

*Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your Heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?*

-- Matthew 6:26

## **Diversionsary Tactics**

This country is on the eve of battle, one that has been coming for generations. It is not a fight between the races, nor a struggle between the “haves” and the “have-nots,” two of the most nebulous and ill-defined categories one can imagine (for the definitions vary almost from person to person and nation to nation). The media generally will define the coming fight in such terms, but they are merely a smokescreen. The true battle will be spiritual; not for people’s money, but for their souls.

The recent incidents of the Harvard professor arrested for disorderly conduct by Cambridge, Massachusetts police and the arguments over how much money the federal government spends are merely the “gift wrapping.” They are a diversionsary tactic designed to get the attention of the Body of Christ away from the true issue – the difference between those who are truly surrendered to God and those who are not but want to *appear* as though they are.

The timing of all this is no accident. God is calling His people to come together, for the Church to be one and for the Body of Christ to be fully connected to its Head, which is the Lord Jesus. The first steps are already taking place as larger numbers of believers are no longer going *to* church but being the Church (as pointed out by pollster George Barna in his book, *Revolution*). Of course, Satan – who knows his time is short (Rev. 12:12) – is doing everything he can to forestall this, and so will turn to well-worn methods to get the Church’s attention away from its Lord.

Even the fight over the proposed overhaul of the nation’s healthcare system, though closer to the core of the argument, still misses the larger picture. Dire warnings have been issued that such changes as have been proposed will lead to rationing of health care and an emphasis on containing costs over curative care and even saving the patient’s life. This is a clue to the heart of the matter, which lies in the decisions this or any administration makes on questions of life and death.

We all have a choice to make, between the things of the Lord and the things of this world, which is the choice between life and death (Deuteronomy 20:19). God gives life, and gives it more fully for those who choose His ways (John 10:10). Those who do not choose His ways choose death; eternal separation from Him and, ultimately, the second death in the lake of fire (Rev. 20:14) are the ultimate destination for those who reject God’s offer of Salvation. However, the effects of that choice are also felt in this life, in the general outlook of those who reject God. Proverbs 8:22 personifies Wisdom as the first of God’s works, but notes in verse 36 that “all who hate me love death.” And the love of death is well on the march in this country.

The idea of rationing care and possibly denying it outright to people who appear to be hopeless cases (or who do not meet an artificially set criteria for “worth” in the eyes of society) is nothing new; as long as the study of eugenics has been around, there have been people who believe that human beings can be “improved” upon either by discouraging reproduction in people with undesirable traits or encouraging people with desirable traits to bear children. And, every so often, totalitarian governments have tried to implement such ideas and practices by force; I won’t waste space naming them here; we all know who and what they are, and you can check your history if you don’t. Life to such people is a resource like any other – to be controlled and distributed among those who will use it most efficiently as *they* see the “greater good.” This healthcare overhaul, if allowed to pass, will only be the first *national* step in the march of the culture of death, bearing the formal stamp of approval of our elected representatives. In short, because this would be done with our knowledge and (apparent) approval, *we* will bear the responsibility. We have been wantonly killing the unborn for generations, with a population brainwashed into thinking that a baby is something – *anything* – other than a baby, viable or not; euthanasia for the elderly and those who are viewed as having “no medical hope” is a very short step and will be the next big push for the same reasons. It will be the re-emergence of the old “useless eaters” argument of the last century. Although most proponents will have more sense than to actually use the phrase, the idea will be the same; those who consume finite resources (not taking into account the God Who supplies and sustains them) and are not able to contribute should die and leave more resources for the rest of us.

Such is the fruit of the spirit of those who do not know the Lord, for God’s view is that life is precious in His sight *simply because we exist*, because we are the work of His Hands. This is the same God who knows when a sparrow falls to the ground and how many hairs you have on your head, remember? (Matthew 10: 29, 30) The same God who comes to *seek* and to *save* the lost (Luke 19:10) and rejoices over one sinner who repents (Luke 15:7). Who desires mercy, not sacrifice (Hosea 6:6, Matthew 9:13). In the Jewish Talmud, the commentaries of the great rabbis, we find the famous saying that “Whoever saves a single life, it is as if he had saved the whole world.” (Sanhedrin, 4:5) This administration may “talk the talk,” as it were, in terms of belief, but its decisions on life and death matters do not match its words. From rescinding executive orders banning embryonic stem cell research to striking down rules prohibiting taxpayer funds from going to international family planning clinics that provide abortion services, the fruit of its spirit seems to be that of the secularists who are bent on forcing their view of how America should be on this nation, which was based on the values of the Bible. This is the path of destruction for America, because it is being led away from the will of its God.

The spiritual nature of the revolution in America, though under increasing denial and attack in recent years, is well-documented; and the best documentation comes from those who we once viewed as enemies. In the British Parliament, according to Hezekiah Niles (*Principles and Acts of the Revolution in America* (Baltimore: William Ogden Niles, 1822), p. 198) Sir Richard Sutton read a copy of a letter relative to the government of America from a [Crown-appointed] governor in America to the Board of Trade [in Great Britain] showing that... *If you ask an American, “Who is his master?” He will tell*

*you he has none – nor any governor but Jesus Christ.* One of this nation's less well-known (but nonetheless popular in its day) slogans was *No King but King Jesus*. Although America is not specifically mentioned in Biblical prophecy, when any nation makes such a declaration it makes a covenant with God for Him to be the Lord of that nation. As such, the blessings for obedience – and the curses for disobedience – found in the Book of Deuteronomy come into play. America has been walking away from its covenant with God for generations now, and we are beginning to be humbled for doing so.

This can still change and the nation can still be turned back to God, but the Church must rise up and be the Church. It must look past the diversionary tactics put forward by this culture and reach the core of the problems that have been unaddressed for years. Race is one such problem. Progress has been made in healing the centuries-old wounds between African-Americans and Anglos, yet church services on Sunday mornings are still one of the most segregated hours in this nation. In addition, new teaching is emerging from Messianic Jews, who retain their Jewish identity yet have accepted Yeshua (Jesus) as the Messiah. Ancient prejudices and misunderstandings between Jew and Gentile, however, will be used by Satan as a stumbling block to try and prevent their dissemination among the Church. Among the Body of Christ, the saints of God, this must no longer be. Those who are sold out to God must band together; first to fight the good fight for the faith, second, to demonstrate to America that it will only be in Jesus that these scars will finally and ultimately heal.

Another reason we must band together is that as the Church fully takes its leadership from the Head and rises above the issues of the day to fight for the soul of this nation, we will suffer persecution. Yet, as we experience this, we will also enjoy an outpouring of the Holy Spirit such as has not been seen in generations, for God's Will *shall* be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. We will need every saint fully yielded to the Spirit and doing what God has called him or her to do for the Kingdom for this race to be won. The Spirit is calling all genuine saints of God to join together on all fronts.

*It is time.*

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