

88.5 If Satan Was in Charge

If Satan was in charge of our country, what characteristics would you see in the population? Our first choice is **Galatians 5:19-21** (NKJV):

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Our second choice is **Galatians 5:22-26** (NKJV):

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. ²⁴ And those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Albert Pike was a Confederate General from Arkansas during the great "*War of Northern Aggression*." He was also the head of the **Masonic Lodge** in America. When the War was over, and **John Wilkes Booth** had assassinated **Lincoln**, Pike visited **President Andrew Johnson** in the White House. Witnesses said that upon Pike's entrance into the President's office, Johnson became subservient to Pike, for the latter outranked the former in the Lodge.

Pike wrote a book for the Freemasons entitled "*Morals and Dogma of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry*." The former General stated that there are two Gods, Lucifer and Jehovah, and he worshiped Lucifer. Records reveal that Mr. Pike was a drunken, gluttonous, and immoral man, often engaging in orgies in the forests. With that in mind, remember Jesus tells us that our fruits, not our roots, reveal our character when He said:

¹⁵ "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor *can* a bad tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Therefore by their fruits you will know them. (Matthew 7:15-20, NKJV)

Let's suppose that Lucifer, AKA, Satan, is in charge of the world. What would we see in government, medicine, education, the media, financial institutions, etc.? Which set of characteristics would people show in their lives?

I doubt that the evil one would rule with the word of God by his side as God had required the kings of Israel to do (**Deuteronomy 17:18**). Our American Founders and Framers chose to follow the word of God in their personal and national lives. **John Quincy Adams** knew the early American leaders and stated:

"From the time of the Declaration of Independence, the American people were bound by the laws of God and the laws of the gospel of Jesus Christ, which they all acknowledge as the root of their conduct. We all came together to obey the word of God."

Someone asked **President Thomas Jefferson** why he attended church services in the **US Capitol**, and he replied:

"Sir, no nation has ever yet existed or been governed without religion. Nor can be. The Christian religion is the best religion that has been given to man, and I as chief magistrate of this nation am bound to give it the sanction of my example."

Let's not forget **George Washington's** famous quote, "*It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible.*"

This hypothetical scenario reminds me of the hypocrisy-revealing prayer by **Pastor Joe Wright** in the **Kansas State House** almost thirty years ago on January 23, 1996. Here is the text:

"Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask Your forgiveness and to seek Your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, "Woe to those who call evil good," but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We confess that. We have ridiculed the absolute truth of Your Word and called it Pluralism; We have worshipped other gods and called it multiculturalism; We have endorsed perversion and called it an alternative lifestyle; We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery; We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare; We have killed our unborn and called it choice; We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable; We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem; We have abused power and called it politics; We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition; We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression; We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment. Search us, Oh, God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent to direct us to the center of Your will. We ask it in the name of Your Son, the living Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen"

The response to Wright's prayer was immediate, and several legislators walked out during the prayer in protest. In six weeks, the Central Christian Church, where Mr. Wright was pastor, logged more than 5,000 phone calls, with only 47 of those calls responding negatively. **Paul Harvey** aired Joe Wright's prayer on his radio spot, "*The Rest of the Story*," and received a higher-than-average response from his listeners.

America started with the Bible and strove to be "one nation under God," but we have become a nation gone under instead. Pastor Wright's prayer reveals who has been in charge of America. Our fruits betray us. In the twenty-seven intervening years, we have worsened as a society, not improved. We let our guard down and betrayed God by openly or covertly dismissing Him from our lives and nation.

I have talked extensively on this podcast about having biblical principles in the nation's life. That is the second step. The first step is to have God-N-America. Suppose Americans do not develop a personal relationship with God. In that case, we will not have a national one and will not incorporate His word as a practical guide to government, education, and the like.

I have also spoken of a potential third Great Awakening as America is at its lowest spiritual point in history. That will only happen if the remnant of believers will commit to prayer and holy living.

It is time for the nation to stop calling good evil and evil good (**Isaiah 5:20**), and it is up to Christians to set the pace by upholding the genuine and resisting evil. The answer to our dilemma is not in the White House, Court House, or State House. It is in the Church House where Christians determine that God will rule their lives 100%. The pagans watched as the first-century Christians eagerly served the Lord and accused them of "turning the world upside-down" (**Acts 17:6**). In reality, they were turning the world right-side up! It is our turn to step up and aggressively serve the Lord without fear.

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