

A Generation That Knows Not God

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From the Old Testament of the Bible, we find these haunting words,

- “...there arose another generation after them, which knew **NOT** the LORD, **NOR** yet the works which he had **DONE** for Israel” ([Judges 2:10](#)).

There was a time in history, where God showed favor on the descendants of Abraham – the Hebrew nation or the Israelites and sadly they failed to teach their children about God, which resulted in a generation that no longer knew about God and therefore no longer cared about whether or not they pleased, revered and obeyed the creator of all things, but instead cared about pleasing themselves, rather than caring about offending God.

- A. Notice that the root of the problem for the Israelites, was that the Hebrew nation didn’t teach their descendants about God. The wisdom of Proverbs says,
- “My son, forget **NOT** my law; but let thine heart **KEEP** my commandments: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: **BIND** them about thy neck; **WRITE** them upon the table of thine heart: So shalt thou **FIND** favour and **GOOD** understanding in the **SIGHT** of God and man. **TRUST** in the LORD with **ALL** thine heart; and **LEAN** not unto thine **OWN** understanding. In **ALL** thy ways **ACKNOWLEDGE** Him, and He shall **DIRECT** thy paths. Be **NOT** wise in thine **OWN** eyes: fear the LORD, and **DEPART** from evil” ([Prov.3:1-7](#)).
 - “**TRAIN** up a child in the **WAY** he should go: and when he is old, he will **NOT** depart **FROM** it” ([Prov.22:6](#)).

The New Testament teaches,

- “And, ye fathers, provoke **NOT** your children to wrath: but **BRING** them **UP** in the **NURTURE** and **ADMONITION** (or warning) of the Lord” ([Eph.6:4](#)).

- B. Have you noticed the end result of a nation who chooses **NOT** to acknowledge, honour and please God?

The history of the United States of America demonstrated at one time, that its citizens as a whole acknowledged the existence of God and incorporated its laws to be in harmony with the Word of God and as a result, she was known as a glorious nation, because she chose to honour, acknowledge and glorify God, which resulted in having God’s favor.

The Psalmist said long ago,

- “**Blessed** is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance” ([Psalm 33:12](#)).

I can’t tell you how much it bothers me to see such a drastic spiritual and moral decay in this country.

Bruce Springsteen ^[1] and Bryan Adams ^[2] had canceled a concert because states had enforced law that is in harmony with Biblical principle’s on modesty – forcing people with male plumbing to use the Men’s restroom and not the Women’s restroom. The NBA has threatened to cancel the NBA all-star game in North Carolina if that state does not change its law ^[3]. Target has forced its consumers to share the same bathroom ^[4]. ESPN has fired Curt Schilling after his comments on transgender people ^[5]. Shamelessly, the State of New York has passed a law legalizing abortion up to birth ^[6]. In contrast, Alyssa Milano and other Hollywood celebrity’s have voiced and promoted a boycott of the State of Georgia for its strict limitation on abortion ^[7].

The inspired apostle Peter said,

- “I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: ² That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour: ³ Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days **SCOFFERS**, walking after their **OWN LUSTS**, ⁴ And saying, Where is the promise of His coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. ⁵ For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: ⁶ Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: ⁷ But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, **RESERVED** unto **FIRE AGAINST** the day of judgment and perdition of **UNGODLY MEN**. ⁸ But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that **ALL** should **COME** to **REPENTANCE**. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord **WILL COME** as a thief in the night; in the which the **HEAVENS** shall pass away with a **GREAT noise**, and the elements shall **MELT** with fervent HEAT, the **EARTH** also and the works that are therein shall be **BURNED UP**. ¹¹ Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all **HOLY CONVERSATION** and **GODLINESS**, ¹² Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? ¹³ Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. ¹⁴ Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless” ([1Pet.3:1-14](#)).

C. Look where the United States of America has come and gone, since she has chosen to NOT acknowledge God.

Will this nation learn that,

- “Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people”([Prov.14:34](#))?

We Have Come:	We Have Gone:
<p>From a Government who acknowledged the need to lead with Biblical counsel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible” (George Washington – 1st President). • “<i>That Book (the Bible), sir, is the Rock on which our Republic rests.</i>” (Andrew Jackson – 7th President). • “In God We Trust” (U.S. Congress 1864). • “Of the many influences that have shaped the United States into a distinctive nation and people, none may be said to be more fundamental and enduring than the Bible” (Ronald Reagan). • “Inside the Bible’s pages lie the answers to all the problems that mankind has ever known. I hope Americans will read and study the Bible” (Ronald Reagan – 40th President). 	<p>To a government who does not lead with Biblical counsel, but instead is counseled and influenced by each other, hollywood, the liberal media, special interest group & corporate lobbyist, the muslims who are responsible for the attacks on this country on September 11, 2001 and by the supposed fear of offending the 1% who chooses to NOT honour God anymore – specifically the gay, lesbian, transgender and pedophile group of ungodly people.</p>
<p>From a people who taught the Word of God in its homes & schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Education is useless without the Bible.” (Daniel Webster). • “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it” (Prov.22:6). • “And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord” (Eph.6:4). 	<p>To a people that has forsook God and His Word and to an education system that teaches humanism or the false idea that when we die, we’re like the dog Rover, “we’re just dead all over.” And therefore imply to “live life to the fullest and grab all the gusto you can”, as one beer commercial proclaimed in years past. This society and country has even stooped to punishing those that seek to acknowledge the God of Heaven – the God of the Bible.</p>

