

# In the Beginning...

## An Examination of the Genesis Account of Creation and the Fall of Mankind

### **Genesis 1:26-28**

#### 4- What are the Results of Rejecting Biblical Creation?

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**26** Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

**27** God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

**28** God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

To the Glory of God

Now in God's Providence, He chose to ignite the Protestant Reformation, 500 years ago, in the nation of Germany. When God began to sovereignly deal with Martin Luther about the waywardness of the visible Church in departing from Biblical Truth, back in the early 1500's, God the Holy Spirit began to burden Luther's heart and mind over the issue of how lost people become justified in God's Sight.

Over the years, the visible Church had *overemphasized* the Sacraments and their importance, and they had *underemphasized* what the Bible actually taught about Salvation by Grace alone through Faith alone in the finished Work of Christ alone, and the result was that the visible Church was officially and formally promoting a "false gospel".

And so, Jesus kept the gates of Hades from prevailing over the Church by raising up Luther and other men, both *before* and *after* him, and used those frail men to bring the Church back into alignment with

what the sacred Scriptures taught and meant. And we are the heirs of that great Revival. We are among those, in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, who stand proudly on the shoulders of what these great men did for Christ and His Church back in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century. And like Luther and the others, we, too, are faced with an onslaught of compromise and unbiblical teaching among some of the most visible leaders of the Church of the First Born.

Human Sexuality, Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage, the biblical role of men and women, and a resurgence of personal revelations, the promotion of pragmatism, and the almost universal abandonment of the Sovereignty of God in Salvation are among the more serious issues that have fallen prey to unscrupulous leaders, and even entire denominations, that care little of nothing about the integrity of the 66 Books of the Holy Bible. And we believe that, in His Goodness, God has raised us and others up to both "get the Gospel right" ourselves, and to call the visible Church to repentance.

And nowhere is this compromise more clear than with the issue of Creation and the Fall of Man. We have to understand that the reason that God revealed to Moses *how* and *why* He created the Heavens and the earth involves much more than simply agreeing with the Book of **Genesis**. Having a biblical understanding of Creation is vital to also having a biblical understanding of a whole host of other issues, *including* the undeniable fact that since we are created beings, we are now accountable to God for what we do in this life.

Apostasy concerning what the Bible clearly and repeatedly teaches about how and why all things came into being is rampant in our day. And one of the reasons that seminary students can sit and be taught to disbelieve the Bible and remain unconcerned is that the common understanding of these people is that unbelief about our Origins doesn't affect other Truths. In other words, it is common today to hear people say that a believing Christian can categorically *reject* the **Genesis** Record, out of hand, and, somehow, that rejection has no effect on other Truths that the very same Bible teaches.

For example, there are approximately 140 Evangelical Theological Seminaries in the United States at the present day. And of those 140 schools, 99 have already capitulated and now proudly teach that thinking human beings simply cannot trust the **Genesis** Record of Creation and the Fall of Man.

But I am telling you this morning that apostasy concerning Creation doesn't end with Creation. A *rejection* of what the Bible teaches about Creation in **Genesis** will fuel the rejection of *other* biblical issues as well. So, it is no wonder then, that on issue after issue, the Institutions, whose only charter of existence is to prepare men for the Ministry, are becoming more and more opposed to the Word of God, and are increasingly hostile to it and to those who lay claim that God's Word is sufficient in our day.

But is this compromise unique to us? Has there ever been a time like this? Has there ever been a time when the Church of Jesus *abandoned* the clear Command of her Head to uphold biblical Truth? Sadly, there has. And, this morning, as I relate a time in history when godly people grew silent in the face of apostasy, even when they saw that their apostasy was spilling over into other issues, I pray that, we here today, will be smitten with conviction and that we will make sure that we will not be silent.

In Germany, the birthplace of the Protestant Reformation of 500 years ago, there is a little farming community called Oranianburg. And there are not a lot of things in Oranianburg, just a couple of taverns, a couple of gas stations, a few houses, that's about it. And nobody would ever have heard of that little town were it not for the fact that one hundred and eighteen years ago, a man by the name of Heimlich Himmler chose Oranianburg as the site of one of his prototype concentration camps, a horrible place called "Saxonhausen", which means "the home of the Saxons".

