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"End of Year 2020"

Come out of her!

Revelation 18:4 Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues.

Acts 17:16 Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols.

2 Chronicles 20:33 The high places, however, were not taken away; the people had not yet set their hearts upon the God of their fathers.

The city was full of idols!

The people were not fully committed to following the God of Abraham, Issac and Jacob

Is it any different than today?

Isarael had some besettings sins just like we do, I do!

They shed blood, they committed sexual immorality and they had their idols!

Is there anything new under the sun?

Their idols!

Tammuz, the god of fertility and all the other man made gods

We don't have those today but we have our own for our generational gods

We have our trifles and toys

Self and the flesh is always clamoring for more

And when we can think of nothing else we dote upon and make our children and grandchildren little gods
Proverbs 29:21 NASB One who pampers his slave from childhood will in the end find him to be rebellious.

"If you pamper a child from childhood he will bring you grief in the end."

The things that we take solace in could bring us grief in the end

We need to be very careful with our vanities

We feel sorry for the heathen who worships a golden calf and then turn around worship our possessions

Today I want us to look at a text of Scripture that shows us who we are and what we are to be doing! I think this is worthy of our consideration at the end of this crazy year!

2 Corinthians 6:14-18 Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? 15 What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? 16 What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 17 Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, 18 and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty."

Who are we?

14-15 We are believers, followers of Jesus

We are of the righteous

We are of the light

We are to have nothing to do with...

The living of unbelievers, their lawless, darkness or idols

16 We are the temple of the living God

We are now the most Holy place

1 Corinthians 3:16 Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

God dwells directly and immediately in the midst of his people

We are the dwelling place of God

God Almighty walks with us

He is our God

We are His people

The whole wide world belongs to God but He says of His, **"my people"**

We are "specially" His

We are under His ownership

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, 20 for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. "my people"

He is the proprietor of all those **"my people"**

All nations are His

The entire world is under His power

Yet He says these are, **"my people"**

He has set His heart on them

He has bought them with His blood
He has called them irresistibly to Himself
He has loved them with an everlasting love
So the question is, are we in that group?
Do we prove this by our desire that He be our Lord
and our God?
Can we willingly and unashamedly say, "my Lord and
my God, my Abba Father"

So what are we to do?

What do these verses tell us we must do as "***my people***"?

14 Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers

***17 Therefore go out from their midst,
and be separate from them, says the Lord,
and touch no unclean thing;
then I will welcome you.***

Paul is explaining what it means to be the new
covenant people of God

The commands:

Come out of their midst

Be separate from them Holy-set apart

Do not touch any unclean thing

So what does this "come out of her look like?

1. As a follower of Jesus we must have a stated goal!
What is the chief duty of man? To live for God's glory and to enjoy Him forever!

2. To be focused on the eternal and not the temporary!
2 Corinthians 4:17-18 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.
3. Are we able to answer Evil Kinevil's 3 questions!
 - 1) Where did I come from? From the womb and perfectly and specially made in God's image
 - 2) Where am I going? To eternity, either heaven to live with God forever or hell to burn in torment and be in agony forever
 - 3) Why am I here? To get ready for eternity
 - What is the chief duty of man? To live for God's glory and to enjoy Him forever!
4. To raise our children to do that and to expect the greater reward!
 To set the example: whatever you have learned or received or heard from me or seen in me, put into practice.
Philippians 4:9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.
5. To work in the local church to advance His kingdom

We are being intentionally molded by the world!
 How do we keep the world from molding us into what it wants us to be?

We intentionally become a follower of Jesus and dedicate ourselves and our lives to live for His glory We embrace, know and live by the Bible and not the latest cultural trend!

Romans 12:1-2 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Areas really under attack today...

God's order and design in Genesis-the Bible

In the government, in the schools, in the Home and the Church

Feminism, Sexuality, Marriage

What did God give us that we might work together to walk this life out for God's glory and not to be molded by the world? Not the monastery, convent, commune, our special communities of Amish or Menenites

He gave us His local church!

We cant let anybody or anything squeeze the church out

Just think about your day, 8 hours asleep, 8

hours at work, what about the other 8 hours

If we are going to "come out of her" the local church must have a place of position

The Bible! (Henry Law, "Beacons of the Bible" 1869)

The Bible is the richest treasure of the world!

Without it, the palace is a dark blank.
With it, the poor cottage sparkles with celestial light.

It is the transcript of God's heart.
It tells what human reason is too weak to find.
It is pure truth without one shadow of error.
It gives knowledge on all things needful for time and for eternity.
It is a safe guide through life's entangled path.
It is a compass . . .
 through shoals and rocks;
 amid winds and waves;
 to Heaven's eternal rest!

The sage is ignorant without it.

The peasant learns from it salvation's road.

