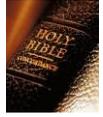


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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK: Why We Need Spiritual Revival

The simple answer? We've fallen. God blessed America at its founding. Persecuted Christians came from Europe seeking religious freedom. God gave them that and so much more. Natural resources like gold, oil, wildlife and lumber. Also interior waterways, stocked with fish, provided transportation from Canada to Mexico. Two oceans gave us a natural barrier against invasion from the east and west. Some of the world's greatest minds were either born here or migrated to our shores. If something of note happened in the area of science, medicine, transportation, communication, technology, engineering, aeronautics, among many others, it likely happened here first. And of course, the great experiment in liberty. We have been a free people, unlike the rest of the world, for 250 years.

So why do we need spiritual revival? Our Judeo-Christian ethos is under attack. In addition to the acknowledgement of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as well as the Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, it has supplied our nation with a set of moral and philosophic principles regarding economic, social, personal, and political life. From it we learn of personal responsibility, liberty, a good work ethic, individualism, and an understanding of what is right from what is wrong. But all of that is under attack. And why is that? Are we under the judgment of God? Many weak Christians today, led by weak pastors and bad theology, have not only abandoned God, but brought shame to His name. Because of that, in part, we have allowed abortions and homosexuality to flourish. Are we the 21st century version of Sodom and Gomorrah? And if we are, how many righteous men and women is God looking for in America to avoid His wrath and destruction.

Can we avoid this? I don't know. This isn't about politics. It's about evil. If this was just a secular issue, we could turn it around at the ballot box. But we've offended God. Which necessitates the need for a spiritual revival. Which requires the presence of the Holy Spirit. In America's early days, the Spirit was alive and well in our churches, which led the charge for freedom. The problem facing us today is the fact that the Spirit has left many of our churches. Most churches are either apostate or ecumenical, preaching a form of the social gospel and not the true gospel of Christ. We need to be concerned, not about saving the planet, but saving people's souls. Christians need to speak up. Evil prospers when good people do nothing.

History is going to come to a conclusion one day. Mankind cannot stop it, but a spiritual revival may slow it down. Without that, America will be no more than a bump in the road on China's march to global supremacy. In the big picture we don't need to fear the tyrants and evil leaders of the world as they are ultimately in God's hands. So don't fear those who can only kill the body, but fear God, who can destroy both body and soul in Hell (Matthew 10:28). It's time for true Christian Americans to wake up and stand up.

Rev. David Lewis

Raising God's Standard In These "Last Days"
Standing Firm in the Face of Seducing Spirits

By Robert Luthardt, Sr.

Let God's "Called" heed the following: This know also that in the "Last Days" perilous times shall come. "For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having a 'FORM OF GODLINESS,' but denying the power thereof: from such turn away" (2 Tim. 3:1-5).

"For the time will come when they will 'not' endure sound doctrine: but ... keep to themselves teachers ... they shall turn away their ears from the truth ... to fables" (2 Tim. 4:3-4). These warnings the Apostle Paul penned by the guidance of God the Holy Spirit (2 Pet. 1:21).

The Apostle Peter was also charged to write, "... There were false prophets ... even as there SHALL BE false teachers among you, who ... bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them ... many shall follow their pernicious ways ... through covetousness shall they make merchandise of you ... their damnation slumbereth not" (2 Pet. 2:1-3).

In view of such "FALLING AWAY" from God's Word and from "HE" who embodies the truth (2 Thes. 2:3; John 1:14, 14:6) what is the responsibility of TRUE BELIEVERS in these "LAST DAYS"? The Holy Spirit answers through the Apostles, "Preach the Word: be instant in season and out of season; REPROVE, REBUKE, EXHORT with ... DOCTRINE ... do the work of an evangelist" (2 Tim. 4:2, 5).

The Apostle John wrote, "Whosoever abideth "NOT" in the doctrine of Christ, hath "NOT" God ... If there come any unto you and bring not this doctrine, receive him not ... neither bid him God speed ..." (2 John 7-10).

The Apostle Paul in a fuller sense warned, "Let no man deceive you ... that "DAY" shall NOT come except there come a "FALLING AWAY FIRST" and that "MAN OF SIN" be revealed, the "SON OF PERDITION" who opposeth and exalteth HIMSELF ABOVE ... God ... showing himself as if he IS GOD (2 Thes. 2:3-12). "And then shall that wicked be revealed whom the LORD shall consume ... and shall destroy with the brightness of "HIS COMING."