Himmler was born into a nominal Roman Catholic family in Berlin in 1900. But by the late 1920's he became fascinated with atheistic Humanism. His formal education led him to first doubt, and then reject, what the Bible said about Creation and our accountability to God. And so, as a young man, Himmler quickly abandoned his faith and began to embrace the writings of Charles Darwin. You see, Himmler's rejection of biblical Creation created a vacuum in his soul that was soon replaced with Humanism.

And it was a small step for Himmler to go from godless Humanism to "Eugenics", the belief that through Science, Medicine, Technology, and Government, human beings, who were *not* accountable to God, could engineer a "superior race" of people which would be free from the

“burden” of things like genetic malformations, diseases, and certain inferior races of people.

So, through fully embracing Darwinian Evolution, and the Eugenics of both Darwin and Margaret Sanger, Himmler sought out a way to make Eugenics the law of the land. And, in the mid 1920's, he found that path in a young politician who was on the rise. Himmler said that as soon as he heard that politician speak, it was like the voice of God. That politician's name was Adolf Hitler. And Himmler came to believe that Hitler was the Messiah, and not only *followed* Hitler, but literally *worshipped* him. And so, Hitler made Himmler the leader of what is now called the “SS”, the Schutzstaffel, Hitler's own personal body guard and the ones who perpetrated great evil upon both Germany and the world.

Now as we look at what happened in the early days of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, it is somewhat understandable why and how the nation of Japan could sink into the barbarity and cruelty that they became famous for. After all, during those days, the majority of Japanese living in the mainland were pagans, who knew nothing of Christianity or the Holy Bible. And while it is true that some of the most brilliant scientists of that era were educated Japanese, the rank and file man, woman, and child of Japan still worshipped their leader as a direct descendant of the sun-god and thought that demons lived in car engines.

So, as evil men rose to power, they used the veneration of the Japanese Emperor, which most of the population had, to subdue any objections to the many atrocities that the Japanese Government perpetrated, first on China, and then on others in the Pacific region.

But it is literally beyond belief as to what happened to the once great Christian nation of Germany during that same time. Because the Germany of the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century was educated, cultured, technologically advanced, and highly sophisticated. Biblical Christianity was woven into the very fabric of their Society, and Germans could boast about being the very *birthplace* of the Reformation. They went to Church and sang the same hymns that we do. The German Theological Seminaries were turning our great men of God who believed the Bible and who thundered the Gospel.

Visitors today grow quiet as they walk across the vast expanse of the remains of Saxonhausen where the barracks once stood which held

hundreds of thousands of prisoners during the twelve years of Hitler's Reich. You can see the bales of human hair, and two great piles, one of children's shoes, the other of human teeth, which is all that remains of what was once a great city.

And you can travel down to see the medical laboratories where doctors, who swore an oath to preserve life, and many of whom were leaders in their Churches, conducted gruesome experiments on living human beings, *without* anesthetic, because those people were not viewed as "human" because of their race and their language, or because they were born with birth defects. Many of these doctors led Bible-studies on Sunday, and they stood and sang hymns about God's Majesty and about our great need for Salvation before they would go to the camps to skin people alive to make lamp shades and force prisoners to bathe with soap made from the fat of their brothers and sisters and parents.

And you can walk to the back, to the crematoriums, where once stood the ovens where they burned the bodies of the dead or those still alive.

Out in front of the remains of the ovens stands a grotesque wrought iron statue of two emaciated inmates holding the dead body of one of their cohorts toward the gaping doors of the oven. The building itself has actually collapsed; they buried so many people underneath it, that the foundations had been undermined, but the metal supports that once held those ovens are still there.

And the visitors, who went to Saxonhausen just prior to Christmas this past year, just in front of the doorway to that crematorium, saw a withered Christmas wreath with a white ribbon on it. And the writing on that ribbon said in German:

"From the Christians of Germany: We kneel before God in bitter regret and humble repentance and we ask His forgiveness for all those who died in this place."

Those who stood in the snows at Saxonhausen that day and read that ribbon recoil today under the unbelievable and horrific realization that a proud, civilized, sophisticated, educated, cultured and Christianized nation could sink to the depth of human depravity like Germany did, and do what Germany did.

And perhaps those who stood in the snow in Saxonhausen last December can begin to understand what is happening in America today, and what exactly is at stake concerning the war that is going on for the soul of our nation, and how desperately important these issues are and how much we stand to lose if we do not awaken and rouse ourselves quickly.

