

## 52 Perry's Scope: Backroom Deals

A little girl asks her father: "Daddy, I heard a new word at school. What does *corruption* mean?"

- Bring me a beer, and I'll tell you.
- But mommy said you should stop drinking!
- You are right, she did. Get yourself an ice cream, while you bring me that beer.
- Oh, okay! [upjoke.com]

It does not take a genius to realize that our political system is corrupt. It does not matter what party you support, that party is crooked, and its leadership is not here for your benefit, but theirs. Nearly every political figure has violated their oath to defend the Constitution and the American people. Most Americans are unaware and disinterested. As long as we have our entertainment and food, we are happy to go along to get along.

In the last few days, we watched as the House of Representatives forced **Kevin McCarthy** to be the first Speaker of the House to vacate his Chair. Congressman McCarthy is a liberal Republican member of the Deep-State-controlled American uni-party. This organization is a Marxist movement connecting Democrats and Republicans with a common goal, and it is NOT for your benefit.

We know that McCarthy had to make deals with conservative Republicans to get their votes and become the Speaker. These conservatives gave him a list of actions he was to do and stipulated that if he did not follow through, they would oust him. He didn't, they did.

McCarthy, like many on that level of leadership, did not live up to his word. Instead, he made more backroom deals to benefit himself and the Deep State takeover of our national sovereignty. Instead of transparency, the former Speaker buried Ukraine funding in a bill that would keep the government operating and continue the illicit support of Zelensky's nefarious regime.

Congressman **Matt Gaetz** of Florida led the charge against McCarthy. Most of us expected the Democrats to back the Speaker but were pleasantly surprised when they and a minority of Republicans voted him out. McCarthy has become a byword and shame, much like Richard Nixon for his scandal.

Some people are surprised when Republicans break ranks. Democrats repeatedly defend one another whether or not they are in the right. People who believe in a Constitutional Republic do not. We are not a democracy, as some will want us to think. We are a republic. The difference is between mob rule and the rule of law. A democracy can enslave a population segment if 51% vote in favor of the proposal. A Constitutional Republic follows God-based laws and would not permit such a thing. Anyone who holds to the Constitutional Republic standard has to break rank with the party when people violate the national criterion.

According to the Bible, there is a standard of right and wrong that God expects us to uphold. Our forefathers and mothers operated with a sense of accountability to God. They knew verses like:

- **So then each of us shall give account of himself to God. (Romans 14:12, NKJV)**
- **And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must* give account. (Hebrews 4:13, NKJV)**
- **For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. (2 Corinthians 5:10, NKJV)**

The word "religion" has a bad connotation today. We often want to contrast our religion and our relationship with God. Religion has become a set of rules and regulations we perform outwardly apart from knowing

God. **Noah Webster's 1828 edition of the American Dictionary of the English Language** contained numerous Scripture verses from the Old and New Testaments to clarify the context in which a particular word was used. Webster's definition of "Religion" included our actions and relationship with God.

Religion....In its most comprehensive sense, includes a belief in the being and perfection of God, in the revelation of his will to man, and in man's obligation to obey his commands, in a state of rewards and punishment, and in man's accountableness to God; and also true godliness or piety of life, with the practice of all moral duties. ...The practice of moral duties without belief in a divine lawgiver, and without reference to his will or commands, is not religion.

On Wednesday, March 6, 1799, **President John Adams** issued a Proclamation for a National Day of Humiliation, Fasting, and Prayer, reminding Americans of their accountability to God. In part, he said:

As no truth is more clearly taught in the Volume of Inspiration, nor any more fully demonstrated by the experience of all ages, than that a deep sense and a due acknowledgment of the growing providence of a Supreme Being and of the accountableness of men to Him as the searcher of hearts and righteous distributor of rewards and punishments are conducive equally to the happiness and rectitude of individuals and to the well-being of communities;

Our Founders and Framers built a series of checks and balances into our government to hold every political leader accountable for their actions. They are responsible to God, each other, and "We the People." We go from bad to worse when we forget we are accountable to God.

Setting aside the reality of election fraud, our political system is to work like the free-market economic system. When we find a better company, we do business with them instead of a substandard one. The same is true of our politicians. Our Framers did not put term limits into the Constitution because they believed the people would vote out inferior representatives.

When we allow people to corrupt the election process, we get exactly what we deserve. **James Garfield** made that astute observation. He said:

Now, more than ever before, the people are responsible for the character of their Congress. If that body be ignorant, reckless, and corrupt, it is because the people tolerate ignorance, recklessness, and corruption. If it be intelligent, brave, and pure, it is because the people demand these high qualities to represent them in the national legislature. . .

How many Americans consider what God thinks of the vote they cast? **Samuel Adams** warned us about our voting habits and accountability to God and the nation. Here is his familiar quotation.

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.

The eighty-one million people who voted for Joe Biden are responsible to God and the nation for the current American crisis.

Backroom deals with ulterior motives are not new. America's political standards are low because we have forgotten our accountability to God for His gift of liberty (**2 Corinthians 3:17**). We have failed to remember Him in our national life, as **Benjamin Franklin** pointed out to the **Constitutional Convention**, "And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid?"

Christian Americans have developed an impotent view of God so that He is almost non-existent to us. The entertainer Sammy Davis, Jr. purportedly made a deal with the devil. In an interview, he stated that Satan was more powerful than God. Christian Americans see God as weak or a doting grandfather who never scolds his grandchildren and overlooks our national sins. Never forget that God has no grandchildren. We are all either part of His family as His children, or we have Satan as our father (**John 8:44**).

