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Greetings Patriots. I am Perry Greene with GNA. Today's podcast is "We Are at War." I originally planned to make this podcast into a daily devotional, but the more I studied it, the larger it grew, so I decided to make it one of my Perry's Scopes and put it up for a Sunday podcast. This war is a serious topic, and we may be treating it too lightly.

I hope you realize that we are in a war right now. This war is not sometime in the future but in the present. We are not engaged in a good-natured game; it is an all-out war. Right now, this war is on a spiritual level, and we hope that it does not escalate into the physical, but it is still a war. It is a war of ideals, ideas, and information, and it is a war of subjugating people through fear, intimidation, and propaganda.

Former Supreme Court Chief Justice and President of the American Bible Society, **John Jay**, wrote a series of letters to a friend discussing the God-ordained jurisdictions. God created four areas of life over which He rules. Each of these areas has its limits and responsibilities. These areas are the individual, the family, the church, and the government. Yes, God's people are supposed to be concerned with the government, especially in America. Our Forefathers set up our government based on biblical principles. If Christians do not support and defend our biblically-based Constitution, who will? Listen to some of John Jay's remarks:

The Gospel appears to me to consider the servants of Christ as having two capacities or characters, with correspondent duties to sustain and fulfill. Being subjects of His spiritual kingdom, they are bound in that capacity to fight, pursuant to His orders, with spiritual weapons against His and their spiritual enemies. Being also subjects and partakers in the rights and interests of a temporal or worldly state or kingdom, they are in that capacity bound, whenever lawfully required, to fight with weapons in just and necessary war against the enemies of that state or kingdom.¹

Hezekiah was one of the good kings of Judah as God affirmed in **2 Kings 18:5-7** (NKJV):

⁵ He trusted in the LORD God of Israel, so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor who were before him. ⁶ For he held fast to the LORD; he did not depart from following Him, but kept His commandments, which the LORD had commanded Moses. ⁷ The LORD was with him; he prospered wherever he went. And he rebelled against the king of Assyria and did not serve him.

Assyria captured the ten northern tribes of Israel and turned to conquer Judah. The king of Assyria made numerous threats against **Hezekiah**, the people, and God, and he also promised benefits if Judah surrendered. Hezekiah and Judah dealt with misinformation, disinformation and potential hand-to-hand combat with the Assyrians. In his distress, Hezekiah turned to the LORD for direction, and God conquered the Assyrian army by sending one angel to destroy 185,000 Assyrian soldiers in one night (**Isaiah 37:36-38**).

In 1777, after the Americans unexpectedly defeated **General Burgoyne** and the British army at Saratoga, the British leaders dispatched a peace committee to end the War. The committee offered concessions in self-government but not in independence. When this peace delegation arrived, they threatened the Americans with death and destruction if they did not accept their peace terms.

The Continental Congress appointed its own committee to respond to the British threats. Among other things they addressed the British threats and said:

Matters of this kind may appear to you in a trivial light, as mere ornamental flowers of rhetoric, but they are serious things registered in the high chancery of Heaven. Remember the awful abuse of words like these by General Burgoyne, and remember his fate [that is, he threatened the Americans and lost

¹ Cummings, Brad, and Lance Wubbels, editors. *The Founders' Bible*. Newbury Park, CA, Shiloh Road Publishers, 2012, p. 1492.

Saratoga]. There is One above us Who will take exemplary vengeance for every insult upon his majesty. You know that the cause of America is just. You know that she contends for that freedom to which all men are entitled – that she contends against oppression, rapine [plunder], and more than savage barbarity. The blood of the innocent is upon your hands, and all the waters of the ocean will not wash it away. We again make our solemn appeal to the God of Heaven to decide between you and us, and we pray that in the doubtful scale of battle we may be successful, as we have justice on our side, and that the merciful Savior of the world may forgive our oppressors.²

We are in a similar place as Hezekiah and our American Patriots of the War for Independence. We are threatened almost daily with some form of governmental overreach. Please think of how our government has tried to intimidate and subjugate its citizens over the past two years.

The most obvious example is in the handling of the Covid *PLAN-demic*. Did you know that scientists have not been able to isolate the Covid virus? Yet, they tried to scare us into wearing face diapers and separate us from our families and friends so that the government could control the crisis. They predicted millions of American deaths, which we know never happened. The death rate never exceeded previous years' averages. Then the pharmaceutical industry came out with a supposed vaccine for the non-existent virus. The government, the military, large corporations, and companies made the Covid shots mandatory. Some people refused these jabs and lost their jobs. Other people accepted the injections and lost their lives or their health.

We are at war, just like the "*Greatest Generation*" of World War II. The Chinese may or may not have instigated it, but one thing is sure, many of our fellow citizens have supported this anti-American effort to take down the nation.

It feels like we are in a giant psy-op. The media and the government have been playing on our fears for the past two years. Fear is a spiritual issue, and you are probably aware that God deals with our fears repeatedly in scripture. There is a verse against fear for every day of the year. The antidote for fear is faith. Hezekiah showed it, and so did our Founders, but will we?