The Christians of Germany learned only too late that the people of God *cannot* “disengage” from the culture in which they live. We cannot withdraw to the comfortable security of our beautiful Sanctuaries and sit in our padded pews while the world all around us goes to hell. For to do so, is a betrayal of the Lord Whose Name we bear, and it is a denial of the Power, the Effect of His Word, God’s Glorious and Holy Word that He has given us to proclaim.

We have to understand that the only way any human being can have objective worth is if they have been created by a *transcendent* God, Who is not subject to the changing whims and wishes of contemporary Society. Have we really come so far from the twentieth-century atrocities that we have forgotten the tragic price of the relativizing human dignity?

The late Christian philosopher, Francis Schaeffer, asked a similar line of questions in his important work, “*God Is There and He Is Not Silent*”:

“It is important to remember that it is not improper for men to ask these questions concerning metaphysics and morals, and Christians should point out that there is no answer to these questions except that God is there and he is not silent. Students and other young people should not be told to keep quiet when they ask these questions. They are right to ask them, but we should make it plain to them that these are the only answers. It is this or nothing.”<sup>1</sup>

Schaeffer was right. It is either this — the Gospel — or nothing. These are Mankind’s categorical options: Jesus or nothing.

Consider the famous quote from the late atheistic Harvard professor, Carl Sagan, who said:

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<sup>1</sup> Scaeffler, Francis; *God is There and He is not Silent*; page 30

“The cosmos is all there is, or ever was, or ever will be.”<sup>2</sup>

But if we accept this proposition as true, we must then, to be consistent, recognize a complete *loss* of human intrinsic worth and objective purpose. Eternal, impersonal, and non-rational matter simply *cannot* provide any foundation for human dignity.

But, if the Gospel is true, then the world is filled with unchanging Purpose, and Man is endowed with an inalienable Worth. And this is what the created Universe is trying to tell us when it says:

**Psalm 19:1**

**The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.**

...because it is only from the Reality of Creation that any corresponding dignity for Man flows. (**Psalm 8:4-8**).

In Germany during the early part of the twentieth century, as here in the United States in the twenty-first, one of the most clever tools in the enemy's arsenal, used to silence and intimidate Christians, and to drive them out of the public square, was and is the lie that says that an abdication of what God revealed in **Genesis** about Creation is *irrelevant* as to the other issues of our day. That we are free to discard what God has revealed about Creation and the Origins of Man, and still remain “good” and “godly” people. We can't and we won't.

And this lie has almost paralyzed many in the Church today. Many in the Church today feel as though the greatest virtue that a genuine believer can possess is to be “tolerant” of the most aberrant behavior, even behavior that is expressly forbidden in Scripture, and to be silent when it comes to outright blasphemy. We are told by a confused culture that reels in horror over cigarette smoke while seeing nothing wrong with dismembering living human babies, that Christians must be quiet, that Christians must not speak up, that Christians must not live out their faith in public, that Christians must not cry out against the sin that has captivated our culture and our society and our civilization, and sadly, our Church.

In the view of too many today, Christianity should be pushed completely out of the public domain, it should be swept away out of the

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<sup>2</sup> Carl Sagan; *Cosmos*; Episode 4

schools, out of the workplace, out of the market, and totally out of public discourse.

But beloved, let me tell you in no uncertain terms how unbiblical that is, and how dangerous that is. If Christians hold our tongue in school, if Christians hold our tongue in the workplace and in the marketplace, if Christianity is only to be preached and taught and believed and followed inside the four walls of the church and our homes, then believe me now, history teaches us that it will not be long before Christianity will not be allowed inside those walls either. The people who do not want you to pray at work or at school don't want you to pray *anywhere*.

And as they wax eloquent about our need to "give ground" concerning Creation, and as they confidently tell us that Science has supposedly disproven the **Genesis** Record, we need to understand that all this has happened before. History teaches us that it is a small step between them thinking that your belief in the Bible is silly and an example of your ignorant superstition, and codifying their objection to what God has infallibly revealed in Scripture into law.

The voices of millions from a hundred fallen civilizations, who made this same mistake in ages past, cry out to us today, that if we allow Christianity to be replaced in our hearts, if we allow Christian ethics to be replaced in our culture, if we allow Biblical Truth about our very Origins to be replaced in our minds, what will take its place will send this nation and the world into darkness like we cannot even imagine.

Understand clearly that the battle is not over whether or not Biblical Creation needs to be taught in school and permeate into our culture. The real issue is that **Romans 1** tells us that any time a civilization *purposefully* and *knowingly* rejects God and what God has infallibly revealed in Scripture, atrocities and barbarity and perverseness and wickedness like you cannot even imagine, will not only become *tolerated*, but becomes *common*.

