

Where is the Word of the LORD?

Jeremiah had a burdensome task in warning the inhabitants of Jerusalem to repent of their evil deeds. God had said that Judah's sin had been engraved with a diamond-point pen on the people's hearts (**Jeremiah 17:1**). No matter what the prophet said, the people objected and refused to return to God. They taunted him and tried to call what they thought was his bluff in **Jeremiah 17:15** (NKJV).

¹⁵ **Indeed, they say to me, "Where is the word of the LORD? Let it come now!"**

This reminds me of how people today treat God and His word. Not only is there doubt and skepticism, but there is also a mockery of the holy. Peter responds to the people who doubt the return of Christ and His approaching judgment. He wrote:

³ **knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to 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 creation."¹**

Jeremiah was a genuine prophet. The warnings he spoke to the people came to pass. Babylon took the nation captive as a result of their defiance toward God. They worshiped idols and kept the appearance of worshiping the LORD in the temple. They sacrificed their children to the pagan gods of the Land.

Do you ever stop and wonder where the word of the Lord is today? We read of God's admonitions in disciplining rebellious people, but where are His actions? Countless preachers have cautioned their audiences of the dangers of neglecting and rejecting God, and we see little fruit from those warnings. Repentance brought about the **First and Second Great Awakenings**, averting punishment and preparing the nation for upcoming turmoil in the American Revolution and Civil War.

Like Judah and America's past, people today are flaunting immorality and lawlessness. You may have heard of the four illegal aliens who beat up a NYC police officer. The corrupt NYCDA let them go free with no charges, and they taunted the American press as they left the courthouse.

Like Israel and Judah, Americans are sacrificing their children to the adversary, either literally through abortion or figuratively by neglect. Our political leaders and judges accept bribes and abandon their constituents through greed and vice. Once upon a time, in America, that would not have happened. They regarded Moses' words:

⁸ **And you shall take no bribe, for a bribe blinds the discerning and perverts the words of the righteous.²**

Perhaps God has not finished His work with America yet. He has had a purpose for our nation, and in His mercy, may revive us to resume the good we once did. Furthermore, He is concerned about the eternal consequences of our choices. Let us listen to what the apostle Peter had to say.

⁹ **The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.³**

God doesn't act on our timetable or according to our thinking (**Isaiah 55:8-9**). He acts consistent with His will. Time is of no consequence to Him, so He waits for people to turn to Him. He includes us in the process, just like Jeremiah or one of the other prophets. We have a co-mission with God to bring the gospel of Jesus to a lost world. Part of His good news is that HE experienced hell on the cross so we would not suffer.

¹ 2 Peter 3:3-4 (NKJV)

² Deuteronomy 23:8 (NKJV)

³ 2 Peter 3:9 (NKJV)

People need to know that judgment is coming, and we do not have to experience the eternal consequences of sin.

Evil has so deluded the people of our world that many believe they can go along with it, sacrificing their God-given liberties and escaping the long arm of God's justice. It's a lie. We cannot go along and get along with evil. It does not give us what we want; it enslaves and gives the opposite. Listen to a couple of our early leaders.

Samuel Adams

"If ye love wealth better than liberty, the tranquility of servitude than the animated contest of freedom -- go home from us in peace. We ask not your counsels or arms. Crouch down and lick the hands which feed you. May your chains sit lightly upon you, and may posterity forget that you were our countrymen!"

Patrick Henry March 23, 1775

"Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"

In the last few months, I have heard that many Americans are hungering for traditional values. That hunger must be inherent; when we deny it, we resist what God put into us. **Vladimir Putin** proved this when he recently told **Tucker Carlson** that Russians believe in traditional marriage and that a man is a man and a woman is a woman. Didn't we always think Russians were lawless and immoral people? They are putting us to shame.

Christian Patriots have a grand opportunity to be doubly unique in our era. We are unique to the godless as Christians and as Patriots to the average Christians. Paul said we can be "... **children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,** ¹⁶ **holding fast the word of life ...**"⁴ God has included us in His story and allowed us to work with Him to set things right in harmony with His word. As Jesus said, we "**occupy until He comes.**"⁵

Jeremiah dealt with corrupt officials in his day. He faced down the false prophets and wicked religious leaders. His countrymen abused him and he was frustrated by his lack of results. Yet, God considered him a great servant because he was faithful in his commission.

John Quincy Adams worked tirelessly for the abolition of slavery in America. He influenced the freshman congressman **Abraham Lincoln**, later called the "Great Emancipator." Adams did not see slavery's end, but it ended after a bloody "Civil War." On one occasion, Adams said, "*Duty is ours; results are God's.*"

Jeremiah could have said the same thing. In both cases, God's will prevailed. He disciplined America through war and Judah in Babylonian captivity, but His will didn't end there. He returned a remnant to rebuild the Jews' nation, temple, and religion. He prepared the way for His Son to enter and redeem the world. He can rebuild America in similar ways.

Join me in praying for the strength to persevere and advance God's kingdom through this perilous time. We have the same task before us as Jeremiah in calling a nation back to God. We may feel the same discouragements he did, but God will accomplish His purposes and we get to be part!

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⁴ Philippians 2:15b-16a (NKJV)

⁵ Luke 19:13 (KJV)