Our Lord Jesus Christ cautioned all believers that, "IF the blind lead the blind, both fall into the ditch (Matt. 15:14). The Devil and his minions are well-versed in scripture (as seen on cable-TV) and like the "father of lies," add enough scripture to their seducing spirits to deceive the unwary (2 Tim. 3:13). Now the Lord seriously warned, "Not everyone that saith unto me, LORD, LORD, shall enter the Kingdom of heaven" ... "then will I profess ... depart from me. Ye that work iniquity" (Matt 7:21-23).

From the descending of the Dark Ages unto these present "Last Days," believers have rejoiced in the promised return of our "GOOD SHEPHERD" Jesus Christ who giveth his life for his sheep (John 10:11), both of Israel and "other sheep ... not of this fold" (vs. 16).

The Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, ... in the “latter time” some shall depart from the faith giving heed to “seducing spirits and doctrines of devils...” (1 Tim. 4:1). He also wrote to the Corinthians ‘... But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to DEVILS and not to God...’ Paul warned against any fellowship with DEVILS: “Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord ‘And’ the cup of devils or partake of the Lord’s table ‘and’ the table of devils ...” (1 Cor. 10:21-21). It is not another gospel of a mankind-centered unity the world needs but He alone that is the “light of the World” (Gal. 1:6-9; John 8:12).

What false teachers bring is not the true evangelism for which fundamental missionaries risked their lives, but rather “broad road ecumenism” for which captives of Satan risk their eternal souls (2 Tim. 2:24-26; Matt. 7:13-20).

He who at first came as “THE LAMB OF GOD” (John 1:29; 1 Pet. 1:18-20) will return and deal forthrightly with all apostates from the true faith of Jesus Christ and this time as the “LION OF THE TRIBE of Judah” (Rev. 5:5) who rides to victory in war and is called “Faithful and true” and “The Word of God” (Rev. 19:11-13).

Jude reminds us that some who deviate may yet receive mercy (mockers in the “last time”) and we are to show compassion, “pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment spotted by the flesh” (Jude 17-23).

We ought to pray the Lord will give these lost ones a new heart and a new spirit and the covering of Christ’s “EVERLASTING COVENANT” established in his own blood (Matt. 26:28; Rom. 5:9; Heb. 9:14, 13:20; Rev. 1:5). While we are called to rebuke any (teacher, denomination) that “adds to or takes away from God’s closed canon of scripture” (Deut. 4:2; Prov. 30:5-6; Rev. 22:19) or that teaches any to trust their own works of righteousness (Is. 64:6; Ep. 2:8-10), all believers know that except for the grace of God and our choosing by our “Good Shepherd; there go I” (John 10:11, 16).

Sin has left on every heart a crimson stain (Rom. 3:23; Jer. 17:9; Is. 1:18) as we like to sing as sheep in Christ’s pasture (Ps. 23) and no longer fear the “shadow of death” since we are to dwell in the House [the very family of God] of the LORD FOREVER.

The Apostle John wrote that believers have fellowship, “...with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ...” “If we walk in the light as ‘HE’ is in the light and the blood of Christ purges all our sins” (1John 1:3, 7). John warned against loving this “WORLD” for the lust of the flesh “and of the eyes and the ‘pride of life’ is ‘not’ of the Father.” Little Children, it is the “LAST TIME” and ye have heard that antichrist shall come; even now there are many antichrists; whereby we know it is the “LAST TIME” (1 John 2:16-18).

The prophesied coming “MAN OF SIN” will diabolically oppose God by claiming deity for himself but of a counterfeit Christianity within a universal worldwide religion that welcomes all belief systems into one NEW FAITH within the “NEW WORLD ORDER” (Rev. 17 and 18).

Could it be this “MAN OF SIN” gains credence for his claims after a devastating war is ENDED and the world desires peace almost at any price? (Consider Ezekiel’s war in 38 and 39) or of John’s “one-third of mankind being killed” (Rev. 9:15). If Israel fights yet another major war on their mountains, they might welcome a peace treaty that grants them protection from a “Messiah-like leader:” but he will prove to be an arch-deceiver (Daniel 9:27; Matt. 24:15).

