

This is what the LORD Almighty says: “Now hear these words, ‘Let your hands be strong so that the temple may be built.’ This is also what the prophets said who were present when the foundation was laid for the house of the LORD Almighty. Before that time there were no wages for people or hire for animals. No one could go about their business safely because of their enemies, since I had turned everyone against their neighbor. But now I will not deal with the remnant of this people as I did in the past,” declares the LORD Almighty. “The seed will grow well, the vine will yield its fruit, the ground will produce its crops, and the heavens will drop their dew. I will give all these things as an inheritance to the remnant of this people. Just as you, Judah and Israel, have been a curse among the nations, so I will save you, and you will be a blessing. Do not be afraid, but let your hands be strong.” (Zechariah 8: 9-13)

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. (Galatians 5:1)

Anno Domini 2022: **The Fork in the Road Emerges**

Recently, my wife and I attended the Dallas stop of Clay Clark’s *Reawaken America* tour, a project designed to enlighten and encourage modern-day patriots of all kinds – including believers – regarding the times we live in and the issues we face, what the *anti-freedom* forces (if you will) are up to and how we can act in the interests of our nation to keep the Divinely-inspired freedoms the Founders handed down to us.

In listening to the multitude of speakers over the three-day event, one of the things that occurred to me dealt with the concept of what has become known as “the swamp” – the “deep state” concentration of corruption, anti-American and anti-Christian philosophy that has entrenched itself in the nation’s government over the decades. Americans are beginning to wake up to the dangers of this phenomenon, but it is by no means merely an American problem. It is planet-wide; so deep and vast that we as individuals cannot clean it up alone. Yet while God does what only He can do, we who serve Him are called to do what we can. And God is doing much, not just in America, but around the world as a Revival is spreading among the nations. The two are connected, because God has had a plan for the United States from its very foundation. This is the word God gave me:

America is turning back, it has begun. What happens next depends on whether she continues to turn back to Me. The question remains; will all the nation be restored, or only a remnant? My purposes may be tailored to individuals, or be broadened to the many. Either way, My purposes will be fulfilled. I blessed America because the purposes of your fathers who built this nation were in line with My own. It was for the freedom of the world through My Son that you were made free from King George III in England.

Did you know that one of the first things the new government of the United States did was to print Bibles at its own expense? Not only for the people of this nation, but for the Native Americans living here when our ancestors arrived from Europe. Did you know that, upon completion, the Capitol building in Washington D.C. was used for Sunday church services? This is but a sample of what the American government – in the name of the people of this nation – did in its first years. And that is what

God wants the people of this nation to return to, and He will bring His people back to that point. The only question is, will it be through a remnant or through the nation as a whole?

Either way, God will send His Salvation to the ends of the world. So why should we care whether it's by the remnant or the nation? Because while nothing can stop the Lord from saving, whether by many or by few (1 Samuel 14:6), His great desire is that none should perish but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). And just as there are blessings or judgments for the actions of individuals, so there are for nations. Those of us who love our nation, who think that the United States is the greatest nation in the history of the world and who are proud to be citizens here do not want to see our nation open to judgment any more than it already has been. And even though we will be citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven far longer than we will be citizens of the United States, when we are gathered for the great marriage supper of the Lamb, it will be pleasing to see a vast crowd of people there, more than can be counted. And God will be pleased if He can look at each of individually and know that we did what we could to bring that crowd there. It's not about us, folks – it's about Him and His kingdom.

The fork in the road for America is beginning to emerge. Let's pray to the Lord and do our part to get her on the road that leads to Him.

For the Glory of God.
the Lord Jesus Christ
and the Holy Spirit

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