The INEVITABLE ULTIMATE DEFEAT of GOD'S ENEMIES

"The Lord will be awesome to them, for He will reduce to nothing all the gods of the earth; people shall worship Him, each one from his place, indeed all the shores of the nations."

Zephaniah 2:11

Hijacked by Humanism

What has happened? How has Humanism hijacked our culture? How did communists gain control of our government? How did it come to the point where church synods are even debating what constitutes marriage and whether satan or hell exists?

Infiltration and Infection

Plainly, Marxists have been infiltrating the five culture-shaping institutions of society. Our **education** institutions have been subverted by evolutionism, situation ethics, sex education and values clarification. The **entertainment** industry has been so subverted as to glamourise evil, popularise profanity and celebrate ugliness. In all too many sections of the **news media**, reality is being rearranged by a selective focus and rather than news, we are receiving humanist views and propaganda. Many religious institutions have been liberalised, ecumenised and syncretised in order to harmonise with New Age secular humanism and a revived paganism.

Legalising Vice and Criminalising Virtue

Considering the infiltration and subversion of education, entertainment, the news media and religious institutions, it is not surprising that in all too many of the political institutions, socialism and secular humanism have succeeded in legalising vice, criminalising virtue and disarming potential victims, in preparation for a new world order which is antichrist.

Failures of our Churches

On the church's side, we need to recognise that this disastrous hijacking of our culture has been enabled by prayerlessness, neglect of the Bible, gullibility, naiveté and ignorance of history. All of these have combined, enabling pagans to entice an entire civilisation into chaos. The enemy has used the time proven tactics of "corrupt and conquer" and "confuse, divide and conquer." Compromise and cowardice have kept many from identifying these threats and countering them with bold and Biblical opposition.

Distracted and Diverted

We have been distracted from fulfilling the Great Commission and diverted from obeying the Cultural Mandate. Through guilt manipulation, the rewriting of history and the distortion of reality, Christians have been overwhelmed, undermined and neutralised.

Hope for the Future

What hope is there for the future?

God is sovereign and all-powerful. He is working all things together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose. There is power in prayer and the Gospel is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes. God is chastening His people. He is purging us and preparing us to make us more prayerful and powerful in His service. We need to understand the times and rightly divide the Word of Truth.

Humanism is Self-Destructive

Humanist society will inevitably collapse – it is self-destructive. What a man sows, that shall he reap. The AIDS plague and sexually transmitted diseases will reap a bitter harvest of death for millions who have sown in the flesh. Zimbabwe and Venezuela are classic examples of the self-destruction that humanist societies bring upon themselves.

A Vision of Victory

God is sovereign over the affairs of men. History is His Story. God has not predestined defeat for His people. The ultimate victory of the Kingdom of God is inevitable. Christians are not doomed to defeat, but called to conquest. We are called to be Salt and Light – to preserve what is good, to expose what is bad and to create thirst for the Living Waters of Jesus Christ. We are commanded to make disciples of all nations, teaching obedience to all things that the Lord has commanded. We are to evangelise, or fossilise. Pray, or perish. The last command of Christ must be our first concern. We must give up our small ambitions and follow Christ. The Great Commission must be our supreme ambition. We are working towards the fulfillment of Christ's Great Commission and the complete and utter destruction of Communism, Islam and secular Humanism.

The Messianic Psalms

"Ask of Me and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. You will rule them with an iron sceptre; You will dash them to pieces like pottery. Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned your rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear..." Psalm 2:8-11

"All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord and all the families of the nations will bow down before Him, for dominion belongs to the Lord and He rules over the nations." Psalm 22:27-28

"In His days the righteous will flourish...He will rule from sea to sea and from the river to the ends of the earth...His enemies will lick the dust...all kings will bow down to Him and all nations will serve Him." Psalm 72:11

An Eschatology of Victory

In these and so many other Psalms it is made clear that the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ will be fulfilled. All the families of the nations will bow down before Christ and He will rule the nations. Because of these Scriptural prophecies we can have every confidence that the Great Commission will be fulfilled - that all kings will bow down to Christ and all nations will serve Him. We are neither working at uncertainty nor afraid for the result. God's cause will triumph!

"The kingdoms of this world have become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ and He will reign forever and forever." Revelation 11:15

Our Christian Duty

Our duty is clear: We are commanded to pray. "I urge then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for...all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." 1 Timothy 2:1-2

Repent. "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 will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14

Expose evil. "Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them." Ephesians 5:11

Rebuild the walls. "...see the trouble we are in; Jerusalem is in ruins and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the walls of Jerusalem and we will no longer be in disgrace." Nehemiah 2:17

Seek justice. "...stop doing wrong. Learn to do right! Seek justice..." Isaiah 1:16-17

Select God-fearing leaders. "But select capable men from all the people – men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain and appoint them as officials..." Exodus 18:21

God is Sovereign. He raises up and brings down kings and presidents. Jesus Christ is the King of kings and the Lord of lords. We praise God for the power of His Word, the Bible and for the power of His mighty answers to prayer.

