

Hope

*HAPPY IS HE WHO HAS THE GOD OF JACOB FOR HIS HELP WHOSE HOPE
IS IN THE LORD HIS GOD.*

*WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH, THE SEA AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM
WHO KEEPS TRUTH FOREVER
WHO EXECUTES JUSTICE FOR THE OPPRESSED
WHO GIVES FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY
THE LORD GIVES FREEDOM FOR THE PRISONERS
THE LORD OPENS THE EYES OF THE BLIND
THE LORD RAISES THOSE WHO ARE BOWED DOWN
THE LORD LOVES THE RIGHTEOUS
THE LORD WATCHES OVER THE STRANGER
HE RELIEVES THE FATHERLESS AND THE WIDOW
THE LORD SHALL REIGN FOREVER.*

Now that we, the citizens of America have found out that money does not make for happiness, that a beautiful home and white picket fence have proven just that — a beautiful home and white picket fence — that having a cozy family, good job and all that capitalism has to offer — all the ministries that we so longed for (to serve God, of course) — none of these things leads to that peace and joy we are looking for.

Let me add to that list — the religions, including Christianity, have no answers for the condition of the hearts of the citizens of America — for the world. There are more suicides than ever in the history of our country. There are more prisoners than ever in the history of our country. There are more people with a physical malaise than ever in our history. And there are more Christians than ever before.

Well, what has gone wrong??

Let me tell you what has gone wrong. Hope is a strong force at work within the soul of man. For faith is the substance of things hoped for. And God being the wise Father that He is will let us get what we think will satisfy us so that we get miserable enough to turn to Him.

Big, strong, arrogant America — the most civilized country in the world, the richest country in the world, the most miserable country in the world. You say, “I am not miserable.” Well, my dear sojourner, the only reason you are not miserable is you are still hoping for something that will not satisfy. That hope keeps you going, living in a false world.

“You have moved my soul far from peace; I have forgotten prosperity. And I said, ‘My strength and my hope have perished from the Lord.’” Thus lamented the prophet. Does that sound like the condition of the citizens of our country???

Listen to Job crying out to the Lord — “If I have made gold my hope, or said to fine gold, you are my confidence; if I have rejoiced because my wealth was great, and because my hand had gained much, this would be an iniquity deserving of judgment for I would have denied God who is above.” Smart man, Job. It took him 21 chapters of arguing to finally admit that — plus losing all his wealth, his family and almost his life. Life as he knew it ended that day.

1 John 3:3-5 gives us the hope that will bring us to the place of peace, joy unspeakable, and eternal life. “But we know that when he is revealed in us we shall be like him for we shall see him as he is. And everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself (his soul) just as he is pure.”

Now the reason this is not preached in the dead church is there is a price to pay to see Him as He is and thus becoming like Him. That price is your life. Not just your family, your ministry, your job, your image of yourself, your thoughts, your knowledge — but your life. Do you get it? Let me repeat — you will not be raptured; you will not see Jesus after you physically die; you will not go to heaven if you are content with hell here on earth; you cannot earn your way to the eternal peace and contentment: you cannot buy your way into it. You must make seeking first the kingdom of God priority number one.

There is only one God, and like it or not, He is the Father of Jesus Christ, not Buddha or Bush, or Gandhi or any such thing. We are to be changed into the image of our Lord Jesus Christ thus making us a son of the living God. All religions worship gods of their own evil imaginations.

AMERICA WAS FREE BECAUSE OF THE LIVING GOD — NOT BECAUSE WE HAD RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.

Men and women paid a dear price to establish America on the living God. That blood is written in the heavens. We here at Piecemakers are also shedding our blood to bring forth the fruit of the seed planted by our forefathers.

WE MAY HAVE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM HERE IN AMERICA, BUT WE ARE NOT FREE BECAUSE OF IT.

We are free because a few brave men and women are coming against that which we call religious freedom and are bringing to earth the only One who can set us free, and that is our Father — the Father of heaven and earth.

So we have this hope anchored behind the veil — “Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in our earth as it is in heaven” — and please, Lord, turn America back to that living hope that will bring true freedom to the hearts of the citizens of America so we can be called the citizens of the household of God.



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