Will God Answer the National Calls for Revival?

There has been a major increase on the part of the religious leaders in calling our nation back to repentance and revival. A call for 30,000+ pastors and Christian leaders from around the nation was made for April 9, 2016 at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. to pray for our nation in crisis.1 This gathering was supposed to pattern the solemn, national assemblies found in Joel 2 that were done in ancient Israel in times of revival.

Also on this same date, April 9, 2016, at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum in California, 100,000 more gathered to ask God for a “fresh outpouring of signs, wonders and miracles.” This was a coordinated effort, from coast to coast, to unite the churches to seek God so that a revival can take place here in America.2

These calls for revival were and are in response to the growing crime, corruption and terror that is sweeping this nation and the world at large. The churches in America seem to find themselves constantly under attack by a godless, evil culture that is eradicating every trace of Christianity from our society. Today we see the horrific wholesale of baby body parts by Planned Parenthood. Then there’s the brutal slaughter of innocent people by terrorists in nearly every country of the world. And who could have ever imagined the White House, an important institution of America, lighted up with the bright colors of the rainbow to show solidarity with the U.S. Supreme Court’s approval of gay marriage?

There is little doubt that the Judeo-Christian values of our nation are being abandoned. These values made our nation great, for we are told that “Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people” Proverbs 14:34. What we are seeing today is a complete rejection of the founding principles of this nation. The prevailing iniquities and evils have brought us to a boiling point. Bakers, florists and photographers across the country are being persecuted, fined and threatened by state and federal law for asserting their religious rights. School and public officials are threatened with lawsuits for wanting to pray or even display anything religious. There now exists deep-seated antagonism and hostility toward the Bible and anything Christian. We are living in a climactic period. We

“We have no time to lose!" Transgression has almost reached its limit. Confusion fills the world, and a great terror is soon to come upon human beings. The end is very near. We who know the truth should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise. Are we as a people asleep?” (Maranatha, 138).

“We have no time to lose. The end is near. We must look our work fairly in the face, and advance as fast as possible in aggressive warfare” (The Watchman, June 18, 1907).
are watching with horror as the institutions of our nation, the media, education and society at large are openly celebrating sin while the principles of Christianity are being scorned. This will have consequences that will bring a bitter harvest because God’s word says: “The Lord is with you, while ye be with Him; and if ye seek Him, He will be found of you; but if ye forsake Him, He will forsake you.” 2 Chronicles 15:2.

Turmoil in the Land

“And in those times there was no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations were upon all the inhabitants of the countries. And nation was destroyed of nation, and city of city: for God did vex them with all adversity” 2 Chronicles 15:5, 6.

God’s sweet restraining Spirit forsakes those who forsake Him.

“I was shown that a terrible condition of things exists in our world. The angel of mercy is folding her wings, ready to depart. Already the Lord’s restraining power is being withdrawn from the earth...The law of God is made void. We see and hear of confusion and perplexity, want and famine, earthquakes and floods; terrible outrages will be committed by men; passion, not reason, bears sway. The wrath of God is upon the inhabitants of the world” (Testimonies, vol. 8, 49).

Our Lawless Society

Who in this country is to blame for our lawless society?

The churches have been teaching that God’s law does not have to be kept; that it has been nailed to the cross.

“Those who teach the people to regard lightly the commandments of God sow disobedience to reap disobedience. Let the restraint imposed by the divine law be wholly cast aside, and human laws would soon be disregarded. Because God forbids dishonest practices, coveting, lying, and defrauding, men are ready to trample upon His statutes as a hindrance to their worldly prosperity; but the results of banishing these precepts would be such as they do not anticipate” (Great Controversy, 585).

And so it is, the churches in this country are responsible for the complete breakdown of society and its disregard of law and order. Look at what God says:

“Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto My words, nor to My law, but rejected it. To what purpose cometh there to Me incense from Sheba, and the sweet cane from a far country? Your burnt offerings are not acceptable, nor your sacrifices sweet unto Me. Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will lay stumblingblocks before this people, and the fathers and the sons together shall fall upon them; the neighbor and his friend shall perish” Jeremiah 6:19-21.

Prayers for Revival

Will God answer these prayers for revival without confession and repentance?

“We know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshiper of God, and doeth His will, him He heareth” John 9:31.

