

# WORD AT WORK

## A Kairos Of Favor III

Dear Friends:

This “Word At Work” has some very strong opinions which come from the depths of the heart of Ephesians 4:10-12 which states, “He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ....”

It is important to remember which piece of God’s heart is speaking. I saw a vision of Jesus seated at the right hand of God after the ascension. He reached into His chest, pulled out His heart and threw it toward earth. When it reached the ionosphere, it split into five pieces, each of which later merged into individuals. The full heart of Jesus did not reassemble in congregations until all five had deposited their inputs. Apostles and Prophets carry markedly different pieces of Father’s heart than Pastors and Evangelists.

Apostles and Prophets have a heart for cleansing and purity. Anything that defiles a land must be immediately addressed. Pastors have a grace for helping perpetrating individuals. The church has heard one piece of God’s heart to the exclusion of the others for decades contributing to the fruit of the current condition of the nation.

As we open our ears to hear another part of God’s heart, perhaps we can rise to a covenant position where divine authority will flow to remove the hindrances to change, giving us the harvest we so desperately seek!

Yours in Him,

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## FRIDAY, April 1

Scripture: Psalm 40:1-5

In a season of God's favor, His thoughts are toward us. His thoughts cannot be numbered that concern us. The church comes into God's heart for a specific purpose during this season. That purpose needs to be discovered and acted on because during such a season we can have an impact on our physical family, spiritual family and our generation. I believe we are entering such a season and it is time to pursue the Lord in a new and different way. A season of favor marks a time when God hears what we ask and considers doing it.

## SATURDAY, April 2

Scripture: Psalm 40:6-8

In verses 6-8 we have definition of this season where it tells us that "church as usual" is not what God is after during a period of favor. He is after intimate relationship in which our ears become fine tuned to His voice. He is not looking just for our appearance on Sunday morning. He is looking for us to rise to a new level of obedience to His purpose and plan. How to expedite and prolong a season of favor is to begin to delight in the things that God Himself favors. New assignments emerge in a **kairos of favor**. We can expect the Lord to make clear His purposes and move us in new directions, often with changes in how we conduct Kingdom business. It feels like we are approaching such a time.

## SUNDAY, April 3

Scripture: Psalm 69:13-18

In Psalm 69:13-18 we are told, "But as for me, my prayer is to You, O LORD, in the acceptable time; O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, Hear me in the truth of Your salvation." A **kairos of favor** is a season where God hears us in truth and releases salvation. This is the time to draw near and to bring forth God's purpose and plan. He ends this passage in 17 and 18 by saying, "And do not hide Your face from Your servant, For I am in trouble; Hear me speedily. Draw near to my soul, and redeem it; Deliver me because of my enemies." A **kairos of favor** brings God upon the scene because of the raging of the enemy when heaven says "It is enough!" Are there arenas of our personal, corporate and national life in which we can imagine God saying "It is enough!" I can certainly think of a few.

## MONDAY, April 4

Scripture: Psalm 106:1-3

The first three verses of Psalm 106 say, "Praise the LORD! Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD? Or can declare all His praise? Blessed are those **who keep justice**, And he who does righteousness at all times!" In this season God is looking for those who keep justice. The Hebrew word here is *mish-pawt*, which is the verdict pronounced judicially or the word of a *shaw-fat* (a judge). In a **kairos of favor** God is looking for judgment from the mouth of His people after they have

proved that they are consistently walking in righteousness. Keeping God's judgment is an assignment that is far from us because of our tradition and yet if we understood covenant it would seem as natural as breathing. We have not taught the church to think covenantally.

#### TUESDAY, April 5

Scripture: First Samuel 7:15-17

First Samuel 7:15-17 says, "So Samuel **judged** Israel all the days of his life. He went from year to year on a circuit to Bethel, Gilgal, and Mizpah, and judged Israel in all those places. But he always returned to Ramah, for his home was there. There he judged Israel, and there he built an altar to the LORD." The Hebrew word translated "judged" in verse 15 is the Hebrew word *shaw-fat*. *Shaw-fat* is the root word for *mish-pawt*. *Mish-pawt* is the anointed declaration of a *shaw-fat* so if you were called to the office of the Judge in Israel, what the Holy Spirit moved on you to proclaim as a judgment became a *mish-pawt*. When God is looking for those who keep *mish-pawt*, we have to understand that He is looking for those who will rise and accept the anointing to prophetically proclaim what He wants to do as a judgment of the Lord. We have majored in the Gospels for decades and the fruit is a generation unfamiliar with Jesus the Judge!

