

Will We Be Healed?
America 09, Part 3
Slide Notations

Part One: Recap... Two weeks ago we put a filter in place to deal with dealing with end time issues! The events we face, up to the coming of the Lord, can only sound “happy” if we know... They let us know where we are... What needs to happen... What kind of people we should be! W/o great penalty we don't want to shield ourselves from the reality of the world predicament/mission! **1Kings22/Acts 1**
There is a dangerous movement in America for Christians to put their heads in the sand while they put their hand out to God!

Asides... Had an epiphany this past week!
TV preacher provided the “Aha!” moment! “This is what you do if you want to really enjoy the things the Lord has provided...” Hmmmmm! Wow! Thank you!
“I'm not here to enjoy what the Lord provides J6.26,27... I am here to provide joy to the One who saved me!” 2T2.4

I get that God originally created this place as a playground... but since the fall, the promise, the price and the co-mission... playtime has been moved to after school!

There are still a lot of folks who treat the Word like a fairy tale, their faith like their “blanky” and their Father like Santa Claus... whose sole purpose is to make us squeal w/delight as we open fun and shiny gifts!

The day we put on the helmet of salvation; the Word became our Sword, our faith a Shield, our Father the Great Commissioner and Giver of good gifts to enable our response-ability!

Recap... We took a look at some headlines... *Economically*, long way from relief! “Stock Market cheered by the news!” Unemployment dropped to 9.4 (from 9.5). AIG posted \$1.82b profit/\$182b bailout. 3 Car manufacturers up hrs/CFC/sub sales/our co! *Societally*, many things distracting/destroying Literature, media, Planned Parenthood, LGBT agenda... downplaying moral issues. *Politically*, “35 czars...” (emperor's). Overseers/policy makers operating at will of the President, independent/Congress! Holdren: “compulsory pop control” Sotomayor approval. Macon Phillips: “Fishy Reporting!” *Religiously*, faith assaulted/church dissipated!

World doing what's natural... but the future is in the hands of the supernatural Church!

First two sessions we established there are problems and the way we receive the news and stand in the warfare determines the future of our nation and the world!

Part Two: “I looked for the genius and power of America and not until I went to her churches and heard her pulpits aflame with righteousness did I understand... ***“America is great because she is good and if America ever ceases to be good America will no longer be great!”***”

Good >>> Greatness! “Why do you call me good, there is none good but God!” **Mt 19.17** Now we know that in the flesh there is nothing good...” **R7.18** “Hate evil/cling to what is good! **R12.9** “Let us be imitators of God...” **E5.1** “By His word, we partake of His divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world thru lust...” **2P1.4** “When the righteous are increased the people rejoice! **Pr29.2**”

Recognizing that what does not come from God cannot be good and only what comes from God is; we must settle two things...

1. We cannot solve our problems w/wisdom from “beneath!” The devil tried it, Adam tried it, Israel tried it and now the Church is trying Him... all with the same results!

2. The wisdom we need comes from God and the answers will only be found in the submitted hearts, renewed minds and sanctified mouths of His Church!

Part Three: Real Change for America? Is it too late? Can the “changes” be changed? Can we see our country turned around? ***Stronghold of Riches:*** “With men it’s impossible, but with God all things are possible!” **Mt19.26** ***Spirits:*** “If you can believe, all things are possible!” **Mk9.23** ***Suffering:*** “Dad, all things are possible for you... nevertheless...” **Mk14.36**

Without question... the power of God is present to heal our nation... and we could see massive revival throughout the world among people of every background...

But we must remember that God put healing power in the hands of His Church, wanting to be glorified through good works done in His name!

So the final question isn’t “can we be healed?” The question, is “will we...?” And the answer tells us what happens next!

Will America be healed? I will cut off the land I have given them, and the house I have cleaned for My name I will cast out of My sight. My people will become a haunting proverb to all people. When they see the nation that I lifted high, they will be stunned, and will whistle and ask, How did this happen to them? And the answer will be, ‘they rejected the Lord their God, who brought them out of bondage, and have taken hold of other gods to bow to and work for. That’s why the Lord brought upon them all this evil.’ **1K9.7-9 (2CHRONICLES 7.19-22)**

Will America be healed? “If there is a drought in the land I have chosen for Myself, if there is a time when its resources are consumed from use, if there is an epidemic among My people; If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways then I will hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land... and with wide open eyes and ears I will listen to the prayer that is made!” **2Ch7.13-16**

Standard Drill... If My people... *The world isn’t going to do it/not expected!* Called by My name... *Personal connection/not societal/cultural.* Humble themselves and pray... *Bend their knees and ask...* And seek My face... *Not My hand...* And turn from their wicked ways... *Repent!* **I will heal them!**

Deeper Drill...

2Chronicles 7.14ff is an answer to a 28 verse prayer by Solomon beginning in **2Chronicles 6.14** (1st prize/longest!). A beautiful opening, **v14,15** “No One like You!” 3 Petitions: David’s line perpetuated **v16** That God would regard the place of His name **v17-20** That He would hear the prayers of His people **v21ff** 7 different specific cases... **v22-39** A beautiful close! **v40-42**

Sounds like: “There is no One like You O Lord God! OLG never let the line of those who love You, fail! When we pray regarding our needs, OLG please hear us! When we are afraid and pray, deliver us! When we sin, and if we repent, forgive us! See... hear... stand... OLG, You and Your strength, and let your priests, OLG, be clothed with salvation and let the saints rejoice in Your goodness. OLG, never turn away and leave us...”

The Lord's reply... I've heard you, and have chosen this place as a house of worship for Myself... If I take action against the rebellion of My people... If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked course of life... I will hear, forgive their sin, and heal their land... but remember, My eyes are open, I can't be fooled by posturing; My ears are open to the prayer made here...

America's main problem is a church praying w/o the prerequisites of the core truly humbling, face-alone searching, lifestyle turning...

Church Praying... "Lord, help us, we are in danger of losing our standard of living!" instead of, "*Lord, help us, we are losing our quality of life!*" "Lord, rain down your blessings on us to fill in the gaps!" rather than, "*Lord, flood us w/Your reign and we will overflow!*" "Lord, lift up our churches in the world!" instead of, "*Lord, redeem Your church to the salvation of the world!*"

Church Praying... *Without fasting and mourning and weeping for our own souls; And the souls that are drifting by while we are looking skyward! A little when they come together specifically for prayer... and talk a lot about the glory days of praying... Very little... outside of orchestrated movements!* (Cry America/Call2Fall,etc)

Deeper still...

The only people that can make a change in an environment ruined by sin are people... Called by His Name! **Lv20.26, J10.4-27** Humble themselves! **1K21.27-29 Dan9.3** Pray! **Lk18.10ff, 1Cor14.15, 1Th5.17** Seek His face! **1Ch16.11, Ps27.8, Pr7.15** Turn! **Job42.1-6, Ez14.6, 18.30-32** Who know He is not fooled by words or posture or temporary acts!

The question is not "Can we?" but "Will we?"

What do you see in the Word of God?

Fortunate and well off are the "sold-outs" He finds vigilant when He returns! Luke 12.37-40