

HOW THE MIGHTY ARE FALLEN

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In the February Examiner, I quoted Pastor Rumburg and his reference to the denial of the Christian faith by Dr. Albert Mohler. Here is Jeff Maples' article of that denial:

“Governments have largely banned worship around the country — so much so that many churches, thankfully, have stood up against their government’s usurped authority and declared that Jesus Christ is head of the Church, and not the state. This is what John MacArthur’s Grace Community Church has recently done and they have taken the heat for doing so.

“However, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary students, led by Al Mohler, are now going to be required to sign a statement of blind allegiance to government mandates before they are accepted into the school. The statement, found at this link, asks students to ‘affirm together that we will follow and obey all rules, policies, advisories, and practices required by government authorities, mandated by our institutional responsibility and communicated by institutional leadership.’

“It must be stated that the statement makes NO EXCEPTIONS to a government’s intrusion into the right to worship freely as God commands us to do. Bottom line, if you needed another reason to not go to a Southern Baptist seminary, look no further. This is about as unbiblical as it gets. But watch for Southern Baptist churches to start following suit soon and requiring members to do so or face church discipline.”

The article and statement students must sign is at <https://reformationcharlotte.org/2020/07/30/southern-baptist-seminary-requiring-students-to-sign-statement-of-blind-allegiance-to-government/>

Mr. Maples makes a good observation: “watch for Southern Baptist churches to start following suit soon and requiring members to do so or face church discipline.” That is, with the very highest echelon of the SBC demanding obeisance to the anti-Christ state, how long will it be before his demand will be made of all who are in the SBC?

How many of us would agree to fallow all civil government rules, policies, &c., if our job depended upon it? How soon will that day come? It is already in China with their “**Social Credit**” system, and the Marxist are working hard to institute such a system here. 5G, in with

which China has excelled, is using 5G for their social credit system. It is required here for the social credit system to work. (Trump sought to keep China's 5G system and cameras out of the US.)

“The Social Credit System is a national blacklist being developed by the government of the People's Republic of China under General Secretary of the Communist Party of China Xi Jinping's administration.

“The social credit initiative calls for the establishments of unified record system for individuals, businesses and the government to be tracked and evaluated for trustworthiness. Initial reports suggested that the system utilized numerical score as the reward and punishment mechanism; recent reports suggest there are in fact multiple, different forms of the social credit system being experimented with. Numerical system has been implemented only in several regional pilot programs, while the nationwide regulatory method has been based primarily on blacklisting and whitelisting. The credit system is closely related to China's mass surveillance systems such as Skynet, which incorporates facial recognition system, big data analysis technology, AI and Project Maven.

“Supporters of the Credit System claim that the system helps to regulate social behavior, improve the "trustworthiness" which includes paying taxes and bills on time and promote traditional moral values, while critics of the system claim that it oversteps the rule of law and infringes the legal rights of residents and organizations, especially the right to reputation, the right to privacy as well as personal dignity, and that the system may be a tool for comprehensive government surveillance and for suppression of dissent from the Communist Party of China.”

For an overview of how the system works see
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Social_Credit_System

Facial recognition has the ability to see if someone is happy or sad, and cameras are located throughout major population centers in China. Data is transmitted to a central location over 5G, and the countenance of one's face will help determine his social credit. Moreover, one's social credit will be determined by how politically correct he is. One's social credit will determine his ability to travel, work and even eat.

China's social credit system is required for the One World Order to function as planned.

Revelation 3:17 *And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. (We will develop the beast's identity below.)*

Think it won't happen here? Ask any new Southern Baptist seminary student who desires to attend to learn how to serve the Lord.

The Lord Jesus Christ, Who sits in the seat of all power and authority, has given authority

and power to the *dragon* to wage war against those who *keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ*.

Revelation 12:17 *And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.*

As the war between **the anti-Christ**, e.g., the apostate world governments, and **the Christ of God** heats up here in the US, the *thoughts and intents* of evil hearts will be clearly exposed. Many of us will be shocked by **the mighty** who will fall in this war between Christ and the anti-Christ. This war is exposing the **Achans** in the camp of the Israel of God —*Achan* is identified as the troubler of Israel who brought the wrath of God upon Israel, Joshua 22:20, 1 Chron 2:7.

According to Wikipedia:

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (SBTS) is a Southern Baptist seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. It is the oldest of the six seminaries affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC). The seminary was founded in 1859 at Greenville, South Carolina, where it was at first lodged on the campus of Furman University. After being closed during the Civil War, it moved in 1877 to a newly built campus in downtown Louisville and later moved to its current location in the Crescent Hill neighborhood. For more than fifty years Southern has been one of the world's largest theological seminaries, with an FTE enrollment of over 3,300 students in 2015.”

1859! No doubt the foundation of the SBC in 1859 was solidly Orthodox, Reformed Calvinism. In addition, we can be assured that the founders did all they could to see that the Reformed faith would continue to be taught, much like Yale and Harvard tried to do. These institutions sought to train young men to effectively use the Sword of the Spirit to confront and conquer the powers of darkness.