#### WEDNESDAY, April 6

Scripture: Judges 2:16

Judges 2:16 says, "Then the LORD raised up judges who delivered them out of the hand of those who plundered them." So when we ask ourselves what the purpose of a judge in Israel was, the answer is to deliver the covenant people from the enemy who was or is suppressing them. The second question is, How did they accomplish that goal? God would move on them and they would prophetically declare His word. The LORD would then honor the spoken word by fulfilling it. In Samuel's case, not one of his words fell to the ground, all came to pass. When the judge issued a *mish-pawt* then you knew God was about to bring it to pass. Is it possible that in a **kairos of favor** that anointing could return to the church for the very same reason – to deliver us from all those who are plundering us! We certainly shouldn't have any problem making an application on the national scene, when considering recent Supreme Court decisions. Justice Kennedy, siding with four other liberal justices, outlawed by judicial fiat, the death penalty for all those who committed heinous crimes when they are not yet 18, citing the most treasonous of all reasons the laws of *other* nations! When a Supreme Court Justice takes the oath of office he swears to uphold the Constitution of the United States ~~not~~ to change America to suite the French or the Germans or the Belgians. It is nearly inconceivable that such treasonous activity is now at work in our Supreme Court! Is it possible that in a season of God's favor His anointing will be restored to the church to stop the hand of the enemy who is destroying our Christian heritage at the highest levels in the land?

#### THURSDAY, April 7

Scripture: First Samuel 7:7-10

Verse 10 gives us a good example of what the anointing on a judge will do for a nation. Verse 10 says, "Now as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel. But the LORD thundered with a loud thunder upon the Philistines that day, and so confused them that they were overcome before Israel." What does the anointing of a judge do? It moves the hand of God. What does the anointing of a judge do? It brings the prophetic purpose of God under scrutiny so that the Lord's will can be performed in a nation. Isn't it time we saw the restoration of the anointing of the judges?

#### FRIDAY, April 8

Scripture: First Samuel 7:13

Verse 13 says, "So the Philistines were subdued, and they did not come anymore into the territory of Israel. And the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel." When the Word says during a **kairos**

**of favor** God starts looking for those who keep *mish-pawt*, we now see further definition of exactly what He is saying. The anointing of a judge to bring forth judgment is the purpose of subduing the enemy and moving God's hand against the enemy so that ultimately the nation can be saved from destruction. To subdue through divine judgment was the purpose of the judges. If God restores this anointing to the church, what would He have in mind? Does the enemy need to be subdued through divine judgment in the Supreme Court? Does the enemy need to be subdued through divine judgment concerning the removal of all things Christian from our buildings and seals? For those who are attempting to eradicate all Christian history in America, so that future generations will never know the God of the Bible who gave us our freedom, do we need to see the anointing of the judge move the hand of the Lord against those who are trying to spoil and destroy our heritage? Isn't it time we began to get to know **JESUS THE JUDGE!** It seems the book of Revelation is fully dedicated to this Jesus Who is the One returning! Is He returning as Savior or is He returning as Judge? It appears He is returning as the Judge of all the earth! Isn't it time the church began to consider representing Him for Who He *really* is?

#### SATURDAY, April 9

Scripture: First Samuel 4:17-18

“So the messenger answered and said, ‘Israel has fled before the Philistines, and there has been a great slaughter among the people. Also your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead; and the ark of God has been captured.’ Then it happened, when he made mention of the ark of God, that Eli fell off the seat backward by the side of the gate; and his neck was broken and he died, for the man was old and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years.” Why wasn't the hand of God against the Philistines all the days of Eli? What was the difference between Eli's priesthood and Samuel's priesthood? Eli never moved God's hand. Eli was never given the privilege of carrying the *mish-pawt* of God. I wonder why? Why is it that during one generation the hand of God seems to be against the church and then as soon as that generation is removed the hand of God turns against the enemy in behalf of the church. That is precisely what happened in the transition from Eli to Samuel. Samuel carried this all his days. What are we going to carry all of our days? Where is *mish-pawt*?