We are attacked on every side today. These attacks can frighten us and cause us to dismay. This is not new. Paul wrote in **2 Corinthians 4:8-10** (NKJV):

⁸We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—¹⁰always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

If we are going to follow Jesus, we are going to be attacked. If our nation was established on the principles of God and His word, the nation will be attacked. The enemies of God want to bring down every godly institution and person. Faith is the key to overcoming the intimidating actions of the enemies of God. Just like Hezekiah, faith starts with the individual and then spreads to the nation.

I want to encourage you to stoke the fires of your faith. We know **Romans 10:17** (NKJV):

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Generally, we use this verse to promote reading and listening to scripture. Here is an additional thought to consider. The word "hearing" can also mean understanding and carries the idea that we will hear to do. The word of God is a seed that grows in our hearts and lives, and as we listen to it, we will do it. Our faith grows more rapidly when we put into practice what we read and hear. The stronger our faith gets, the less fear can hold us, and the more courage we will have to confront the spiritual enemies we face.

² *ibid.* p. 1075.

Think about the intimidation factor that the regime is using against us. Last night I watched a clip of **ATF** agents confronting a man at his home over a piece of equipment for his rifle. The man was unafraid of the agents and used his constitutional rights against them. Although they threatened him, they backed down because he was not ignorant of the constitution and the law. The episode was an act of fear and intimidation to try to force unlawful compliance from a citizen.

When the British occupied Boston in the late eighteenth century, they took the citizens' weapons from them. If they did not turn in their rifles, they could not go unabated through Boston. The British held the Bostonians at their mercy. Do you wonder why the Second Amendment was critical to our Constitutional authors?

Let's go further. Why do you suppose the regime has hired 87,000 armed **IRS** agents to get our money? Just like the commercial says, the **IRS** is the most extraordinary collection agency in the world, and they have been at it a long time with great success. Those 87,000 armed agents are on the payroll to invoke fear in you and force compliance to its unlawful and unconstitutional demands. Watch and see.

Then there is the **FBI** at Mar-A-Lago. This group attacked the Trump household not just to go after Donald Trump but to show you and me that they can also come after us at will. It is a spiritual attack of fear and intimidation.

I am sure you have heard a great deal about election fraud. Do you believe that **Joe Biden** is the most popular President in U.S. history? Do you think Biden, who hid in his basement during the campaign and could not attract a large crowd to fill a high school gym when he came out, defeated **Donald Trump**? Trump packed stadiums despite the Covid propaganda that health officials ramped up to keep patriotic crowds away. Look at Biden's fruit now. His popularity has waned so that he is one of the least favored Presidents in history, while Donald Trump's popularity continues to rise.

Did you know the election losers have cried fouls and fraud for years? We have had massive amounts of election fraud for years, and the fraud has finally surfaced with the 2020 Presidential election. Election fraud is a spiritual issue that shows itself in the physical. Election fraud breaks the commandment, "**Do not lie to one another,**" (**Colossians 3:9**).

Please realize that this is not a "we'll get 'em next time" issue. Voter fraud is part of the spiritual war. When citizens participate in a mock election, they experience falsehood, a spiritual matter. That falsehood puts losers in charge and opens the door to more spiritual issues like discouragement and anger.

Voting is a sacred privilege for Americans, but a dishonest, partisan election puts the wrong people into power and breaks the nation's spirit. Such an election makes us feel powerless and that our votes don't matter. From the outset of the Constitution, "*We the people*" designated who would be in charge of the government. It is not an unseen oligarchy making decisions behind our backs; the people are the country's rulers through transparent elections, holding elected officials accountable to the nation's standards.

You may remember **Samuel Adams'** statement about voting:

Let each citizen remember at the moment he is offering his vote that he is not making a present or a compliment to please an individual – or at least that he ought not so to do; but that he is executing one of the most solemn trusts in human society for which he is accountable to God and his country.

One of the problems with voter fraud is that the fraudulent people have forgotten a crucial spiritual issue, we are accountable to God for our actions. Atheists are not the only ones who want to separate Christians from the political field; even church leaders disregard the importance of integrity in all spheres of life,

including politics. Adams reminds us that voting is not a game but part of the spiritual battle involving integrity.

Education is another spiritual issue that challenges our souls. **Proverbs 1:7** (NKJV) reads:

**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge,
But fools despise wisdom and instruction.**

According to the Bible, where does knowledge begin? Knowledge does not begin with the alphabet, rather, knowledge begins with God and our respect for Him. This is why we need the Bible in our education system. This is also why so many people have taken their children out of governmental institutions and decided to homeschool.

The Bible tells us that it is the PARENTS' responsibility to teach their children, not the government's responsibility. Here are a few verses for you to look up on your own: **Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:4; Deuteronomy 6:1-25; and Proverbs 4:1-4**. If we have a godly government the government can aid us in teaching our children but the responsibility still rests with the parents.