Holes in the Dyke

So often Christians see our position like that of the Dutch - building dykes to keep out the ocean tides from their land, much of which lies below sea level. Perhaps you have heard the story of the young Dutch boy putting his finger in the hole in the dyke to stop a leak while his sister went to raise the alarm and get help. Many Christians see our position in a similar way. The tide of humanism and atheism threatens to overwhelm and flood everything we love and hold dear. We are trying to hold back the tide of this ocean of paganism.

Turning the Tide

However, we should consider the fact that the situation is actually the reverse. It is not our calling to hold back the tide of paganism, but rather to turn the tide of Christianity. Time, history and the power of Almighty God are on our side. We are called to be the light of the world. All the darkness cannot put out the smallest light. Even a small flickering candle can defeat the darkness around it. Not all the darkness can put out even the smallest candle. It is the humanists who are frantically building dykes to keep out the rising tide of Christianity. "For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." Habakkuk 2:14

Every Idol and False Religion Will be Defeated

"The Lord will be awesome to them when He destroys all the gods of the land. The nations on every shore will worship Him, everyone in its own land." Zephaniah 2:11

The Ultimate Victory of Christ is Inevitable

"The Lord will be King over the whole earth. On that day there will be one Lord and His Name the only Name." Zechariah 14:9

Power From on High

He has granted us the keys of the Kingdom, what we bind on earth will be bound, what we loose will be loosed. The Gospel is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes (Romans 1: 16). We are more than conquerors through Christ Jesus who loves us (Romans 8:37). Greater is Him who is in us than him who is in the world (1 John 4:4). We can do all things in Christ who strengthens us (Philippians 4:13). Submit to God, resist the devil and he will flee from us (James 4:7).

The Great Commission is Our Supreme Ambition

This is what the Great Commission calls us to: "All authority in Heaven and in earth has been given unto Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all the nations...teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you..." Matthew 28:18-19

God's Will be Done

This is what it means to pray the Lord's Prayer: "Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven." Matthew 6:10

The Gates of Hell Cannot Prevail Against Us

When we understand this, it becomes clear that it is, in fact, the paranoid atheists and humanists who are desperately trying to plug up the cracks in their dykes as the rising tide of Bible-based Evangelical Christianity threatens to sweep away all their filth and rebellion against Almighty God.

Cracks in the Dykes of Hollywood

Successful films like Mel Gibson's *Passion of the Christ* and *Hacksaw Ridge*, C.S. Lewis's *Narnia* series, the *Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed* film; Ray Comfort's *Evolution Vs God* and *The Atheist Delusion*; *Amazing Grace* – the film on the victory of William Wilberforce against the slave trade and the Kendrick Brothers', *Flywheel, Facing the Giants, Fireproof, Courageous* and *War Room* and Frans Cronje's films, *Faith Like Potatoes; Hansie; Born to Win* and *The Roar*, are putting cracks into the dykes of Hollywood humanism.

Holes in the Dykes of the News Media

Christian community radio stations are breaking the secular humanist monopoly of the airwaves. Christian magazines are breaking into what has been a secular-dominated market in the magazine racks of shops and supermarkets. Desk Top Publishing, the World Wide Web and Social Media are opening avenues for mass communication which once was reserved for media moguls and billionaires. There is a great spiritual hunger growing with tens of thousands of people turning out to Transformation prayer rallies, Mighty Men's Conferences and stadium events.

Breaks in the Dykes of Education

The rise of independent Christian schooling and home education, the growth of Focus on the Family, Way of the Master, Answers in Genesis, the establishment of the Creation Museum and The Ark Encounter near Cincinnati, all of these represent seismic events which are putting major cracks in the dykes of humanism. These are only a small foretaste of the coming Spiritual Tsunami, when God chooses to send a Spiritual Revival that will fill the earth with the knowledge of the Lord as the seas are full of water. The dykes of humanism cannot stand.

Fight the Good Fight

It is for us to remain steadfast, immovable, faithful, diligent and energetic for the Kingdom of God. "Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling." "For God is not unjust to forget your work and labour of love which you have shown toward His Name, in that you have ministered to the saints and do minister. And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end." Hebrews 6:10-11

Light is More Powerful than Darkness

Not all the darkness can put out the smallest light. The candle in the dark was a symbol of the Leipzig prayer meeting protests against decades of darkness under Communist oppression and Atheist indoctrination. The flame of Faith and freedom spread. The Berlin Wall was breached, the Iron Curtain collapsed, the Soviet Union was dismantled. The light of the Gospel of Christ triumphed over the darkness and deception of demonic Communism.

Life is Greater Than Death

Jesus Christ is the Resurrection and the Life. He has conquered death, hell and the grave. He is risen, Ascended and coming again to Judge the living and the dead.

Truth is More Powerful than Lies and Deception

You shall know the truth and the Truth shall set you free. Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life. The Bible is the Word of God. It is the power of God for Salvation of all who believe. It is like a hammer that breaks the rocks in pieces. It is sharper than any double-edged sword.

"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, My beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord knowing that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." 1 Corinthians 15:57-58

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