It is a solace for every hour.
It is a companion always ready to converse.
It cheers when other comforts fail.
It is arrayed in every charm for the intellect.
It never wearies.
It is always fresh.
Its oldest truths cannot grow old.
Its readers become more wise--and more holy.

Other books may puzzle and corrupt.
The Bible is from Heaven, and leads to Heaven.
It enters the heart with purifying grace.

The more you search the Bible--the more your minds will wonder, and your hearts will love.

Read it as literally true. Then no human philosophy will beguile you.

Ponder its characters. You will find on them the intrinsic stamp of truth.

"The Bible is . . .

an armory of heavenly weapons,
a pharmacy of infallible medicines,
a mine of exhaustless wealth,
a guidebook for every road,
a chart for every sea,
a medicine for every malady,
and a balm for every wound!

Rob us of our Bible, and our sky has lost its sun!"

(Thomas Guthrie)

"Oh, how I love Your Law! I meditate on it all day long!"
Psalm 119:97

"Your Words were found, and I ate them--and Your Word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart!" Jeremiah 15:16

PRAGER: When 2-Year-Olds Are Thrown Off Airplanes, You Know America Has Changed, By Dennis Prager, Dec 19, 2020

You may have seen the video of the family thrown off a United Airlines airplane because the 2-year-old daughter would not wear a mask. Though the family wore masks and the father promised to cover his daughter's face with a mask that he placed on her face, it made no difference. Though the child was completely asymptomatic, and though it is exceedingly rare for a child to transmit COVID-19 to an adult — that is why Sweden kept its schools open all spring and summer, with its students not wearing masks — the airline had its orders, and the flight attendant duly obeyed them.

As I watched the video, I wondered what the flight attendant thought. For example, did he think this was absurd, not to mention cruel? Did he know that 2-year-olds present virtually no health risk? Did he wonder why adults can sit without masks inches from other passengers while eating but a 2-year-old seated only next to family needed a mask?

Or did he think he was performing a noble service in kicking a family off an airplane because their 2-year-old wouldn't wear a mask?

I hope he thought he was enforcing an idiotic rule and had no choice. Then there is hope for him and for

America. Otherwise, he's an irrational automaton, among the scariest people in any society.

Does United Airlines think it's enforcing a rational and humane policy, regarding 2-year-olds as dangerous disease spreaders?

Here is what we can assume: United Airlines has made the calculation that if it doesn't enforce every directive from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, two bad things will result: 1) People will be too scared to fly United; 2) If anyone gets COVID-19 after a United flight on which a 2-year-old was allowed to fly without a mask, the airline will be sued.

Regarding children and mask-wearing, the CDC website states, "Masks should NOT be worn by children under the age of 2." The CDC capitalizes "NOT."

So, while the CDC is adamant children under the age of 2 must NOT wear a face mask, a child who just turned 2 constitutes a mortal danger to others on the plane — and must be ejected from the plane if she just won't cover her face.

Welcome to America 2020.

It is not overstated to declare the year 2020 the year it became legitimate to question whether America could still declare itself either "the Land of the Free" or "the Home

of the Brave.” Maybe it really is time to replace the national anthem with some other song that doesn’t have us singing what so many of us no longer believe in. When half of America sings those words, they are no longer referring to themselves or what they want America to be. About half of us — more or less, the half that voted Donald Trump for president — still believes that America should be the Land of the Free and Home of the Brave. But half of us, including the entire elite — the major media; the entire educational system from elementary school through graduate school; national, most state and all major city bureaucracies; and the Democratic Party — neither value freedom nor seek to be brave.

When I see Americans walking outdoors with masks on, my first reaction is to mourn the death of reason and my second is to wonder what college they attended. Because one of the many other awful things colleges do to most of their students is make them afraid: afraid not only of dying if they pass another human being while walking their dog but also of dying from global warming, and afraid of any ideas not inculcated into them by their school. That’s why they and most of their professors object to conservatives speaking at their school. To the brainwashed, different ideas are frightening and make them feel “unsafe” (hence, “safe spaces” at so many colleges).

When viruses killed the equivalent of about 165,000 Americans in 1968 and about 225,000 in 1957 (numbers

adjusted based on the current U.S. population), healthy Americans did not quarantine; no one hid behind masks; no school closed; no store or restaurant went out of business. Why? Because people understood that viruses and death are tragic parts of life, and it never occurred to them to deprive children of their studies, their friends and their childhood. It didn't occur to Americans that because some people contracted a virus and died, 99% of the population should stop living and earning livelihoods. In that America, the news media were not singularly dedicated to frightening Americans. And most important, the Left had not yet succeeded in ruining the country; after all, far fewer Americans went to college at that time, and high school and elementary school teachers still viewed their vocation as a call to teach, not indoctrinate.

All of this explains how we got to the place where United Airlines could throw a 2-year-old girl off an airplane while presumably half the passengers supported her eviction and the other half was cowed into silence.

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