God tells us that prayers and sacrifices and offerings are not accepted as long as His people disregard the moral principles of His law. This is the very controversy that God had with ancient Israel: “Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not; and come and stand before Me in this house, which is called by My name, and say, We are delivered
to do all these abominations? Is this house, which is called by My name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen it, saith the LORD. ... Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up [a] cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to Me: for I will not hear thee” Jeremiah 7:8-11, 16.

As long as the churches continue to teach that God’s law cannot be kept or has been nailed to the cross—He will NOT hear them.

God’s Moral Restraint

God’s Ten Commandment moral law is an immutable standard designed to restrain men and women from indulging in lawlessness, debauchery, immorality and improper conduct. God’s law is a revelation of His divine will and a moral code that tells us right from wrong. It defines what sin is. This law has never been altered and will forever endure for God’s word says:

“For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven” Psalm 119:89.

“It is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail” Luke 16:17.

“All His commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever” Psalm 111:7, 8.

At the heart of the Ten Commandments is the Sabbath: “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God” Exodus 20:8-10.

Jesus never changed the Ten Commandments: “Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven; but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven” Matthew 5:17-19.

God said that He wouldn’t change His law: “My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of My lips” Psalm 89:34.

Prophetic Lawlessness

“Pope Francis is the most popular and most favorably viewed world leader,” reports BBC News. According to an international poll conducted in 64 countries, Roman Catholics, Protestants, Jews, agnostics and even atheists have a high regard for the Pope and see him as the most popular leader above every other in the world.

What men and women fail to recognize is that Pope Francis is leading the world into a prophetic period of lawlessness (Revelation 13:3, 4). He’s not exalting God’s Ten Commandments; but rather, he is exalting a day of worship not sanctioned by God. Pope Francis has done something that neither God, Jesus, the holy prophets or apostles have ever presumed to do—change the law of God. Pope Francis has his own, personal version of the Ten Commandments in which he calls Sunday the Sabbath of the fourth commandment.

In this CNN report, Pope Francis says that Sunday is the Sabbath of Exodus 20 (the Ten Commandments). He encourages people to honor Sunday as a day of meditation, time for the family, time for worship and for healthy living. Pope Francis also teaches that Sunday was the day of rest given to us so that we can

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The National False Revivals involve Protestants Bowing and Kissing the Feet of Rome’s Representatives

Over 100,000 Christians gather for unity and prayer asking God to bring revival to America at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

Pope Francis sent his representative, Matteo Calisi. Calisi is a member of the Pontifical Council for the Laity (PCL). See: http://www.united-in-christ.com/matteo-calisi/

Calisi with Protestant Pastor Lou Engle, organizer of the event.

Vatican Envoy from left to right: Catholic Priest Alexei Smith, Director of the Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs for the Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles; Catholic Priest Ed Benioff, Director of New Evangelization for the Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles; translator (name is not known) for Italian speaker, Matteo; Matteo Calisi, PCL member.

The gathering during the Azusa Now Revival April 9, 2016 at the Los Angeles Coliseum was supposed to be about bringing revival to America and to offer prayers for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. However, one of the outcomes of this gathering of over 100,000 Christians was to end the divisions between Protestants and Roman Catholics.

The Gathering in Los Angeles was covered by God TV, World Net Daily and Shalom World Media. This was the first time that a mostly Protestant event was broadcast on Catholic television. Pope Francis sent his representatives to address the Christian gathering. Matteo Calisi from the Pontifical Council of the Laity told the group of Protestant Evangelicals that the divisions between Roman Catholics and Protestants was a “diabolical sin” and that Jesus doesn’t care about divisions of Biblical doctrine between the two groups.

Matteo Calisi stated: “We are part of the same family. God said in the book of Joel that He will pour out His Spirit upon all flesh, and we have an Evangelical flesh, a Protestant flesh and a Catholic flesh. And God has given the same Spirit to Catholic, Protestants, Evangelicals, even Pentecostal orthodox so that Christ can have one church. Jesus prayed that we can be one. Division is a diabolical sin. We need to repent and pray. Jesus wants to break the spirit of division. He doesn’t care about our differences. We are not going to be known by our differences or by our doctrines or by our traditions; but for the love that we have for one another.”

These images and words are taken from a 12-hour online video that you can see for yourself (youtube.com/watch?v=ZK2DkJKejcs). Scroll the online video to 6:50:33 (6th hour, 50th minute, 33rd second) so that you can see with your own eyes how these men prostrated themselves at each others’ feet and kissed each others’ shoes in an act of reconciliation.

This is an abomination when Protestants start bowing to Rome and begging for forgiveness for past misunderstandings.