In the past, the SBC has been known as a bastion of sound doctrine, and its influence for godliness over the past generations must not be overlooked. But past righteousness will not cover present evil:

We read in Ezekiel 33:12 *The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth.*

Now we must ask some very troubling questions:

- 1) **How many SB churches** that have professed undying allegiance to the Word of God will depart from the now openly apostate SBC?
- 2) **What will those** who profess to love the Lord Jesus Christ do as the refining fires of persecution in the America are starting to burn hot and will burn away the dross. No denomination nor Christian that professes the Reformed Faith will be exempt.
- 3) **How many SBC churches** that profess to be orthodox will continue to support SBC seminaries with their money and students?
- 4) **How will be the many SBC** pastors react to the SBC apostasy choice that is being forced upon them? Many professed Bible believing SBC churches do not own their property, and many pastor's retirement funds are held by the SBC. Will they choose to server the Sovereign God they preach, or will they choose to follow where their treasure is, the SBC?
- 5) **How many will face** the fire rather than bow to the great image of man. That image of man is destined to be ground to fine powder by the stone cut out without hands.

We read in

Matthew 3:12 *Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.*

God is using this Planddemic to *purge his floor*. He is separating the wheat from the chaff as He exposes the **true heart** and motives of those in high, exalted and respected positions.

He is exposing the true heart

- 1) of **teachers** who refuse to go back to the classrooms, a situation for which we should be thankful.
- 2) of **politicians** who made great and glowing promises that they wanted to work for the people, when actually their only interest was to be an unchallenged god in their limited domains.
- 3) of **religious leaders** who are held in great reverence by the world and by the religious community.

Do professed Christians fear God or do they fear the *dragon* of Rev 12:17. The *dragon* represents apostate men who have a common goal to destroy Christianity from off the earth as they make war against those *which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.* (Ps 2 with Rev 12:17)

[COVID was 'best thing ever' for Biden's campaign, aide admits
https://www.wnd.com/2021/02/covid-best-thing-ever-bidens-campaign-aide-admits/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=wnd-breaking&utm_campaign=breaking&utm_content=breaking&ats_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3]

How the Mighty Have Fallen

1 Samuel 28 records Israel's coming war with the Philistines, and Saul's visit to the witch. Chapter 29 records the Philistines sending David home before the war with Israel. Chapter 30 records the Amalekites taking Ziklag, and David recovering everything. (V. 7 is the first time David checked with the Lord since before he sought safety from Saul with the Philistines.)

Chapter 31 records Israel's defeat in the war with the Philistines, and Saul's death at the hands of the Philistines, and their display of Saul's body in Bethshan, v. 10. Chapter 31 also tells of the recovery of Saul's body by the mighty men of Jabeshgilead.

Open to 2 Samuel 1. Samuel opens with David receiving the news of Saul's death, and David's lamentation.

1:18 (Also he bade them teach the children of Judah the use of the bow: behold, it is written in the book of Jasher.) 19 The beauty of Israel is slain upon thy high places: how are the mighty fallen! 20 Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Askelon; lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph. 21 Ye mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew, neither let there be rain, upon you, nor fields of offerings: for there the shield of the mighty is vilely cast away, the shield of Saul, as though he had not been anointed with oil. 22 From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan turned not back, and the sword of Saul returned not empty. 23 Saul and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided: they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions. 24 Ye daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you in scarlet, with other delights, who put on ornaments of gold upon your apparel. 25 How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle! O Jonathan, thou wast slain

in thine high places. 26 I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan: very pleasant hast thou been unto me: thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.

The fall of mighty men of religious renown such as Al Mohler is certainly a cause the **wicked to rejoice**, for in his fall, they see the triumph of humanism.

On the other hand, Christians should weep over the fall of those who appeared to be mighty men of the faith. **We should be distressed** as we see men who have been held in the highest esteem by the church and by the world, we should be distressed when the mighty men are revealed as *grievous wolves in sheep's clothing* and they depart from their Christian profession of faith, a faith which they never had.

Acts 20:29 *For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.*

1 John 2:18 *Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. 19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.*

Muhler's demand has *made manifest that* he was not of us.

Al Mohler not only fell in the midst of the battle, but he openly deserted, and joined the *dragon* in his war against Christ. How many honest, sincere professed Christians who do not know nor understand the serious Biblical issues involved here will he *draw away* with him to serve the **beast**?

Observe:

- 1) The war between God and the Dragon started in the Garden.
- 2) The SBC was organized to teach young men to use God's weapons of war against the *gates of hell*. (2 Cor 10:4)
- 3) The mighty men of God who were trained by the early SBC and who used the *sword* properly were effective for many years.

4) The war has claimed many “high and mighty” men in the religious world, and even in the orthodox Calvinistic community.

