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"And when He was come near, He beheld the city, and wept over it, v. 42 Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. v. 43 For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side. v. 44 And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another, because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation." Luke 19: 41 - 44

Greetings,

On June 26, 2013, the Supreme Court made rulings in regard to same sex marriage and its impact on our nation and future. Unlike in 1973, when the Supreme Court legalized the death of unborn children; the court held up short of legalizing this sin of same sex marriage across the land. But their rulings have opened the door for the possibility of this sin to become the law of the land. In history, there are moments that change us forever, they are markers of time, and they can be victorious moments or undoing moments. Such moments of our nations history have compelled us to rise to the challenges upon us through calamities, destruction, death and great sorrow. On December 7, 1941, after Pearl Harbor was bombed, President Roosevelt referred to this moment of history as, 'a day of infamy'.

The courts decision has left the church with such a taste as this being 'a day of infamy'. A day when evil is called good and sin is embraced as acceptable. In such moments of history the church is called to respond.

Therefore, let this day, June 30, 2013, be set forth as A Day of Mourning and Prayer. Recognizing that for many followers of Christ this is their first gathering together, after this moment of history; let them come together with an awareness of the state of our nation and the impact of these rulings upon us. That every act of sin legalized and embraced by our culture is a provocation of the Lord God and His holiness and righteousness as declared in His Holy Word. That the Lord God is kind, patient and long suffering, but will never and has never blessed a nation or a people that has chosen sin over our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Let us therefore cry out to God for mercy, for forgiveness, for a pleading before Him that it is not the desire of our hearts to allow or for our nation to go the way of all the earth. And that as Christ beheld the city and wept over it, so we shall weep and mourn, praying and agonizing for the lostness and wickedness that is prevailing upon the nation that has been blessed by the Lord for so long.

Our nation has forgotten the Biblical teachings for many decades now. Our nation has and is removing God, and any and all Christian witness from our society. But our faith is not in men or their means, it is in 'looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith'. And in You, O Father God of heaven and earth, our prayers are lifted up to cleanse us, to revive Your church, to impart Your Holy Spirit to quicken us and to stretch forth Your right hand to help us. Do not stretch forth Your right hand to consume us in Your wrath at our legalizing sin, but 'in wrath remember mercy.' Unto You, O God, we call and plead, have mercy and help us;.

Let the Lord's people give place to prayer, to anguish, to mourning that true repentance, confession and sorrow might be done. And that as Christ prayed, 'Father, forgive them they know not what they do.' So we pray for the heathen of this land, that they know not that they have provoked Your wrath upon our children, upon our land, and upon our future. But we know, O Lord, as Your people, taught by Your Word, we know what You have declared and what our proper response must be.

"Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? Behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is done unto me, wherewith the Lord hath afflicted me in the day of His fierce anger." Lamentation 1:12

"Help, Lord; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men." Psalm 12:1

Until,

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