The issue has never been "whether religion should dominate our culture". Because religion *has always* and *will always* dominate all cultures. The real issue is *whose* religion is going to rule in our thoughts and in our minds and in our hearts.

Make no mistake about this, dear friends, the public schools of this country teach religion every day. They teach it, they espouse it,

and they promote religion in public school every single day. Only the religion that they teach is *not* the religion of Scripture. The “god” that the school systems of this country promotes and loves and worships is *not* the God of the Bible. It is the “god” of Secular Humanism, the pagan religion which deifies Man and throws the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob into the trash.

This false religion worships the human mind, the human spirit, the carnal human lusts and desires to live their lives with selfish impunity and self-centered abandon, to live according to their own mind and heart in premeditated rebellion to the clear teachings of Holy Scripture, discarding the Moral Absolutes that thundered down from Mt. Sinai and which were carved into tables of stone by the very Finger of God. And just underneath the surface of this false religion is the innate desire to forcefully *impose* its tenets on everyone.

Beloved, you must know that the official religion of the United States of America is *not* Christianity. The religion that is promoted and preached and taught on the airwaves and in the Court Rooms and in the class rooms and in the business offices and in the highest positions of power in this land does *not* come from the Bible. This religion comes from the ancient heretic, Pelagius, and it encourages men to shake their fist into the Face of a Holy God and to do what is right in their own eyes.

And I weep for my nation. And I weep for the children, whose minds and hearts have bought into the lie that if it feels good, it must be right. I weep, as more and more of those indoctrinated in Darwinian Evolution actually see it as a “noble” and “humanitarian” thing to systematically slaughter every Down’s baby in the very Hospitals which swore to protect life. And I weep for the cowardice of my own generation because we know that Evolution is a lie, and that it isn’t Science, and that it won’t work, but it is bringing on our land the Judgment of Abandonment, as God “turns them over” to unspeakable evils.

And I weep because we are inviting Divine Retribution from a holy God on our sins if we do not repent. Because we understand that we are *not* doing anything new, we are *not* advancing, we are *not* progressing, we are *declining*, we are *descending* into the very callousness and violence and wickedness that has been experienced many times before by many different civilizations over the six-

thousand year history of Man. And it is precisely because we can read and think and reason that we know that it didn't work for them. And an honest evaluation of history reveals that these people were judged by God, and some annihilated themselves, and today those civilizations don't even exist. And we tremble, because we also know that if we do not repent, the very same God, Who judged them, will judge us, and we too will be gone.

Now there are three major "Ages" among the history of Man, among those who don't believe that God created the Heavens and the earth and all of us. There are three main "divisions of time" in which Man has sought to explain his own existence. And all three are wrong. All three are off base. And all three are without merit.

And even though they will tell you that they don't believe this, from the time that Man was cast out of the Garden due to his open rebellion toward God, Man has sought to *reclaim* his place in the Garden. And these three "Eras/Movements/Ages" *define* unsaved and lost Man's attempt at *reclaiming* his place in the Garden, *without* God, *without* Grace, *without* repenting, *without* Scripture, and *without* Jesus Christ. The three Ages of Man are:

1. Pre-Modernism (3874 B.C – 1650 A.D) 5524 years
2. Modernism (1650 A.D. – 1960 A.D.) 310 years
3. Post-Modernism (1960 A.D.- Present) 58 years

... the first is called "Pre-Modernism".

Pre-Modernism began about the time that Cain killed his brother Abel and was sent to live in the land of Nod. It was then that Cain began to live life *without* God, and *without* the knowledge and Presence of God. But Pre-Modernism really began to take shape right after the Flood, about **Genesis 10**, where we read about a man named "Nimrod", who "hunted the souls of men". Nimrod built an entire civilization *without* God, and *without* God's knowledge or Presence, and was the "father" of formalized, man-made religion that could be taught and passed down from one generation to the next.

Pre-Modernism accepted the concept that there was such a thing called "Truth", and that all Truth came from God. So, the argument of the Pre-modernists was *not* whether there was such a thing as "Truth", but rather "which God?" Since Man was now lost and separated from

the one true living God, Pre-Modern Man went about to create his *own* "god", a "god" that was made in Man's own image and in Man's own likeness.

And with those man-made "gods" came man-made "religion" and man-made "philosophies". And this is what Pre-Modernism is all about. Pre-Modernism saw the rise of all the false religions and false philosophies in the earth.