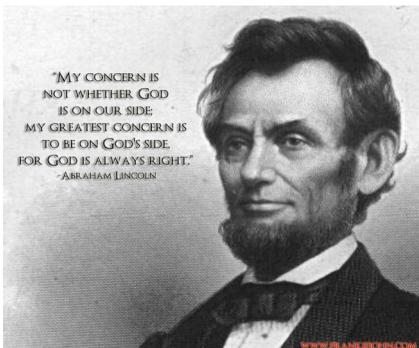
What is far more important for followers of Christ is to heed his command to us to “go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the ‘name of the Father’ and ‘of the Holy Ghost...’” (Matt. 28:19). Since no one knows the day or hour of Christ’s return, let us raise His standard (flag) and be at it when the trumpet sounds and we are “caught up together ... in the clouds to meet the Lord” for the Lord ... “comes as a thief in the night” (Matt. 24:36; 1 Thes. 4:16-19).

Since these scriptures above show how definitely the stage is set for the final conflict between Christ and Antichrist, know for a certainty that as with “all things,” all events are in the control of God Almighty yet no one knows the day or hour of Christ’s return so we as believers are to “occupy till I come” (Luke 19:13) and if our Lord was always about “my Father’s business” we are to also “walk as Jesus walked” (Luke 2:49; 1 John 2:6); and ...

Keep looking up (Luke 21:28).

Thank God for our February Presidents!

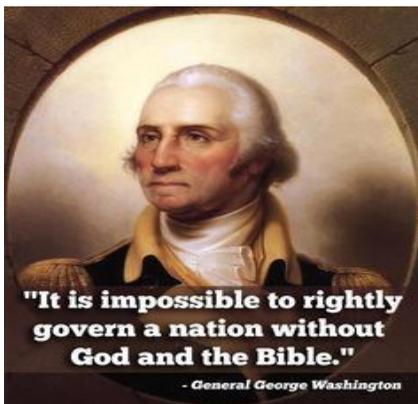
Abraham Lincoln



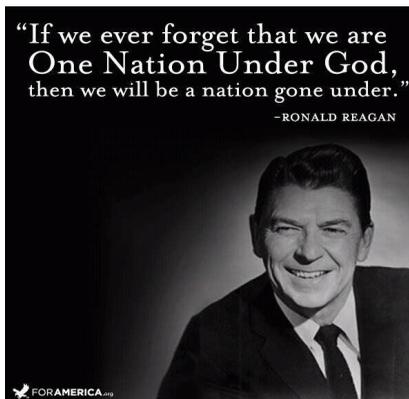
William Henry Harrison



George Washington



Ronald Reagan



Surrendering All

By Nancy Long

Prov. 3:5-6 -- "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."

Matt. 10:39 -- "He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for My sake shall find it."

Matt. 16:24 -- "Then said Jesus unto His disciples, 'If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself. And take up his cross, and follow Me.'"

Luke 14:27 -- "And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after Me, cannot be My disciple."

Rom. 6:13b -- "yield yourselves unto God and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God."

Rom. 12:1-2 -- "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

Gal. 2:20 -- "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me."

Col. 3:2 -- "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."

I Surrender All

All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live.

All to Jesus I surrender, Humbly at His feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken Take me Jesus, take me now.

All to Jesus I surrender, Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
May Thy Holy Spirit fill me, May I know Thy pow'r divine.

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power, Let Thy blessing fall on me.

All to Jesus I surrender, Now I feel the sacred flame; O the joy of full
salvation! Glory, glory to His name!

Chorus --

I surrender all, I surrender all,
All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

Words – Judson W. Van DeVenter

Music – Winfield S. Weeden

The author of the words of this tender hymn, Judson Van DeVenter, was born in 1855, on a farm in Michigan. While still in his teens, young DeVenter recognized the tugging of the Spirit, and accepted Jesus into his heart, although there continued to be a conflict within, regarding “surrendering it all”!! Mr. Van DeVenter went on to graduate from Hillsdale College, marry, and have three children. He worked as a painter, and taught art in a public school in Pennsylvania, as well as mastering thirteen different musical instruments, singing, and composing music.

The struggle inside become more pronounced as Van DeVenter became more and more involved in the music ministry at his church. There were conflicting thoughts as to whether he should continue his teaching career, or enter into full time evangelistic ministry.

Much of the time, lyrics, such as are written in the hymn, “**I Surrender All**”, flow out of one's mind, as a result of personal struggles, conflicts, happenings, and occurrences of life, that in the end, result in a strong personal commitment to Jesus Christ. This is one such example.