An interdenominational group of attendees came to hear various Protestant ministers pray for revival and for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Protestant Pastor Lou Engle bows at the feet of the Pope’s Envoy.

The Protestant Pastor kisses the shoe of the Pope’s Envoy while saying: “This is a holy moment.”

The Pope’s Envoy asks for forgiveness for past misunderstandings.
“‘Father, give us thy spirit.’ Satan would then breathe upon them an unholy influence; In it there was much light and power, but no sweet love, joy and peace” (Early Writings, 56).

Catholic Priest Alexei Smith, center, invokes the name of Pope Francis in his prayer for reconciliation and unity, rather than the God of Heaven.

In the book of Acts 10:25-26 you find a story where someone fell down and bowed to Peter and Peter told him not to do it. Also in Revelation 22:8, 9 when John the Revelator attempted to bow at the feet of an angel the angel stopped him and told him to worship God alone. These men pictured here have rejected God’s law and are committing sacrilege.

Father Alexei Smith, director of the Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs for the Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles gave the following prayer: “We cannot have revival until we have reconciliation. And so Heavenly Father, it is my prayer going forth from this historic day that we can forgive each other. We have to forgive each other. We need to unite. And so, the Holy Father Pope Francis, has made a covenant, a covenant for Christian unity. So as his representative here in the local church, I make covenant with Lou Engle and all of you that go forth from this day that we must be united! Let us work together united as a family.”

Millions of sincere, faithful, Bible-believing Christians gave up their lives for the Protestant faith during the Roman Catholic Inquisition of the Dark Ages. Are we to imagine that they died in vain? Absolutely not. Can we afford to betray those who gave their lives for our Protestant faith? Can we afford to betray the God whose hand was guiding the Reformation? We had better not. It’s the Protestant churches today who are in apostasy and are rejecting the important truths found in Scripture.
“find God” and he instructs the people not to “ruin” the Sunday blessing.  

Pope Francis is not just interested in seeing Sunday kept as a spiritual rest for the religious “faithful.” He even wants to see the “non-faithful” honor Sunday by making it a work-free day for all people. Pope Francis is fully engaged in the spiritual, political and economical aspects of making Sunday work-free.  

This is an area that is out of the jurisdiction of any man. God alone has instituted the Sabbath and He alone has commanded us to keep His commandments. By what authority does man feel that he has the right to trample upon God’s requirements or to change them?  

In contrast to Pope Francis, Jesus taught the sacred obligations to God’s Ten Commandments and to the Biblical seventh-day Sabbath commandment by both precept and example. (See Luke 6:16, Mark 6:2, John 15:10, Matthew 24:20.)  

This spirit of contempt towards God’s law was predicted over 2,500 years ago and reveals that a so-called religious power would attempt to change God’s law.  

“And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time” Daniel 7:25.  

“The work of the papal church was to be exactly of an opposite character to that of Christ. Daniel in holy vision saw that he would ‘think to change times and laws.’ The laws of God and the time of God were to be changed by this antichristian power...In the prophecy it is plainly shown that this papal power would with deliberate intention change the law of God” (Manuscript 91, 1894). This has been the work that Satan has always sought to accomplish—to lead men away from the commandments of God and to embrace human tradition and inventions.  

At this very time that the churches of this nation are calling upon God for deliverance, they are also rejecting God’s Ten Commandments and are embracing lawlessness. The prophecies predict that a period of lawlessness would dominate our society in these last days. “And because iniquity [lawlessness] shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold” Matthew 24:12.  

This lawlessness is seen today in all the bloodshed, violence, racial hatred, moral decay, drug abuse and war, and comes as a direct result of rejecting God’s Ten Commandment law.  

Embracing Antichrist  

God has given very specific instructions as to how we are to relate to the antichrist:  

“For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist....Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: for he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds” 2 John 1:7-11.  

Although the Protestant churches historically have differed on many points of doctrine, on one point alone did they unanimously agree: the pontiff of the Roman

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Pentecostal Kenneth Copeland puts his hand on the Pope’s bosom for prayer.

On the same team: Evangelical leader James Robison gives a high-five to Pope Francis.

No longer heretics: After 1,000 years Waldensian Pastor Eugenio Bernardini embraces Pope Francis—who is also of Waldensian heritage, through both parents.

Southern Baptist and Megachurch Pastor Rick Warren greets Pope Francis.