Buddhism, Hinduism, Taoism, Confucius, Islam, Shintoism, Zorastorism, all these false and perverse religions came out of Man's innate desire to worship God. It is from Pre-Modernism that we have all the false gods of the Old Testament like:

- ✓ Ashtoreth
- ✓ Dagon
- ✓ Molech
- ✓ Baal
- ✓ Chemosh
- ✓ Milcom
- ✓ Ra

These are the "gods" which promoted sexual promiscuity and child sacrifice, and the worship of the earth and the stars and the rivers and the streams, and these are the "gods" that the one true living God told Joshua to drive out of the Promised Land and to tear down their temples and tear down their altars, and these are the "gods" of the pagan civilizations which did not serve the God of the Bible.

Pre-Modernism also gave rise to the philosophies of Man, and brought great fame to perverted homosexuals and drunkards like Aristotle, Plato, and Euripides.

Pre-Modernism also gave rise to the great Empires of Greece and Rome and the Chaldeans and the Philistines and the Babylonians and the Syrians and the Persians, and the great Empires of the Far East and of Africa. All these civilizations were based upon life *without* the one true living God, and *without* His knowledge and Presence.

And Pre-Modernism lasted about 5500 years. But around the mid-1600's, lost Mankind began to move past Pre-Modernism and move to the next great stage of their existence. And this *second* Era/ Movement/ Age also taught that Truth was both definable and

knowable. But this Movement said that the “path to Truth” went through “human reasoning”. And this movement was called “Modernism”.

Modernism promoted the human mind, and it is from Modernism that we developed the false “gods” of Science, Technology, Medicine, and Government which today have utterly *replaced* Christianity in many hearts and minds. To the modernist, Biblical Truth was foolishness, and Science, Technology, Medicine, and Government became the source of all that Man could ever need or want. The genre of “Science Fiction” was created by the modernists to teach that all Human Problems can be solved through Science and Technology and Medicine and the advancement of Human Government. A frightening example of Modernism was seen in the last election as people, whose only hope was in Government, actually committed suicide when their candidate didn’t win.

It is from Modernism that we got the great “ism’s” which have *dominated* human thought for 300 years:

- ✓ **Humanism:** the religion that teaches that Man is god
- ✓ **Socialism:** the religion that teaches that Society as a whole is greater and more important than the individual
- ✓ **Communism:** the religion which teaches that the State is god
- ✓ **Nazism:** the religion that teaches that the dictator is god
- ✓ **Fascism:** the rights of the individual is secondary to the “greater good” of Society

The religion of Modernism and its deification of Man is what is responsible for the last two world wars, countless smaller wars, and the slaughter of over 100 million human beings. The religion of Modernism, that mocked the Bible and the Creator of the Universe, and which promoted the “gods” of Science, Technology, Medicine, and human Government, has shed more blood than everything else in human history, everything else in human history that is except one thing: Abortion. World-wide Abortion has killed more human beings than all of the wars of all the Ages of Man put together.

And then we move to the *third* great Age of lost, unsaved Man, that which began in the late twentieth Century, which is called “Post-Modernism”. And unlike Pre-Modernism and Modernism, which both

taught that there was such a thing as Truth, and that Truth was both definable and obtainable, Post Modernism teaches that Truth simply *cannot* be known by human beings, and therefore, anyone who says that they have Truth is dangerous. Post-Modernism teaches that Objective, Absolute, Truth is hopelessly naïve and completely unworkable in an advanced culture. An example of the innate hostility that Post-Modern thought has for Christianity came out when the previous President said that when Americans became frightened they “cling to God and Guns”.

It is from the religion of Post-Modernism that we have the “god” of “Tolerance”. You’ve met that “god”, haven’t you? The “god” of “Tolerance” is the “god” of America which dominates every conversation and every discussion. This is the “god” which teaches that there is no Objective, Absolute, Truth. Post Modernism teaches that *you* have “a” Truth and *I* have “a” Truth, and “your truth” is just as valid and important as “my truth”, and there is no Objective, Absolute “Right” and “Wrong”, and so, everybody can just make up what is “right” for them.

