**Truth Sowers Life Group**

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* A prudent question is one-half of wisdom.
* "Truth is so obscure in these times, and falsehood so established that, unless we love the truth, we cannot know it." ~ Blaise Pascal

**Introduction:** I had originally planned on bringing a much different lesson but Friday, I took a motorcycle ride and God dealt with me about bringing this message.

We just had a presidential election that showed just how divided our country is. Barack Obama won the election handily. There was a lot that rode on this election. With it, America has changed and will never be the same.

1. Defining Moments in America’s History
	1. **July 4, 1776** – The American Declaration of Independence was signed.
		1. Undoubtedly the greatest nation on the face of the earth was birthed with the idea that all men were free and that all men had the same chance at making something of their life without a government holding them down.
	2. **December 20, 1860** – Secession of South Carolina, followed by 10 other southern states.
		1. Where people WERE citizens of a state that was part of the union, after the war, people ARE citizens of the union or country and live in a state.
	3. **February 3, 1913** – The Sixteenth Amendment was ratified starting Federal Income Tax
		1. Median income in 1913 - $750.00 Tax Rate – 2% Max – 7%
		2. Median income in 2011 - $50,100.00 Tax Rate – 15% Max – 35%
		3. The top rate was 50% until President Reagan lowered it.
	4. **September 14, 1935** – Social Security was started as a “social insurance.”
		1. Started out as a retirement program and did not include beneficiaries until later (1939).
		2. Social Security tax rates were 1% for employer and employee on the first $3,000.00
		3. They are currently (2012) are employees 4.2% employer 6.2% and self-employed 10% on the first $110,100.00.
		4. Medicare rates are 1.45%
		5. Social Security cards were NOT to be used for identification purposes in the 1980’s.
		6. Social Security benefits were not to be taxable. Congress changed this in 1983.
		7. These are benefits on which taxes have already been paid. Double taxation.
		8. This was the beginning of the U.S. turning to socialism.
	5. **July 30, 1965** – Medicare was signed into law.
		1. “In a 2011 op-ed in *Forbes*, Peter Ferrara stated that, "The best estimate of the cost of the 185 federal means tested Welfare programs for 2010 for the federal government alone is nearly $700 billion, up a third since 2008, according to the Heritage Foundation. Counting state spending, total Welfare spending for 2010 reached nearly $900 billion, up nearly one-fourth since 2008 (24.3%)".”
	6. **August 15, 1971** - President Nixon issued Executive Order 11615 taking America off of the Gold Standard.
		1. This began massive inflation.
		2. Now, an infinite number of paper money can be printed without having the same amount of gold to back it up.
		3. For years the value of gold stood at around $18.00 per ounce.
		4. November 9, 2012 gold was valued at $1,731.00 per ounce.
		5. The American dollar bill is worth less than 96% than when gold was $18.
	7. **February 13, 2009** - American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Stimulus) was signed into law by President Obama.
		1. $2.5 Trillion dollars has been spent so far on the stimulus.
		2. That is almost $8,000.00 for every American.
		3. $32,000 for each family of four!
		4. Stimulus money is still being spent with another round coming.
	8. **March 23, 2010** – Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) was signed into law.
		1. It is unknown just how much it will cost the American taxpayer.
* America was founded, mostly by believers.
* They never wanted God taken out of our government, just the Government taken out of the Church.
* Many of them left England to get away from religious persecution.
* No Socialist country has ever been blessed by God.
1. America’s Morals have Changed Also.
	1. On April 6, 2009, Obama speaking of America, made the following statement:

*,,,although as I mentioned, we have a very large Christian population, we do not consider ourselves a Christian nation or a Jewish nation or a Muslim nation; we consider ourselves a nation of citizens who are bound by ideals and a set of values.”*

* What are those ideals and morals?
	1. Americans, especially Christians, were outraged.
		1. Let’s look at the **EVIDENCE**.
	2. January 17, 1940 – ‘Gone With the Wind’ was released by Warner Brothers.
		1. Americans were shocked that the word “damn” was used.
		2. Now, not only movies are full of profanity but also television.
	3. By the 1970’s, movie makers and television producers were pushing the moral limits.
		1. Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman (1976 – 1978) – where “Oh my God” came from.