Quoting from Mr. Van DeVenter: *“For many years I had been studying art. My whole life was wrapped up in its pursuit, and the thing farthest from my mind was active Christian service. My dream was to become an outstanding and famous artist. After graduating from college, I studied drawing and painting under a well-known German teacher. To help me financially, I taught school and eventually I became supervisor of art in the public schools of Sharon, Pennsylvania. It was during this period that a revival was held in the First Methodist Church of which I was a member. I became very interested in these meetings as a personal worker. The Spirit of God was urging me to give up teaching and to enter the evangelistic field, but I **would not** yield. I still had a burning desire to be an artist. This battle raged for five years. At last the time came when I could hold out no longer, and I surrendered **my all** – my time and my talents. It was then that a new day was ushered into my life. I became an evangelist, and discovered deep down in my soul a talent hitherto unknown to me. God had hidden a song in my heart, and touching a tender chord, He caused me to sing. I wrote ‘**I Surrender All**’ in memory of the time when, after a long struggle, I had surrendered and dedicated my life to active Christian service to the Lord.”*

What does it really mean, this little phrase, “**Surrender all**”? My Webster's Thesaurus gives me some synonyms: **SURRENDER** - **abandon, relinquish, come to terms, let go, give oneself over, submit, humble oneself yield. ALL** – **completely, totally, wholly, entirely, fully, utterly, thoroughly, perfectly, unconditionally absolutely.**

Not one person can do this, you know. No human being is able to develop these qualities **in** themselves **by** themselves. We, created beings, are, for the most part, “**all about us**”. This world does revolve around “**us**”, does it not?! Scripture though, states that our “**hearts are deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked**” (Jeremiah 17:9) and no one, **no**, not even one, can change the heart **except God!!!**

We, of course, are capable of doing some things, and we are exhorted to do so. We must be consciously mindful, forgetting about ourselves, putting ourselves on the back burner, if you will Focusing our thoughts on **Him**, magnifying **His** name, worshipping **Him**, and putting **Christ** at the center

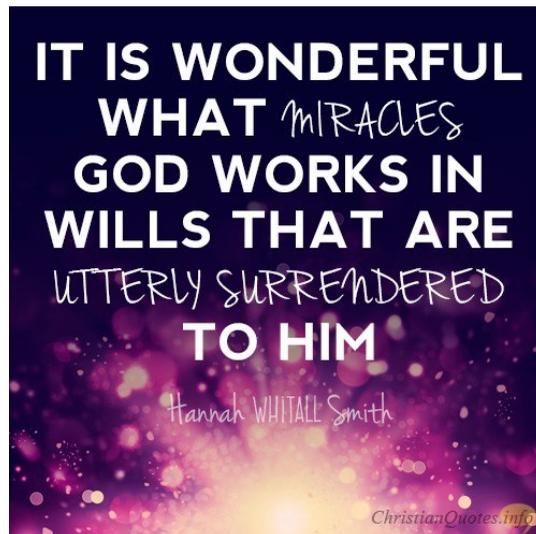
of each one of our lives! However, this does take thought; careful, deliberate thought constantly bringing back to mind to “**set our affections on things above, not on things on the earth**” (Col. 3:2).

God has an eternal plan, a uniquely designed purpose for each one of us, which has been put in place before the foundation of the world. His thoughts are precious toward us, His children, and are more in number than there are grains of sand (Psalm 139:17-18). Ponder this thought for more than a minute!

God loves us God, the Master Designer/Potter has fashioned us we have been “fearfully and wonderfully made” (Psalm 139: 14). Why wouldn't we praise Him?! Why wouldn't we surrender completely to One such as this?!

Billy Graham, well known Christian evangelist stated, “*One of the evangelists who influenced my early preaching was also a hymnist who wrote, 'I Surrender All' ---- the Rev. J.W. Van DeVent-er. He was a regular visitor at the Florida Bible Institute (now Trinity Bible College) in the late 1930's. We students loved this kind, deeply spiritual gentleman and gathered in his winter home at Tampa, Florida, for an evening of fellowship and singing.*”

Each one of our lives touch so many people as we travel throughout the days God gives, as we move through this thing called “time”. The Rev. Billy Graham was influenced in a mighty way, by a man who surrendered his **all** to the cause of Christ. I will pray for you, my Defender friends, and I covet your prayers for me as well that we, who call ourselves children of the **King**, will indeed **live** as if we are!! I pray that we are willing to surrender everything our time, our talents, our money our **hearts**, so that God can use each one of us more effectively.



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