<p>From a motion picture industry who cared about family values and modesty in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THOUGHT (Matt.5:28; Lk.6:45), • SPEECH (Psalm19:14; Col.4:6; Matt.12:36-37; James 1:26; 3:6-10; Eph.4:29; 5:4; Col.3:8) and • DRESS (Gen.3:7, 3:21; Ex.28:42; Deut.22:5; 1Pet.3:3-4; 1Tim.2:9-10);). 	<p>To an entertainment industry that sets the standard for anything that goes, from nakedness, sex, vulgar language, drunkenness and all kinds of ungodly deeds, including forcing the homosexuality lifestyle down the throats of its consumers in the form of entertainment.</p>
<p>From “dry” communities that prohibited the sale of alcohol because its citizens understood the sinful nature of that vile beverage (Prov.20:1). http://www.gospelnotes.info/FermentedWine_Versus_UnfermentedWine_MWright.pdf</p>	<p>To “wet” communities that deceive themselves into thinking the Bible does not prohibit the consumption of alcohol, or they don’t even care if the Bible does or not.</p>
<p>From a country and society that made it illegal to divorce except for the cause of unfaithfulness (Matt.5:32;19:9) and from families that stayed married for life (Mk.10:9), because they understood about “not separating what God had joined together” (Matt.19:6).</p>	<p>To legalizing divorce for any cause, resulting in generation after generation of children not having the foundation of family support, with both a Mama and a Daddy TOGETHER.</p>
<p>From a people that desired to walk as Christ walked (1Jn.2:6) and to have the mind of Christ (Phil.2:5) and therefore abohored sins such as homosexuality because God abhors sin (Lev.18:22; Deut.22:5; 1Cor.6:9-10; Rom.1:26-27; Jude 1:7).</p>	<p>To a people deceived by the devil that the sin of homosexuality is somehow prejudicial and now this society is pushing for and even mandating that establishments allow those with male plumbing to use the female bathroom facilities, because that male individual “feels” like a woman.</p>
<p>From a government and society who treasured the unborn child and understood that God gives the spirit to the fetus or baby of the womb, before the child is born. (Life begins at conception: Gen.25:22; Psalm 139:13-16; Jer.1:5; Lk.1:36-44. Where there is life, there is a spirit: Jms.2:26; God hates hands that shed innocent blood: Prov.6:16-17; Ex.21:22; Rom.13:9; Jms.2:11)</p>	<p>To a government and society who would deceive themselves that the fetus or unborn baby is not a baby, due to its lack of Bible knowledge and therefore murdering unborn babies, but making it illegal to cut down trees for protection of animals, which have no soul.</p>

The ungodly individual will attempt to slander those who are “set for the defence of the gospel” ([Phil.1:17](#)); They will say that those opposing the homosexual and transgender lifestyle are unloving and unkind. Biblical love has to do with loving God **FIRST**, over and beyond the natural affection one has for the closest of family members.

Jesus said,

- “He that **LOVETH** father or mother **MORE** than Me is **NOT** worthy of Me: and he that **LOVETH** son or daughter **MORE** than Me is **NOT** worthy of Me” ([Matt.10:37](#); [Lk.14:26](#)).
- “Thou shalt **LOVE** the **Lord** thy **God** with **ALL** thy heart, and with **ALL** thy soul, and with **ALL** thy mind. ³⁸This is the **FIRST** and **GREAT** commandment. ³⁹ And the **SECOND** is like unto it, Thou shalt **LOVE** thy neighbour as thyself” ([Matt.22:37-39](#)).

God has values, priorities and order for our lives according to His will, which means that man’s will and desires are second and **God is FIRST**.

- “**SEEK** ye **FIRST** the kingdom of God, and His **RIGHTEOUSNESS**” ([Matt.6:33](#)).

The Bible instructs us to submit ourselves to those who have authority over us ([Rom.13:1](#)), including our government. Jesus said,

- “Render therefore unto Caesar (or the government) the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's” ([Matt.22:21](#)).

But when society, communities or a government makes laws contradictory to God’s laws, christians have an obligation to,

- “**OBEY** God **RATHER** than men” ([Acts 5:29](#)).

In other words, we don't call the homosexual lifestyle good, and those that oppose that sinful lifestyle as evil; Not if we are to put God first and obey God, over and beyond man's desires.

The Bible warns,

- “**WOE** unto them that **CALL** evil **GOOD**, and good **EVIL**; that **PUT** darkness for **LIGHT**, and light for **DARKNESS**; that **PUT** bitter for **SWEET**, and sweet for **BITTER**! **WOE** unto them that are **WISE** in their **OWN** eyes, and prudent in their **OWN** sight!” ([Isa.5:20-21](#)).
- “Were they **ASHAMED** when they had **COMMITTED** abomination? **NAY**, they were **NOT** at all **ASHAMED**, neither could they **BLUSH**: therefore they shall **FALL** among them that fall: at the time that I visit them, they shall be **CAST down**, saith the **LORD**.”([Jer.6:15](#)).

If we'll put God first, we'll refuse to even participate in the vile sins of others, as the Bible says,

- “And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; ²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, ³⁰backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, ³¹ without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: ³² who knowing the judgment of God, that they which **COMMIT** such things are **WORTHY of DEATH**, not only do the same, but **have PLEASURE in them that do them**.” ([Rom.1:28-32](#)) NASB
- “Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine (or teachings) of Christ, hath **NOT** God (spiritual separation from God). He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰ If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into *your* house, neither bid him God speed: ¹¹ for he that biddeth him God speed is **PARTAKER of his evil deeds**.” ([2Jn.vs9-11](#))

Resources:

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