

1473 A Soulless Nation

In 1917, President Theodore Roosevelt stated the following:

The most perfect machinery of government will not keep us as a nation from destruction if there is not within us a soul. No abounding material prosperity shall avail us if our spiritual senses atrophy. The foes of our own household shall surely prevail against us unless there be in our people an inner life which finds its outward expression in a morality not wildly different from that preached by the seers and prophets of Judea when the grandeur that was Greece and the glory that was Rome still lay in the future.

In his farewell speech to his countrymen, Washington said:

“Morality is a necessary spring of popular government ... Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason, and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion to religious principle.”

Roosevelt went on: “In the actual world, a churchless community, a community where men have abandoned and scoff at or ignore their Christian duties, is a community on the rapid downgrade...”

During his 2020 campaign, Joe Biden said we are fighting for America’s soul. Some may question his statement, but he was correct, just like Barack Obama, who declared America no longer a Christian nation. Some are advocating for a national restoration to God, while others want His removal in totality. One might think there is nothing of concern for us since so many churches are visible across the land.

Let's delve deeper into the concept of worship and service to God. These are not about earning our salvation but revealing who we are and to whom we belong. Attending a church service and going through the motions of worship does not make us faithful Christians. We must go beyond the surface to the depths of our fidelity. In our faithfulness, we long for a like-minded group with whom we can connect and serve.

In the last decades, church and church activities have diminished. Those in charge of the COVID Pandemic intentionally closed any enterprise that benefited our citizens' hearts, souls, minds, and bodies. They shut down schools, gyms, and churches while opening certain department stores and bars. The sad thing is, we happily went along with them and streamed church at home on the computer screen. The COVID scam showed that our Christianity clearly takes a backseat to other concerns. We can get along without it or with a cheap imitation. Hopefully, we learned something from our experience.

In the 1960s, the government took over church benevolence ministries. They called it “welfare” and tried to attach it to the Constitution’s “promote the general welfare.” The federal giveaway program was not what the Framers had in mind. Yet, our apathetic churches breathed a collective sigh of relief and retreated from ministering to the “fields already white for harvest.”

Instead of outreach and ministry, churches became “worship centers.” To lure members, Churches adopted competitive worship practices. In some cases, the more extreme, the better. The gospel became a warm and fuzzy how-to message instead of a heart-rending, repentance-producing message that prepares us for the cultural conflict between good and evil. Most contemporary Christians are ill-equipped for this fight.

John compares righteousness and unrighteousness to highlight the spiritual conflict playing out before our eyes. Let’s start at 1 John 2:28-29 (NKJV):

²⁸ And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. ²⁹ If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.

I will pick up with 1 John 3:4-6 (NKJV) as he describes a sinful lifestyle:

⁴Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. ⁵And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. ⁶Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.

Where is America on the overall “righteousness spectrum”? The hard-hearted pagans didn’t think twice and sacrificed their children to Moloch year after year. The Moloch priests heated the giant idol with intense fire. Their “musicians” pounded their many drums to drown out the cries of the frightened innocents as the leaders took them from their parents. The wicked priests placed the babies in the burning hot demon idol’s hands. The babies were consumed as the calloused adults looked on, cheering for their fertility god to give them success in their harvests.

As I read that segment, I could not help but think how horrific those scenes must have been. This is one of the reasons God destroyed the Canaanites. The Israelites were to bring salvation to the land by ushering in the rule of God that protected the innocent and helpless. In time, however, they succumbed to the same insanity, and God dealt with them harshly.

America’s abortion facilities have replaced Moloch’s altar, and children are sacrificed daily in our country. We soften these killing centers by referring to them as “Planned Parenthood” clinics. I just read in a *Badlands Media* email that new findings from the Guttmacher Institute show that an estimated 1,026,690 abortions occurred in the formal health care system in 2023, the first full calendar year after the US Supreme Court’s overturned *Roe v. Wade*. This represents a rate of 15.7 abortions per 1,000 women of reproductive age and is a 10% increase since 2020. It is also the highest number and rate measured in the United States over a decade. Like the hard-hearted Moloch followers, we have grown so accustomed to abortion rituals killing children that we don’t even notice the facilities or think about what actually goes on there. Such sin is an indicator of a “soulless” society.

The Bible tells us sin is addictive, and we can get to a point of no return. Peter wrote of false teachers and said, “... having eyes full of adultery and that **cannot cease from sin**, enticing unstable souls. They have a heart trained in covetous practices *and are* accursed children.”¹ The continuation of sin reduces our repulsion at depravity, and we harden ourselves to it. Paul wrote this along the same line:

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, ²speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,²

I am amazed at how contemporary the Bible is and how insightful our ancestors were in understanding human nature and our need for God on a personal and national level. America has fallen into dire straits. “We the people” have abdicated the control of our country and given it to the immoral influence of an anti-Christ Deep State. The only way we can reclaim it is with God’s intervention. Following Jesus is the solution to corrupted consciences and soulless societies.

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¹ 2 Peter 2:14 (NKJV, emphasis added)

² 1 Timothy 4:1-2 (NKJV)