Many good-hearted Christian men and women have chosen to educate our children in our governmental schools. They are fighting a losing battle at present. The government has pushed goodness and morality out of the public arena. The education system has prohibited our children from Bible study, prayer, or any form of worshiping God in our public schools. Islam and demonic worship are acceptable in many places, but not the study of the LORD. In an essay titled "A Defense of the Use of the Bible as a School Book, Dr. Benjamin Rush wrote:

[T]he Bible, when not read in schools, is seldom read in any subsequent period of life...[It] should be read in our schools in preference to all other books from its containing the greatest portion of that kind of knowledge which is calculated to produce private and public temporal happiness.

We use the expression "Garbage In, Garbage Out" to illustrate that we tend to live out whatever we take in. If we put good things into our hearts and lives, we will live them out. If we put bad things into our hearts and lives, we tend to live them out. Corrupt people are running the education programs in America. Is it any wonder they are teaching pornography to our young children? What do you think will happen when those children learn such perverse things? They will live out what educators put into their minds.

We are engaged in a spiritual war for the minds and souls of our children. Imagine what the nation would be like if the Bible had prominence in our schools. How much better would morality be? David wrote in **Psalm 119:11** (NKJV):

**Your word I have hidden in my heart,
That I might not sin against You.**

Could it be that when America was good, America was great, and when America ceased to be good, we ceased to be great, as **Alexis de Tocqueville** stated? What will it take to renew this spiritual achievement? When will people wake up to the reality that we need God in America again?

We are in a spiritual civil war pitting brother against brother, father against son, mother against daughter, and mother-in-law against daughter-in-law. We see the various leaders of those opposing God and His ways and assume they are enemies, and they ARE enemies but are the leads for THE enemy. Paul said it best in **Ephesians 6:10-13** (NKJV):

¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take

up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

The enemies behind our flesh and blood enemies are Satan and his minions. Bill Gates, Klaus Schwab, and the hosts of globalists who are anti-Christ are Satan's puppets carrying out his will on earth in all of its wickedness. Further in **Ephesians 6:14-20**, Paul details how we deal with demonic enemies. We are to use the spiritual qualities of truth, righteousness, the gospel of peace, faith, salvation, the word of God, prayer, and perseverance.

As we wind down, let me give you some spiritual principles to incorporate against our spiritual enemies.

1. **Romans 12:21** (NKJV) – **Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**
We do not simply sit back and do nothing against the enemy. We engage the enemy with the power of goodness and righteousness. We overcome evil by the action of doing good. Just like an ocean wave will douse the flame of a candle, good drenches the fire of evil.
2. **2 Timothy 3:12** (NKJV) – **Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.** It is important to realize that the choice we have made in following Jesus does not give us an easy path but a challenging one. Someone has said that the world hates the ones who tell the truth. God's people have paid a high price to follow Him over the years, don't be surprised if the price comes to us, too.
3. **Ephesians 3:10** (NKJV) – **to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places,** Since we are primarily engaged in a spiritual war, we show the world the wisdom of God in the church by doing His will on earth as it is in heaven. We are not here to demonstrate our military finesse but rather to give Him glory. This will be especially evident at the judgment scene in **Matthew 25** when He will gather all nations of the world and pronounce eternal sentencing.

In **Judges 7**, God called **Gideon** to lead His people against the Midianites. You will remember that God pared down the Hebrews' army to 300 men. Gideon and his small force defeated the massive Midianite army because God helped them and showed His power over evil.

The church that Jesus built is God's offensive weapon on earth. In **Matthew 16:18**, Jesus said that the gates of hell would not prevail against the actions of His church. The gates of a city were for defense, and even the greatest enemy we face, death or Hades, can't stop the mighty work of God through His church.

We are at war to win! **Romans 8:31** (NKJV) asks, "**What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?**" God's power is an important point. When we read the scriptures, our source of faith, we see that God always wins. He defeated the Midianites with Gideon and the Assyrians with Hezekiah.

We may feel outnumbered and outgunned right now, but we are not. God is for us if we are for Him, and if He is for us, He will defeat our enemies. Never forget **Romans 14:11** (NKJV):

**“As I live, says the LORD,
Every knee shall bow to Me,
And every tongue shall confess to God.”**

While we have the assurance of glorious eternal life, that does not relieve us of the responsibility of fighting the good fight Paul spoke of in **2 Timothy 4:7**. We must declare and defend the word of God, one of the most potent weapons in our arsenal. The word of God put Satan to flight when Jesus quoted it in His temptations in **Matthew 4** and **Luke 4**. His word will prevail again, but we must affirm it in word and action.

I am going to close with this statement from **Samuel Adams**:

"Is it not High Time for the People of this Country explicitly to declare, whether they will be Freemen or Slaves? It is an important Question which ought to be decided. It concerns us more than any Thing in this Life. The Salvation of our Souls is interested in the Event: For wherever Tyranny is establish'd, Immorality of every Kind comes in like a Torrent. It is in the Interest of Tyrants to reduce the People to Ignorance and Vice."

Keep The Light of the Faithful Fight Burning!