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Catholic Church is the anti-christ. As you can see from the center photos, Protestant America has bid the Antichrist God speed.

The Christian News Network published an article by Heather Clark on September 27, 2015 titled, “Rick Warren, T.D. Jakes, Joel Osteen Express Excitement over Pope Francis’ Visit.” In it Clark quoted these men as they endeavored to set aside doctrinal differences and embrace the Catholic religion in an ecumenical way.

Clark also tells of one of the few voices that was heard in protest: “Some have expressed concern over the affirmation that evangelicals are giving to the Roman Catholic religion. Jordan Standridge, pastoral associate at Immanuel Bible Church in Springfield, Virginia, released an article this week entitled, ‘Why Evangelicals and Catholics Cannot be Together.’ He pointed to problems stemming from the 1995 ‘Evangelicals and Catholics Together’ document.”

“Well-known evangelical pastors...joined themselves with Catholic priests and philosophers in an ecumenical fashion in order to promote the agreements over the disagreements that have plagued Protestants and Catholics for centuries,” Standridge wrote.

“Now,” he said, “the vast majority of Christians in America do not evangelize Catholics. Someone like me who has shed many tears over the deception of the Roman Catholic Church is seen as hateful. I totally understand the desire to believe people are saved,” Standridge continued. “I also desperately want Roman Catholics to go to heaven, but we can’t let our desire for people to be saved or our desire to please men lead us to cheer them on as they run towards Hell. We must love them.”

We agree with Standridge in part. We do need to love our Catholic brothers and sisters, but by telling them the truth!

Let us not embrace the anti-christ with the evangelical world. Let us pray for opportunities to share that which will reach both our Catholic friends and the evangelical world!

False Revival Prophesied

At this time we need to read and re-read the warnings and counsels given to us in the book, The Great Controversy. Notice this prophecy fulfilling itself before our very eyes:

“Before the final visitation of God’s judgments upon the earth there will be among the people of the Lord such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times. The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon His children. At that time many will separate themselves from those churches in which the love of this world has supplanted love for God and His word. Many, both of ministers and people, will gladly accept those great truths which God has caused to be proclaimed at this time to prepare a people for the Lord’s second coming. The enemy of souls desires to hinder this work; and before the time for such a movement shall come, he will endeavor to prevent it by introducing a counterfeit. In those churches which he can bring under his deceptive power he will make it appear that God’s special blessing is poured out; there will be manifest what is thought to be great religious interest. Multitudes will exult that God is working marvelously for them, when the work is that of another spirit. Under a religious guise, Satan will seek to extend his influence over the Christian world” (page 464).
Notice that the false revival precedes the true. The false revival is happening now, today, all around us, and will increase with intensity. Read on through pages 588-590 and see the chain of events that will follow. Through spiritualism, miracles, signs and wonders, Satan will unite the world into one body.

“Papists, Protestants and worldlings will alike accept the form of godliness without the power and they will see in this union a grand movement for the conversion of the world and the ushering in of the long-expected millennium.” Satan will “present a new and more exalted system of religious faith.” At the same time he will work through the elements to cause many natural disasters, diseases and calamities. God will remove His protecting care from these who rebel against His law and teach others to do the same.

True Revival, Who Will Be Able to Stand?

Satan can present a counterfeit so close to the true that it deceives those who are willing to be deceived, those who desire to shun self denial and sacrifice. “But it is impossible for him to hold under his power one soul who honestly desires, at whatever cost, to know the truth.

“Neither wicked men nor devils can hinder the work of God, or shut out His presence from His people, if they will, with subdued, contrite hearts, confess and put away their sins, and in faith claim His promises.

“Satan is well aware that the weakest soul who abides in Christ is more than a match for the hosts of darkness, and that, should he reveal himself openly, he would be met and resisted...Only in humble reliance upon God, and obedience to all His commandments, can we be secure.

“No man is safe for a day or an hour without prayer. Especially should we entreat the Lord for wisdom to understand His word. Here are revealed the wiles of the tempter and the means by which he may be successfully resisted...We should study the Bible with humility of heart, never losing the sign of our dependence upon God. While we must constantly guard against the devices of Satan, we should pray in faith continually: ‘Lead us not into temptation’” (Great Controversy, 528-530).

Which revival will we be a part of? Today and every day we must make our choice. “Seek ye the LORD while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near: let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon” Isaiah 55: 6, 7. Let us determine NOT to be among those who will “believe a lie” 2 Thessalonians 2:11.

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