbers alone it is reckless to imply that Muslims are challenging/changing our Christian-identity. (Almost identical to the LGBT language and the president's "gay" proclamation!)

When it's said... "America is one of the largest Muslim countries in the world..." need to look! 1.8b Muslims world-wide/27% pop. America: 2% 24th in total number. Not even in the top 60 by %/pop Why would the president of the U.S. make such an untrue statement?

There is lying spirit minimizing the Church, precipitating the last days of the Christian host...

When it's said... "America is no longer a Christian nation; but a Buddhist nation..." need to look! 3rd most practiced religion in America! 2008 Pew: 2m .7%/ Buddhist web 5m! <2% Buddhism is the Amway of religions! Home based, do what you want with it! Majority Buddhists: gen-X/concentrated west coast. Proselyted via rock/movie stars, movies, 33m Buddhist sites, Yoga, Martial Arts!

And now "You can sign up in a church near you!" Unbelievable!

Buddhism in America! “Reason for growth: 1. Buddhist message of compassion, tolerance, rationality based on personal experience of transformation vs. blind faith, ancient dogma and Christian mythology. 2. New gen of native born communicators. 3. Overall dissatisfaction of westerner’s; disaffiliating themselves from Christianity...”

“No longer a Christian nation of school prayer, intelligent design, the ten commandments posted in public places; it’s a time of new rights... with progressive Christians getting on the band wagon copying Buddhist concepts and calling them Christian consciousness and Christ-nature.” All this bragging from another 2% group!

Regardless of what’s been said, and who has said it, the whole point is that America is still very much a Christian nation...And the condition of our country and future of the world falls at the feet of the Church!

This is not a presidential problem, a political problem, a societal problem! The problem in America 09 is a Church problem...

“The Christian God is not dead in American life, but he is less a force in our politics and culture than at any other time in recent memory.” –Jon Meacham, Newsweek

Pr 28.4 Those that do indeed make conscience of the law of God themselves will, in their places, vigorously oppose sin, and bear their testimony against it, and do what they can to shame and suppress it. They will reprove the works of darkness, and silence the excuses which are made for those works, and do what they can to bring gross offenders to punishment, that others may hear and fear... -Matthew Henry