

**DEVELOPING A LIFE OF PRAYER**  
**EDGEMONT BIBLE CHURCH**  
**2021-2022 (March 16, 2022)**  
**“PRAYING WHEN TRUTH IS MISSING”**  
**PSALM 120:1-7**

- I. THE WORLD OF MARKETING, HYPERBOLE AND PROPAGANDA**
- A. Marketing - the process of getting potential clients or customers interested in your products and services.**
  - B. Hyperbole - exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken literally.**
  - C. Propaganda - information, especially of a biased or misleading nature, used to promote or publicize a particular political cause or point of view.**
  - D. EACH OF THESE CREATES DISTRUST; USED TOGETHER, THEY CREATE DOUBTS OF BELIEVING ANYTHING BEING SAID.**
- II. THE PSALMIST CRIES TO GOD IN TIMES OF SEVERE DISTRUST**
- A. “DELIVER MY SOUL, O LORD, FROM LYING LIPS, FROM A DECEITFUL TONGUE”**
  - B. THE PSALMIST TURNS TO THE LIAR: “WHAT MORE SHALL BE DONE TO YOU? SHARP ARROWS OF THE WARRIOR, WITH BURNING COALS OF THE BROOM TREE.”**
  - C. THE PSALMIST TURNS BACK TO THE LORD TO SPEAK OF WHERE LISTENING TO DECEIT OR NOT TRUSTING ANYONE HAS LED HIM:**
    - 1. SOJOURNING IN MESHECH: THE COUNTRY OF THE FAR NORTH THAT WAS KNOWN FOR ITS PAGAN WAYS.**
      - A. THIS IS THE LAND SETTLED BY THE SONS OF JAPHETH AFTER THE DIVISION AT BABEL**
      - B. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WITH WHOM GOD HAS A PARTICULAR BOTHER EZE. 38-39**

- C. *THE NORTH IS WHERE SATAN INTENDED TO SET UP HIS RULE AND REIGN ISA 14*
- D. *THESE ARE SOME OF THE LOCATIONS IN WHICH DISPERSED ISRAEL (THE 10 TRIBES OF THE NORTH WERE DISPLACED). IT IS BROKEN OFF FROM MUCH OF THE REST OF THE WORLD.*
- E. *THE PSALMIST FEELS ISOLATED WHEN TRUST OF THE INFORMATION AGENCIES IS GONE*
- 2. *DWELLING AMONG THE TENTS OF KEDAR*
  - A. *KEDAR MEANS "DARKNESS"*
  - B. *ONE OF THE SONS OF ISHMAEL*
  - C. *A NOMADIC TRIBE OF ARABIA*
  - D. *THE PSALMIST FEELS HE IS LIKE A NOMAD WITH NO HOME ANYWHERE AND YET WITH A HOME EVERYWHERE BUT NO PERMANENT CONNECTIONS TO THE SETTLED WORLD EXCEPT TO BUY AND SELL*
- D. *HE LIVES AMONG A WAR-HUNGRY PEOPLE*
  - 1. *THEY HATE PEACE; THERE IS MORE MONEY AND RICHES TO BE HAD WITH WAR - AT LEAST FOR SOME!*
  - 2. *HE WANTS PEACE BUT ALL THEY WANT IS WAR; UNPRINCIPLED MEN WHO SEEK ONLY TO WIN FOR THEMSELVES.*

### *III. WORDS OF WARNING FROM TWO GREAT PRESIDENTS OF OUR COUNTRY*

"However [political parties] may now and then answer popular ends, they are likely in the course of time and things, to become potent engines, by which cunning, ambitious, and unprincipled men will be enabled to subvert the power of the people and to usurp for themselves the reins of government, destroying afterwards the very engines which have lifted them to unjust dominion."

### **FAREWELL ADDRESS | SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1796 PRESIDENT GEORGE WASHINGTON**

Until the latest of our world conflicts, the United States had no armaments industry. American makers of plowshares could, with time and as required, make swords as well. But we can no longer risk emergency improvisation of national defense. We have been

compelled to create a permanent armaments industry of vast proportions. Added to this, three and a half million men and women are directly engaged in the defense establishment. We annually spend on military security alone more than the net income of all United States corporations.

Now this conjunction of an immense military establishment and a large arms industry is new in the American experience. The total influence—economic, political, even spiritual—is felt in every city, every Statehouse, every office of the Federal government. We recognize the imperative need for this development. Yet, we must not fail to comprehend its grave implications. Our toil, resources, and livelihood are all involved. So is the very structure of our society.

In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist. We must never let the weight of this combination endanger our liberties or democratic processes. We should take nothing for granted. Only an alert and knowledgeable citizenry can compel the proper meshing of the huge industrial and military machinery of defense with our peaceful methods and goals, so that security and liberty may prosper together.

**FAREWELL ADDRESS | SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 1961 PRESIDENT GEORGE WASHINGTON**