It is Post-Modern philosophy that is the source behind the incoherence of people, who supposedly hang their hat on believing in Science, and then turning around and saying that a biological male can “become” a woman because he “relates” to femininity. So, I hope you can see that the religion of Post-Modernism is very hostile toward things like Scripture and the Ten Commandments, and Preaching, and Authority, and Repentance, and Divinely inspired Truth, *especially* about how a Good and Wise and Powerful God created Man in His Image and Likeness. You and I are living in the Post-Modern Age of Man.

Now back during the time when Modernism was in place, the Age in which Science, Medicine, Technology, and Government was promoted as “god”, there was a meeting held in the German capital city of Berlin in 1934. Hitler had been Chancellor for just over a year at that point. And he was taking the nation through a process, which in German meant *Co-ordination*.

And in that “Co-Ordination”, *everything* was being realigned in terms of National, Socialist philosophy (Nazism), and that included the Churches. And large protests had begun to rise from the people of God about this interference in the Church, so, Hitler called together the most important preachers in Germany at that time. And he gathered

them in the Reich's Chancellery to "reassure" them, to intimidate them, if he could, to silence their criticism so that he could go on with his plans for the country.

And Hitler moved through the crowd that day, patting the preachers on the back, making them feel important, smiling and reassuring each one that their state subsidies would continue, that their tax exemptions were secure, and that the Church had nothing to fear from a Nazi government.

Finally, one young, brash preacher who was there, Martin Neimöller was his name, had had enough. Today we would call him "politically incorrect." Today he would be called "intolerant". Today, he would be called "a trouble maker", one of "those kinds of people" who believe the Bible to be the Word of God. But like the great Apostles before him, Neimöller was going to tell the Truth, God's Truth, even when that Truth was not popular, even when the Truth was dangerous.

And young Martin Neimöller pushed his way to the front of the room that day until he stood eye-to-eye with the German dictator, and he said in a loud and clear voice:

*"Heir Hitler, our concern is not for the Church. Jesus Christ is well able to take care of His Own Church. Our concern is for the soul of our nation."*

And no one moved. No one spoke. What Martin Neimöller had said was so rude, so brash. And one by one, the German Chancellor looked around the room, gauging the response to what the preacher had just said. He looked at every eye of every Church leader. Would they respond to what this young man had just said? Would they rally around him and take up his cry?

Hitler was looking for what exactly was going to be the response of the other preachers in the room. And one by one, the other pastors, the shepherds of large influential flocks, cast their eyes downward in submission, not submission to God and to their sacred Calling, but in total submission to Hitler. Hitler saw no fire in the eyes of those "men of the cloth" that day. He saw no one who had the Hope of the Gospel and the zeal of the Father's House in the eyes of those hirelings that day.

An uncomfortable silence reigned in the room, and for over five minutes no one spoke. Hitler, with a natural politician's instinct, saw that reaction, and he understood exactly what it meant: These men loved their pensions more than they loved their Calling. They were willing to trade their God-given right to cry out against sin and evil as long as they were kept comfortable. And he smiled as he said to the young pastor:

*"The soul of Germany, you can leave that to me."*

And they did. They kept their religion and their politics strictly separate from one another. These men taught their congregations to stay out of the public life of Germany. They preached and taught that as long as you are benefiting personally from politics, it doesn't matter if it is evil. That compromising on fundamental Truth like Creation and the Origins of Man would not affect what they believed and taught about other issues.

So, from that day, these men pretended that they did not see. They pretended that there was nothing that they could do about it. They comforted themselves by telling themselves that the evil that one man could bring on a nation was "okay", as long as it didn't affect them personally.

So, they were allowed to keep their government subsidies. They were allowed to keep their pensions. They were allowed to keep their money and their prestige and their position, and they were even allowed to build bigger and better churches buildings, but the Church in Germany lost her soul that day.

You see, *that* was the day to stop the mad man. *That* was the day to say "Enough!" *That* was the day to stop the horror that was coming before it ever started. You see, the Church leaders in that room that day forgot that Jesus did not die on the Cross so that His people could be "safe" and "secure" and "prosperous". No, Jesus screamed in agony so that His people would be "holy" and "faithful" and "fruitful" and "busy" in the Work of the Lord. Jesus radically transformed His people, by the miracle of the New Birth so that we would believe and not doubt. And if God's people do not believe the Bible, who will? If Christ's Church does not proclaim the Scriptures, who will? If the Redeemed are ashamed of the Gospel, how will anyone be saved?

And so, as the innocents were slaughtered and the nation was led down the path of destruction, the Church in Germany looked the other way and they "minded their own business", and their country was destroyed. Millions of human beings could be rounded up and imprisoned and tortured and experimented on and electrocuted and gassed and burned to death, many times within hearing distance of the Church bells, and the Church kept silent.

