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“The quest of Jesus Christ on the earth is greatly crippled by wrong notions of the sovereignty of God.” (Jack Hayford)

I first heard Pastor Hayford say this 25 to 30 years ago and was greatly impacted. I have never forgotten it. The implications are serious and multi-faceted. The underlying premise is that, due to their concept of God’s sovereignty, many Christians believe God always gets what He wants and that His desire will always be accomplished, regardless of our actions. This belief controls most believers and is manifested in many ways, not the least of which is passivity and complacency.

A read through the Bible and a tour of history easily dispels this erroneous belief. God’s will is never for Satan to accomplish his stealing, killing, and destroying. Never. As believers, we have a part to play in God’s victories, turnarounds, and the working together of things for our good (Romans 8:28). They do not occur simply because He desires them to, nor do they occur for us just because we are Christians. Actions, prayers and decrees, faith, endurance, obedience, and more, are necessary in order for us to receive the fulfillment of God’s will and promises.

This is why Satan tries to “wear down the saints” (Daniel 7:25) through discouragement, hope-deferred, confusion, and more. He cannot stop God unless he stops us. He cannot defeat God but he can, at times, defeat us and thereby thwart God’s will. So he tries to make us weary and cause us to lose heart (Galatians 6:9). He also endeavors to distract us through the cares of life, busyness and, as we said to begin this post, by giving us a false sense of assurance through a misunderstanding of God’s sovereignty.

To be clear, God is sovereign. The word sovereignty, however, means all authority, not the control of all that happens. The American Constitution is sovereign in our nation but is only manifested when enforced and obeyed by honest and willing people. And so it is with God’s sovereign will on earth.

This brings me to two important exhortations for today’s post. First, I am exhorting and appealing to intercessors - do not grow weary and slack off in your prayers. I know praying and decreeing often over the same situations can be frustrating and even draining. I also realize that the fight of faith is most challenging in its enduring facet. But our prayers are transforming a nation and shaping history. The hard work will be worth all of the effort and sacrifice.

Whatever you need to do to infuse fresh determination and commitment into your prayer life, do it! Speak with someone and allow them to encourage you. Read a motivating book. Spend time in God’s presence. Meet with some friends and pray over one another for strength and encouragement. Bind the devil. Kick a chair. Whatever it takes, do it!

My second exhortation and appeal is to spiritual leaders around this nation. This is not a time for “business as usual.” It is not a time to “stay the course” of normality. No, we should not panic and react emotionally; but we must take action.

“Babies are still being killed on a daily basis, some AFTER their botched abortion; millions of yours and my tax dollars are paying for it.

“Kindergartners are being encouraged to change their gender and attempt to change their bodies - kindergartners! Parents are being prosecuted for trying to stop this.

“Leftists and socialists have made great progress in their attempt to take over our nation. Our history is being rewritten so that our future can be controlled.

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☞ Because of this administration's decisions, America is becoming weaker and weaker militarily. The deterrent of strength is gone. Evil dictators around the world no longer fear us. Only by the grace of God will the world survive another three years of weak leadership.

☞ Our economy is a mess, hanging by a thread. To say that things are precarious is truly an understatement. Inflation is out of control, spending is completely unbridled.

I could say more, which I'm sure you know. My question is, if we believe in the power of prayer, why are not more churches and leaders praying? If you do not have time for 10, 15, 20-30 minutes of prayer for America and the world when you gather as a congregation, then you have fallen prey to the mindset Jack Hayford lamented.

Do we really believe our sermons are more important than the prayer of agreement? Do we really believe that creating an atmosphere of fun and fellowship is more important than travailing over our situation, our future? Do we really believe that inconveniencing Christians with services that last more than an hour on a Sunday morning is asking too much? Sadly, for many, the answer to these questions is "eyes." I fear that we are fiddling while our nation burns. We have already reached the point where only a miraculous, divine intervention will save us.

Leaders, make a statement to your people. Don't preach this Sunday - pray!

Have 5, 10, 15, 20 trusted people, ready with a one or two-minute prayer. Line them up, give them the microphone and let this be the sermon. Are things not yet to the point in America and the world that we shouldn't change the schedule for some crisis intervention? Wouldn't heartfelt tears combined with effectual fervent prayer be in order at this time? Some of those sitting in our pews have NEVER seen this type of prayer in action. Why?

If we don't wake up now, our alarm clock could be World War III. If we don't take action now, another generation could be lost. Do not hang your hope on an imminent return of Christ. Occupy until He comes! Do not hang your hope on a false concept of the sovereignty of God. He is waiting for us to take action and partner with Him. Let's do this.

Finally, let me say that I know I am preaching primarily to the choir. You probably would not be reading and/or listening to these posts if you weren't already praying. And I thank you. Please consider sending this post to someone who might be impacted by it. A friend. A family member. Your pastor. Help us spread this message. Thank you for considering this. America shall be saved as we do our part.

Pray with me:

Father, we ask You to strengthen the praying church, the remnant that is carrying a heavy load right now. Break off of them any and all weariness and loss of passion. Infuse them with strength, energy, determination, and zeal. May Your zeal, Lord of Hosts, consume them. Give them hearts that will run through a troop and leap over a wall. Raise up warriors in this hour who will fight and fight and fight until they win.

Awaken the churches of America to our critical need. Break off of us wrong theology. Remove complacency and false definitions of success. A growing congregation does not mean we are winning the war. Transferring church members so that we can see new faces and fill our pews is not changing nations. Give us pulpits that once again blaze with Your fire. Bring prayer back to prayerless churches. Touch our hearts at a deeper level. We must have Your intervention, and we cry out for this.

We cry out for revival. We cry out for souls. We cry out for our nation to turn back to You. We cry out for the people in Ukraine. We cry out for the Afghans. We cry out for the multitudes in the valley of decision. Take action, Almighty God! Release millions of angels to war for us and with us, Lord of Angel Armies! Give us breakthrough we pray, in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen.

Our decree:

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We decree that the remnant will grow, heaven will hear our cry, and the battle will be turned at the gate.

From "Give Him Fifteen" by Dutch Sheets

<https://youtu.be/udLvDbljAo>

Re: Mike - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2022/3/16 8:40

Thanks Mike, I really enjoyed this read.
Brother Bill

Re: Do Our Prayers Really Matter? - posted by EAGLEFLYING (), on: 2022/3/16 18:39

Amen and Amen I watch give him 15 everyday we cannot get weary i hope there are more conference call lines. i listen to one daily. ClayNash.org 719-718-6038 mon-fri 2;22 est

These brothers and sisters are involved with Dutch Sheets. I believe they are in tune with the Holy Spirit and are involved...

You listen and agree hopefully. I have been listening since before Covid. I am always encouraged and will not stop praying until I see a change. There will be suddenlies in this nation. Many intercessors are praying and I am one of them.. If anyone knows of any other serious prayer meetings. pls let me know. I used to love when Mike and the other brother who is in heaven and another sister and I used to pray.. we need to bombard hell with our prayers. prayers change things.. May we continue to pray or be prey.

in Jesus name

Sister Frannie

Re: - posted by murrcoir (), on: 2022/3/16 18:48

Quote: Leaders, make a statement to your people. Don't preach this Sunday - pray!

Amen - a move of God in months