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**“Let Justice run down like Water”**

Warm hellos once again friends, brethren, fellow laborers, spiritual family, and scattered children of God from here on the Gulf Coast of lower Alabama. My wife and I pray and hope this finds you doing well, and that again your week has been blessed.

We are now in the Ingathering Season or fall Holy Days as we call them here in the northern hemisphere. We’re just about 6 weeks from the Feast of Trumpets. I’ve been reflecting again on our calling, and that we are actually “Children of God in training”.

Our great God is preparing a team of loyal, knowledgeable, and dedicated service focused individuals to rule in the Kingdom of God with Jesus Christ who will be the supreme ruler and adjudicator as King of Kings and Lord of lords. Our yielding to Him and His Spirit is crucial during this training process.

In our country here in the United States, (the sweet land of liberty and justice for all), judgment has become perverted and too many judges fail to uphold the law, instead giving in to political pressure and social aberrations. Let’s look at a few decisions that have been rendered by the U.S. Supreme Court over the years.

The Dred Scott Decision was an important ruling by the Supreme Court of the United States on the issue of slavery. The decision, which was made in 1857, declared that no black—free or slave—could claim United States citizenship. It also stated that Congress could not prohibit slavery in United States territories. The question arises, who were they to declare what laws Congress could enact or introduce?

Roe v. Wade was a 1973 landmark case in which the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that state laws could not forbid a woman to have an abortion during the first three months of pregnancy. The court also ruled that during the second

three months, a state could regulate abortions only to protect women's health. Before Roe v. Wade, many U.S. states prohibited abortions in almost all circumstances. Of course since that decision there have been millions of babies who have been murdered and will continue to be so.

In 1962, the court ruled in Engel v. Vitale that states cannot compose official prayers for students to recite. In School District of Abington Township, Pennsylvania v. Schempp (1963), the court decided that required daily Bible readings are also prohibited. In Wallace v. Jaffree (1985), the court ruled that a law encouraging students to observe a moment of silence for voluntary prayer violates the U.S. Constitution.

Of course it is wrong to force a set of religious beliefs on those who disagree with them. But this nation was founded with a reference to "the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God." Acknowledging the reality of a Creator and our need for His help and guidance is not establishing a state religion.

More recently the Supreme Court legitimized same sex marriage as having the same status as heterosexual marriage.

Then not too long ago the Supreme Court Chief Justice redefined the concepts of what became Obama Care to define it as a legitimate tax. The program began to collapse and premiums skyrocketed. Some have said this was the original intention so that the government would intervene to set up a single payer system – health care totally mandated and run by the government. Would this not be considered socialism and totally opposed to the founding tenets of democracy and limited government?

The founding fathers never intended such overreach by this branch of government. The Supreme Court was to uphold and make judgment based on the existing laws, not make new laws. Many prophecies decry the lack of justice and lament then lawlessness in the land.

*"No one calls for justice, Nor does any plead for truth. They trust in empty words and speak lies; They conceive evil and bring forth iniquity. The way of peace they have not known, And there is no justice in their ways; They have made themselves*

*crooked paths; Whoever takes that way shall not know peace. Justice is turned back, And righteousness stands afar off; For truth is fallen in the street, And equity cannot enter. So truth fails, And he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. Then the LORD saw it, and it displeased Him That there was no justice.” (Isaiah 59:4, 8, 14-15)*

Wow! I’d say that’s quite an indictment. It’s like Isaiah is taken forward in the future to our time today and commenting on what is taking place in the U.S. and other countries.

Look at the scenario of the presence of sanctuary cities in the U.S. Local mayors and even some judges have blocked the constituted authorities from seeking illegal immigrants and even violent lawbreakers and bringing them to justice. Look at the violence unleashed by certain groups as they confront the police, get away with it, and are not arrested. Over the years the events involve the desecration and removal of statues and monuments related to Civil War notables and even Christopher Columbus. Some were clamoring for the removal of monuments to Washington and Jefferson and even destroying the faces on Mount Rushmore!

This thinking is indicative of a dysfunctional mind. There are lies and distortions proliferated in the so-called news media concerning our current President claiming he is a racist and a Nazi sympathizer and the list goes on. He remains under attack from all sides and his opponents have vowed to bring him down.

In the news again we see their efforts to connect the President with Russia in some kind of collusion to steal the election from Hillary Clinton from a few years ago...and those efforts have thus far failed. But his enemies continue to invent other allegations to try to discredit him. The question is he perfect? I’ve stated this before, of course not. All sides have their lens to project. We humans are just that, human, and without the Spirit of God in us and yielding and changing, we continue down our path of human reasoning. Proverbs 3:5-6 simply is ignored.

Human nature is clearly showing its true colors in our nation and world.

One of the longest serving law officers in the U.S. was Sheriff Joseph Arpaio from Arizona. (He was the Sheriff of Maricopa County, Arizona for 24 years, from 1993

to 2017) He tried to uphold the laws of the land in apprehending illegals and other law breakers. But he got crosswise with the politically correct and lost the most recent election when massive amounts of outside money came in to promote character assassination. A judge upheld a fabricated charge and he was charged with a crime. As he said, “the only crimes and laws he has broken over his decades of service is getting a couple of parking tickets”.

The book of Amos addresses the perverting of justice. *“Seek the LORD and live, Lest He break out like fire in the house of Joseph, And devour it, With no one to quench it in Bethel- You who turn justice to wormwood, And lay righteousness to rest in the earth!”* (Amos 5:6-7) Amos continues, *“Hate evil, love good; Establish justice in the gate. It may be that the LORD God of hosts Will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph. But let justice run down like water, And righteousness like a mighty stream.”* (Amos 5:15, 24)

I realize this applies to the ancient House of Israel but we see a duality here to apply to modern day. Another of the Minor Prophets issues a similar observation. *“Therefore the law is powerless, And justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; Therefore perverse judgment proceeds.”* (Habakkuk 1:4)

Let us all pray that this nation would turn around, and there could be fairness and right judgment, and judges who at least fairly uphold the Constitution. I’m cautiously optimistic at best...history tells us differently, and we most often repeat our past.

There will be true justice and righteousness implemented when Christ, (the foundation stone), comes to take over the kingdoms of this world and set up the Kingdom of God. *“Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: “Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, A tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; Whoever believes will not act hastily. Also I will make justice the measuring line, And righteousness the plummet; The hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, And the waters will overflow the hiding place.”* (Isaiah 28:16-17) *“He will not fail nor be discouraged, Till He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands shall wait for His law.”* (Isaiah 42:4)

We pray for that day and for the implementing of true and fair justice and judgment for all.

As we come up to these Feasts of the Lord, (this Sabbath, the Feast of Trumpets, the Day of Atonement, and then the Feast of Tabernacles and Last Great Day) , how much more rich in meaning these days will be as we see time marching closer to the end of this age... and let us continue to pray, thy Kingdom Come!

Arms up friends! Our sincere prayers and thoughts are with you daily. Thanks in advance for your heartfelt prayers for us.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. S. Hoefker', with a stylized, scribbled flourish at the end.

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