5) Pride, as exhibited by King Saul, enters in and they try to exercise their inborn desire to be their own god, and rule over others as god. Their denial of and their departure from the command-word of God has caused them to be “slain” by the *dragon* in the midst of the heated battle.

How many mighty men of religious renown have deserted the Lord’s army of victory, and have joined the anti-Christ’s army of death and destruction?

Far too often those who reach a position of authority and esteem are taken over by pride.

Max Lucado [“a popular evangelical author and pastor”] **apologizes for past comments on homosexuality after outrage at National Cathedral**

<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2021/02/11/max-lucado-apologizes-for-past-comments-on-homosexuality-after-outrage-at-national-cathedral-invitation/>

Proverbs 16:18 *Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.*

Did pride move Lucado to apologize for preaching Biblical Truth? Did he fear losing the praise of men? Did he fear the loss of income and following? Only the Lord knows, but we can render righteous judgment according to Scripture and say that he feared the condemnation of the sodomites. (Gen 19:11)

Revelation 13:4 *And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the **beast**? who is able to make war with him? **16** And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: **17** And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.*

The beast represents fallen man’s submission to the *dragon*, and his united effort to fulfill Nimrod’s dream of subduing the whole world under a central committee. The *beast* is the anti-Christ humanist world order where man is his own god and is the measure of all things. His goal is to create a new world order, a new paradise on earth without God. A basic motive behind space exploration is to find a new world where they can build a new order without God.

Those who submit to that humanist order are taking the mark of the beast.

Covid was “God sent” for the radical left. However, by faith we understand God is using the

virus, whether man created or not, to accomplish His purpose of expanding the Kingdom of God over the earth.

The “pandemic” has been an excuse to shut down churches, control elections and to completely neutralize both the Constitution and the Word of God. There is no longer a need for a ConCon, as the virus has been a convenient excuse to destroy the Constitution and Christian obedience. (Heb 10:25) The average American has raised no alarm over the destruction of the faith that was once delivered to the saints, nor have they issued any alarm over the destruction of the Constitution.

Some years ago, Jerry Falwell sued the state of Virginia so he could incorporate; he need the Federal handouts available to religious institutions to build his great institution to train young people to “serve the Lord.” Did Mohler see the handwriting on the wall, and bow to the anti-Christ in order to maintain the inflow of Federal paper money?

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Acting as god over the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Mohler requires all students who profess to be seeking to serve the Lord of Glory to sign a binding covenant of obedience to the beast. Doing so, they take the **mark of the beast, and** agree to submit to the *dragon* if they want to learn how to serve the Lord.

Of course, Christian parents have been sending their children to the temples of the *dragon* for many years to be trained in the way of the *beast*, so why should they complain about Dr. Mohler requirement to submit to the beast?

When they graduate from Southern Baptist seminary and go into a pastor/teacher position, will they take that commitment to the beast with them?

Why did Mohler make such a requirement? Pride? Fear?

Proverbs 16:18 *Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.* Pride that he was the god over the SBC seminary?

Proverbs 29:25 *The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.* Fear he would lose government subsidies?

Some Applications

First, *Ye daughters of Israel*, that is, the bride of Christ, *weep over the mighty* who have *fallen* and will fall *in the midst of the battle* against the *dragon* in these last days.

Second, we must not rejoice when respected religious leaders fall away and join with the *dragon*. We should weep and pray that their apostasy will not lead a multitude of sincere yet unlearned Christians into sin.

Third, we should be greatly encouraged by **Isaiah 9:7** *Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.*

In other words, Jesus Christ is the great second person of the Trinity, very God of very God, and, therefore, as God the whole government of the universe is upon His shoulders, and not on our shoulders. **There is no point in us fretting.** Furthermore, it is sinful when man tries to take over the government of everything as humanists do.

Fourth, **Isaiah 9:6-7** is a very comforting text because when we have griefs and problems, we must commit them to Christ knowing that the government of all things is upon His shoulders.

Fifth, we are told that the increase of His government there shall be no end. It is a total government, and though its growth is slow, it is total. As the ages roll, the magnificence and the splendor and the perfection of His government will only be magnified.

Finally, we must have His empowering grace and mercy to fulfill the unique responsibility He has assigned to each of us.

Let us pray:

Father, we come before you through the free access we have provide in the sacrifice of Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. As we see exalted men fall out to the enemy of all righteous, we pray that you will open the eyes of their followers to understand what is taking place. Give open eyes and understanding grace so the godly will refuse to follow the apostates into the camp of the enemy. We pray for the many godly preachers and laymen in the Southern Baptist Convention that must face the consequences of Mohler's anti-Christ demand. They have many very difficult decisions ahead. Provide an abundance of grace that they will see the implications of Mohler's clearly unbiblical requirement, and stand for Christ in the midst of this untoward generation. We pray for the churches and the young men who desire to preach and teach your word. Protect the godly from the many false shepherds that are among us. Give us eyes to see, ears to hear, and understanding hearts that we may be able to discern truth from error. In Christ's name