When the American Army, that my father was a part of, came to liberate Europe, they found the camps. They found the ovens. They found the mass graves. Then they found the people, the emaciated, diseased, weak, hopeless, people with eyes that were sunken into their heads. These were the recipients of Hitler's "grand society". This was the result of Government's promise to "keep" the soul of a nation. This was the end result of the search for a "Master Race". This was the end game for Darwinian Evolution and Eugenics. This was the fruit of denying that God created all things.

My father would not talk about it often, but every once in a while he told me of what he saw. He told me of human beings rummaging through garbage cans trying to find something to eat. He told me of one man, who fell down at the feet of my father's commanding officer, who begged him to take him home with him to be his own personal slave, - rather than send him back to his own country to die.

My father told me of the disgust that the American Army had for those who lived in the cities which stood right next to the camps. These people, these business owners, these "christians" could hear what was going on, they could see what was happening, and they could smell the death that was coming from the camps. But they had done nothing to stop it. And even though these people still had a heart and they still had a brain and they still had their money, they had lost their soul.

So, the commander went through the city and forcefully rounded up the citizens and marched them into the camps and made them look at what was happening right under their nose while they went about their daily lives, while they shopped, while they ate their dinner, and while they worshipped God.

And I would submit to those of us today, who are the sons and daughters of the Lord Christ, that we, in America, find ourselves in a frighteningly similar predicament:

- ✓ Once again, the innocent are being slaughtered in a 45-year old holocaust of Abortion that makes Hitler look like a humanitarian, by comparison.
- ✓ Once again, we as a nation are engaging in experimentation on human beings with plans being made to harvest cloned human beings for body parts.
- ✓ Once again, suicide is being promoted as "mercy", and hospitals and doctors, who took an oath to *save* lives, are taking lives.
- ✓ Once again, the godless religions of humanism and evolution are being taught to our children, and we are worshipping the almighty power of Government as the cure for all ills and all problems.
- ✓ Once again, we are teaching our people that if it "feels good", do it.
- ✓ Once again, the heroes of a nation are evil and corrupt and morally bankrupt.
- ✓ Once again, the nation is being led down the path to destruction.
- ✓ Once again, we can pass by the monuments of a cruel and failed great society as we see the rehabs centers and the half-way houses and the jails and the morgues filled to capacity with the youth of a nation who believed the lie that their very existence was random and accidental.

And once again, by and large, God's people are looking the other way. I don't have to tell anyone in this room this morning, how far down that path to destruction we've already traveled. You see the evidence in families that are fractured, and in marriages that are broken. We can see it in countless young people, who lose their way and often their lives, in a maze of alcohol and drugs and sexual confusion. We see it in a culture that can no longer distinguish between lust and love, that is willing to tolerate violence and perversion as alternate, acceptable lifestyles, while the pestilence and the disease that comes from these actions stalk the land.

We see it in public schools that have become "facilitators" for fornication and procurers of the abortionist's knife. And we see it in a nation that has lost the moral will to distinguish between that which is Holy and that which is Profane.

We have believed the lie that politic will save us. That as long as we vote for the people, who are on "our side", then we have rescued the nation. That as long as we like the judges that the President appoints,

then it doesn't matter that men are abdicating their role as heads of the houses, and the priests and prophets of their homes.

There is an indissoluble connection between Greatness and Goodness upon which Civilization itself stands. But we have severed that connection over the last few decades. We have sown the wind of immorality, and we are now reaping the whirlwind of destruction and death. But we, like Luther before us, have been placed here by the Lord for such a time as this.

You must know that during the period of time in this country when slavery existed, it was the lawyers and the judges and the politicians and the medical profession that *condoned* it. It was the Governors and the Senators and the Congressmen who *refused* to stop it. It was the doctors and the hospitals that *perpetuated* it, and it was the Supreme Court of the United States that ruled, in 1857, that black people did not have a human soul, and were thus not really "human", and thus were not entitled to the Constitutional protections of "Due Process", and should not be allowed access to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.

It was a Sunday morning, just seven decades ago, when a young black boy was hung by the neck just a few miles north of here under the Biloxi River bridge. And the men who killed him had to do it quickly, so they wouldn't be late for Church.