From IMDB.com:

*“Set in fictional Fernwood, Ohio, this deliriously demented serial focused on the beleaguered heroine Mary Hartman, an average American housewife. In the first year, Mary suffered the travails of mass murder, adultery, venereal disease, homosexuality, religious cults, and UFO sightings, before she finally succumbed to a nervous breakdown on a syndicated talk show.”*

* 1. **Language** - My step-father served in WWII in the South Pacific and would not swear because he knew he could be killed at any moment and he feared God!
	2. While censors will bleep 4 letter words, I frequently hear God and Jesus’s names used in vain on television.
	3. **Pornography** exploded during Bill Clinton’s administration because they wouldn’t prosecute companies that produced porn.
		1. The Internet exacerbated the pornography problem.
		2. 80% of American men are addicted to pornography.
		3. 30% of American women are addicted to pornography.
		4. *The statistics are truly staggering. According to compiled numbers from respected news and research organizations, every second $3,075.64 is being spent on pornography. Every second 28,258 internet users are viewing pornography. In that same second 372 internet users are typing adult search terms into search engines. Every 39 minutes a new pornographic video is being created in the U.S.*
		5. *The pornography industry has larger revenues than Microsoft, Google, Amazon, eBay, Yahoo, Apple and Netflix combined.*
	4. **Abortion** - In 2011 there were more than one million abortions in the United States.
		1. In the recent election, 68% of single women voted for Obama, abortion being a major issue.
		2. There have been more than 53 million abortions in the United States since Roe vs. Wade in 1973.
		3. It has been reported that 41% of all pregnancies in New York end in abortion.
		4. According to Pastor Clenard Childress, approximately 52 percent of all African-American pregnancies now end in abortion.
		5. 86 percent of all abortions are done for the sake of convenience.
		6. According to the Guttmacher Institute, the average cost of a first trimester abortion at the ten week mark is $451.
		7. The average cost of a vaginal birth with no complications in the United States is now over $9,000.
		8. A Department of Homeland Security report that was released in January 2012 says that if you are "anti-abortion", you are a potential terrorist.  Unfortunately, there have also been other government reports that have also identified "anti-abortion" protesters as potential threats.
		9. A while back one Philadelphia abortionist was charged with killing seven babies that were born alive, but witnesses claim that he actually slaughtered hundreds "of living, breathing newborn children by severing their spinal cords or slitting their necks."
		10. Some abortion clinics have been caught selling aborted baby parts to medical researchers.
		11. Planned Parenthood Founder Margaret Sanger once said the following....
			1. *"The most merciful thing that a family does to one of its infant members is to kill it."*
		12. In a 1922 book entitled "Woman, Morality, and Birth Control", Planned Parenthood Founder Margaret Sanger wrote the following....
			1. *"Birth control must lead ultimately to a cleaner race."*
		13. Planned Parenthood performs more than 300,000 abortions every single year.
			1. This is funded by taxpayer money.
		14. Planned Parenthood specifically targets the poor.  A staggering 72 percent of Planned Parenthood's "customers" have incomes that are either equal to or beneath 150 percent of the federal poverty level.
		15. There are 30 Planned Parenthood executives that make more than $200,000 a year.  A few of them make more than $300,000 a year.
		16. Planned Parenthood received more than 487 million dollars from the federal government during 2010.
		17. I cannot even describe the procedures used to murder an unborn baby.
	5. **Infidelity**
		1. 53% of American marriages end in divorce.
		2. **Percentage of marriages where one or both spouses admit to infidelity, either physical or emotional**: 41%
		3. **Percentage of men who admit to committing infidelity in any relationship they've had:** 57%
		4. **Percentage of women who admit to committing infidelity in any relationship they've had:** 54%
		5. **Percentage of men and women who admit to having an affair with a co-worker:** 36%
		6. **Percentage of men who say they would have an affair if they knew they would never get caught:** 74%
	6. **Homosexuality**
		1. The Williams Institute at the UCLA School of Law, a sexual orientation law and public policy think tank, estimates that 9 million (about 3.8%) of Americans identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender (2011). The institute also found that bisexuals make up 1.8% of the population, while 1.7% are gay or lesbian. Transgender adults make up 0.3% of the population.
		2. Even Christians laugh at the flamboyancy of gays and think same sex relationships are okay.
	7. **Crime**
		1. Every 45 minutes in the United States, a murder occurs.
	8. **Alcohol Use and Abuse**
		1. Most restaurants serve liquor.
		2. Many Christians drink recreationally.
		3. Most drinking is done for the physical feeling.
		4. Paul told Timothy to take a little wine for his stomach.