If you read the Bible, either the OT or NT, you realize His power and that He is aware of all that is happening. Politicians may deceive us, but they do not deceive God. They will reap as they sow, and so shall we all. God will get the last laugh at those who think they are taking His control over our government. Listen to **Psalm 2:1-6** (NKJV):

**Why do the nations rage,  
And the people plot a vain thing?  
2 The kings of the earth set themselves,  
And the rulers take counsel together,  
Against the LORD and against  
His Anointed, saying,  
3 "Let us break Their bonds in pieces  
And cast away Their cords from us."**

**4 He who sits in the heavens shall laugh;  
The Lord shall hold them in derision.  
5 Then He shall speak to them in His  
wrath,  
And distress them in His deep  
displeasure:  
6 "Yet I have set My King On My holy hill  
of Zion."**

Modern Americans and politicians may disapprove, wanting a secular government, but God is in control. He knows the backroom dealings and the attempts to usurp His sovereignty. Jesus has ALL authority according to **Matthew 28:18**. That includes over governments. We have forgotten, but He hasn't. We may fear tyrants, but He laughs at them because He knows the end of the story, and He wins.

I am sure you know Gideon's story. God selected him as one of the least in Israel to lead the nation out of Midianite oppression. The 300 soldiers in Gideon's forces clearly showed God's power by defeating over 100,000 enemy soldiers. God often uses unlikely sources and people to accomplish great things. He repeatedly led Israel with ordinary people to do extraordinary things.

God did the same for America. The key to victory is the presence of the LORD. **George Washington** knew it and repeatedly spoke of God's providence during our War for Independence. On October 3, 1789, President Washington issued his first Thanksgiving Proclamation to the American people.

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor ...

Regarding the Constitution, **Dr. Benjamin Rush** declared:

I do not believe that the Constitution was the offspring of inspiration, but I am as satisfied that it is as much the work of a Divine Providence as any of the miracles recorded in the Old and New Testament.

Let's go back to the Book of Judges. Gideon was also known as Jerubbaal. He led Israel in peace for about forty years after defeating Midian. Once he died, the nation changed.

**33 So it was, as soon as Gideon was dead, that the children of Israel again played the harlot with the Baals, and made Baal-Berith their god. 34 Thus the children of Israel did not remember the LORD their God, who had delivered them from the hands of all their enemies on every side; 35 nor did they show kindness to the house of Jerubbaal (Gideon) in accordance with the good he had done for Israel.**<sup>1</sup>

Then, the backroom dealings started. See if the following seems familiar.

**Then Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem, to his mother's brothers, and spoke with them and with all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying, 2 "Please speak in the hearing of all the men of Shechem: 'Which is better for you, that all seventy of the sons of Jerubbaal reign over you, or that one reign over you?' Remember that I am your own flesh and bone."**

**3 And his mother's brothers spoke all these words concerning him in the hearing of all the men of Shechem; and their heart was inclined to follow Abimelech, for they said, "He is**

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<sup>1</sup> Judges 8:33-35 (NKJV)

our brother.”<sup>4</sup> So they gave him seventy *shekels* of silver from the temple of Baal-Berith, with which Abimelech hired worthless and reckless men; and they followed him.<sup>5</sup> Then he went to his father’s house at Ophrah and killed his brothers, the seventy sons of Jerubbaal, on one stone. But Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left, because he hid himself.<sup>6</sup> And all the men of Shechem gathered together, all of Beth Millo, and they went and made Abimelech king beside the terebinth tree at the pillar that *was* in Shechem.<sup>2</sup>

Gideon’s surviving son, Jotham would haunt Abimelech. He pointed out to the people that all would be well if they had selected Abimelech for the right reasons. If, however, they only appointed him because they were related, they would suffer.

Three years later, Abimelech and the men of Shechem had issues because God sent an evil spirit to divide them (**Judges 9:22-23**). Eventually, Abimelech died in battle when a woman dropped a millstone on his head, and he asked his armor-bearer to kill him. Here is God’s observation and reminder for us.

**<sup>56</sup> Thus God repaid the wickedness of Abimelech, which he had done to his father by killing his seventy brothers. <sup>57</sup> And all the evil of the men of Shechem God returned on their own heads, and on them came the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal.<sup>3</sup>**

Someone has said, “*Power does not corrupt. Fear corrupts ... the fear of a loss of power.*” That is a reason for corruption, but God will not hold crooked leaders and followers guiltless. He will repay people for their conduct.

Time is not as important to God as it is to us. We are in a hurry for justice. God is rich in mercy and gives time for the sinful to repent. However, He also gives the righteous this assurance:

**<sup>10</sup> The righteous shall rejoice when he sees the vengeance;**

**He shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked,**

**<sup>11</sup> So that men will say,**

**“Surely *there is* a reward for the righteous;**

**Surely He is God who judges in the earth.”<sup>4</sup>**

Samuel Adams asked a soul-searching question we, too, must answer. "Is it not High Time for the People of this Country explicitly to declare, whether they will be Freemen or Slaves? ..." We cannot be free apart from God, and we cannot have God without sincere devotion. Going through the motions of Christianity is not enough. He wants our whole hearts because He has given His. Jesus quotes **Isaiah 29:13** in **Matthew 15:8-9** (NKJV). His words still apply.

**‘These people draw near to Me with their mouth,**

**And honor Me with *their* lips,**

**But their heart is far from Me.**

**<sup>9</sup> And in vain they worship Me,**

**Teaching *as* doctrines the commandments of men.’ ”**

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<sup>2</sup> Judges 9:1-6 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> Judges 9:56-57 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> Psalm 58:10-11 (NKJV)