Today, in a nation that has the audacity to lay claim to the one, true, and living God of the Bible, lawyers and judges routinely uphold the "right" of women to murder their own babies. Governors and Senators and Congressmen do not have the moral clarity or intestinal fortitude to stop it. Hospitals and doctors, who have taken an oath to save life, are purposefully destroying it. Hospitals in the United States now are being routinely sued by parents because they weren't told that their baby had a birth defect, and they're angry because now they are "saddled" with the "burden" of having to raise a child that they would simply have rather exterminated like a rat.

And in 1973, one single Supreme Court Judge, who never had a single day of medical training, who didn't believe that human beings were created by God, ruled that unborn babies are really not "human" anyway, and thus are not entitled to either "Due Process", or Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. So, don't tell me that rejecting

the Truth that God created Man in His Own Image and Likeness is merely a theological discussion that doesn't affect anything else.

We must understand, friends, that it was not the Congress that ended slavery. Politics did not stop slavery. The legal profession did not stop slavery. The medical profession did not stop slavery. The Supreme Court did not stop slavery. It was the Church. It was the average citizen, whose passion for the Bible, and with a zeal for the Truth, that compelled him to rise up in moral disgust at the horror of what was happening in their nation, that ended slavery. They believed that God created the Heavens and the earth, and themselves as well, and therefore, they were accountable to Him for what they did. And so, they would not be quiet. They would not stop. They would not pretend that they didn't see. But they rose up, as one man, and they were willing to risk their own personal safety, and they were willing to tear this nation apart rather to let it go on.

We must take heed to ourselves, dear friends, and not allow ourselves and our Churches to be used and abused by politicians and political parties. God is *not* the mascot of the Republican Party. God is *not* a Democrat. In fact, God is not even an American, which may come as something of a shock to some. But of this one thing, we can be absolutely certain, the Lord God Almighty made you, and you will stand before Him to give an account of whatever you have said and done and thought in this life. And those whose Hope is in Jesus and in His finished Work will enter into unbelievable Joy, while those who don't will burn in a lake of fire forever.

Make no mistake about this, dear friends, Abortion is the Sacrament on the altar of Feminism. It is an unholy sacrifice that typifies, better than almost anything else, what it means to reject the **Genesis Account** of Creation. The confusing and sickening "morality" of a technologically advanced culture, that sees the systematic genocide of millions of living human babies, most of them black and most of them female, as "progress", and "helpful" illustrates what it means for God to abandon a nation.

People, who don't believe in anything, have raised up to worship the pagan gods of their own lust and greed. While the blood of more than 60,000,000 innocent, unborn children cries out to God from the

ground of just this nation alone. And that number is reaching nearly 1.5 billion worldwide!<sup>3</sup>

How can this go on in a nation that has churches on every corner, that sings hymns every Sunday, and that even has "in God we trust" printed on their money? To suggest that believing God created all things by a series of supernatural miracles is simply a theological discussion to be carried on within the four walls of the Church is to completely ignore 6,000 years of human history. It is to ignore the ramifications that Darwinian Evolution and Eugenics has had on the world.

So, we must not be silent. We must not give ground to any who would deny what the Bible clearly and repeatedly teaches about how all of us and the Universe itself came into existence. So, let us work while it is still day before the night comes when no man can work. Let us rouse the Christians of this city and of this land to actually "be" what God has called and enabled us to "be", the stinging salt that stops the decay of death, the shining light that dispels the darkness of doubt and despair, and the gleaming city set high upon a hill that stands as a beacon light of life and hope to this nation, and to every nation. And let us learn from the mistakes of the past by standing on the Word of God, without any fear what that might mean for us.

It is vitally important for us, as the sons and daughters of the Lord Christ, to care about where we came from and Who made us and why we are alive. We are to herald the Reality that God wisely and sovereignly created them uniquely Male and Female on purpose. And we are not to labor to remove or hide or diminish the God's given distinctions between Man and Woman, but rather we are to teach them and promote them and celebrate them.

So, as the people of God in Christ, we must care. As Christians, who believe the Bible gathered here today, let us resolve not to repeat the mistakes of the past. Let resolve not to let evil men triumph simply because good men have done nothing. Let us stand together as the people of God, bold in the confidence of the Spirit, trusting that what God has said in His Word is true and it is reliable and it is unshakable. And let us declare before our nation, "*The soul of America, you can leave that to us!*"

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.numberofabortions.com/>

Amen. Let's pray.

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The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen. Be watchful and quicken your pace. Soli Deo Gloria. For the Glory of God alone.