**1 Timothy 5:23**

*Stop drinking only water, and use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses.*

* 1. **Drug use, including Marijuana**
		1. 18 states approve of medicinal marijuana use.
		2. In 2010, an estimated 22.6 million Americans aged 12 or older—or 8.9 percent of the population—had used an illicit drug or abused a psychotherapeutic medication (such as a pain reliever, stimulant, or tranquilizer) in the past month. This is up from 8.3 percent in 2002. The increase mostly reflects a recent rise in the use of marijuana, the most commonly used illicit drug.
		3. In the elections on November 6, 2012, Colorado approved the recreational use of marijuana for those 21 years and older.
	2. **Child Abuse**
		1. Children are suffering from a hidden epidemic of child abuse and neglect. Every year 3.3 million reports of child abuse are made in the United States involving nearly 6 million children (a report can include multiple children). The United States has the worst record in the industrialized nation – losing five children every day due to abuse-related deaths.
1. Judgment always comes on nations and even cities that turn from God.
	1. **Genesis 18:20, 21**

*“The cries of the victims in Sodom and Gomorrah are deafening; the sin of those cities is immense. I’m going down to see for myself, see if what they’re doing is as bad as it sounds. Then I’ll know.”*

* 1. **Jonah 1:1, 2**

*Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, 2“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me.”*

* + 1. Sodom and Gommorah was known for it’s wickedness.
		2. Ninevah was known for its wickedness
		3. **NONE OF THESE CITIES OR COUNTRIES COULD HAVE BEEN MORE WICKED THAN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**
	1. **Jeremiah 11:11, 14**

Therefore thus says the Lord, “Behold I am bringing disaster on them which they will not be able to escape; though they will cry to Me, yet I will not listen to them. “Therefore do not pray for this people, nor lift up a cry or prayer for them; for I will not listen when they call to Me because of their disaster.

* + 1. Judah had become so wicked that God told Jeremiah not to pray for it any longer.
	1. **The people’s sin is what causes judgment to come to a nation.**
		1. **THE PEOPLE HAVE CHOSEN A POLITICAL PARTY THAT:**
			1. Did NOT want to acknowledge God in political their platform in the 2012 Democratic Convention.
			2. Endorses abortion including late term abortion.
			3. Endorses homosexuality.
	2. People cannot choose sin over God without judgment coming.
	3. Disasters that have come to the United States since 2000:
		1. 9/11
		2. Hurricane Katrina
		3. Hurricane Rita
		4. Extreme drought in the Midwest and southern USA.
		5. Midwestern tornado outbreak of 2011
		6. Hurricane Sandy
	4. These are harbingers or forerunners of what is to come if we don’t repent in this country.
1. We Should Seek God for His Divine Protection

**Zeph 2:3**

*Seek the LORD, all who are humble, and follow his commands. Seek to do what is right and to live humbly. Perhaps even yet the LORD will protect you--protect you from his anger on that day of destruction.*

**Isaiah 26:20-21**

Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. [21] For, behold, the Lord cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

**Conclusion:** Our country has changed. The majority of the people in this country have chosen a political party that endorses sins that are abominations to God. They make fun of righteousness. They will not allow prayer in our schools or our workplaces. They laugh at the flamboyance of homosexuality. They would rather a woman be able to murder their own baby to cover up sin or to make their life more convenient. Crime is rampant in our streets. People would rather live for the moment and justify their sin than to live righteously before God.

God cannot let the United States go unpunished. If He would not sit idly by and let other cities and nations get by with their wickedness, how can America be so deceived to think that judgment will not come to her?

We should pray for revival in this country and we should pray for God to protect us when His judgment falls. From the night of the Passover, the Lord has protected His people when judgment came.