#### SUNDAY, April 10

Scripture: First Samuel 2:12-14

Verses 12-14 of First Samuel 2 state, “Now the sons of Eli were corrupt; they did not know the LORD. And the priests' custom with the people was that when any man offered a sacrifice, the priest's servant would come with a three-pronged fleshhook in his hand while the meat was boiling. Then he would thrust it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; and the priest would *take for himself all* that the fleshhook brought up. So they did in Shiloh to all the Israelites who came there.” Is it any wonder that the hand of God was against Israel all the days of Eli? The “three-pronged fleshhook” represents any scheme man can devise to manipulate the church and gain his own purpose. What an invention a “three-pronged fleshhook” was. I'm sure many of us have been snared with such devices. What would a “three-pronged fleshhook” look like? Sometimes it sounds like this, “The Lord told me there are 25 people here who are going to give \$500. There are 10 people here who are going to give a \$1000.” Manipulation, ordering our own table, violating the Didache of the Lord, bringing judgment on the church and turning our Christian heritage over to the enemy are examples. Can you imagine having to give an account to God for how we were handed a nation built on Christian principles, through the blood of our forefathers, and turned it over to the devil because we choose to walk like Eli! The judgment was being abandoned to the enemy because *mish-pawt* was forfeited. Is it possible to restore the *mish-pawt* of the Lord to the church?

#### MONDAY, April 11

Scripture: Luke 16:13

In Luke 16:13 we are told, “No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.” The chief difference in character between Eli's priesthood and Samuel's priesthood was that Eli had totally given himself over

to the spirit of mammon, as evidenced by the invention of a “three-pronged fleshhook”. Jesus witnessed that spirit at work in the temple. The Greek word for “despise” here is *kat-af-ron-eh-o*, meaning to continually diminish until one despises or until we are slowly turned against God. Is it possible in making choices based on a spirit of mammon that nearly an entire generation’s leadership can be slowly turned against God so that the hand of the Lord is not against the enemy all their days? It almost seems like we have the fruit of that in our nation now. Isn’t it time we made the transition? Is it possible that the **kairos of favor** is God’s prophetic invitation to establish a new level of integrity in the priesthood and restore the *mish-pawt* of God to the church? If it is, then we have some choices to make and the future restoration of this nation depends on those choices.

#### TUESDAY, April 12

Scripture: Luke 4:5-7

Luke 4:5-7 outlines this priesthood test that Jesus had to face in the wilderness. In effect, He had to face the very same test that Eli failed and Samuel passed. This passage says, “Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him ‘All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours.’” “...all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time” means all the cattle, all the wealth, the silver, the gold, every realm of power offered to Jesus in a moment of time. Certainly a major part of what was offered was a mammon test. With money comes authority in the natural, natural glory, Satan uses wealth to gain worship or *pros-koo-neh-o* from man. This Greek word means “to bow the knee and kiss the master’s hand like a puppy will run to his owner and kiss the owner’s hand for the food it carries.” In the mammon test, when it is failed, we literally in the realm of the spirit, bow our knee and kiss the hand of the enemy and satan receives it as worship. It stops the hand of God in our behalf. The hand of God becomes against us all of our days that mammon rules. Will we pass the mammon test or fail it?

#### WEDNESDAY, April 13

Scripture: First Samuel 2:15-18

Verses 16 through 18 state, “And if the man said to him, ‘They should really burn the fat first; then you may take as much as your heart desires,’ He would then answer him, ‘No, but you must give it to me now; and if not, I will take it by force.’ Therefore the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD, for men abhorred the offering of the LORD. But Samuel ministered before the LORD, even as a child, wearing a linen ephod.” God’s hand was not against the enemies of Israel all the days of Eli because of the sin of the priesthood. Is it not a reasonable speculation that all the days of the last generational priesthood the hand of the Lord, in the nation of America, has not been for the church but rather against it. We have lost our freedom to pray in school. We have lost our freedom to pray at commencement services. We have lost the heritage of Christian symbols in many places. We can no longer post the Ten Commandments in a school. We’re no longer allowed to have a bronze statute with the Ten Commandments on it in an Alabama State House. Everywhere we look, across America, our heritage is being erased by bastard judges under the assault of the ACLU. Where is the hand of the Lord against those judges to destroy them and against the ACLU to dry up their funding so every member goes bankrupt? Where is the hand of the Lord against the enemy who is **trying to steal, pervert and destroy the Christian heritage of a nation?** During a **kairos of favor**, if God offers to restore the *mish-pawt* of the Lord, what will we do? How will we conduct ourselves? Where is the hand of the Lord against the enemy of the church?

#### THURSDAY, April 14

Scripture: First Samuel 2:22-25

Verses 22 through 25 state, “Now Eli was very old; and he heard everything his sons did to all Israel, and how they lay with the women who assembled at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. So he said to them, ‘Why do you do such things? For I hear of your evil dealings from all the people. No, my sons! For it is not a good report that I hear. You make the LORD’S people transgress. If one man sins against another, God will judge him. But if a man sins

against the LORD, who will intercede for him?’ Nevertheless they did not heed the voice of their father, because the LORD desired to kill them.” Is it possible to restore the *mish-pawt* of God even so that He removes the priests who are defiling the church so that the full measure of God’s *mish-pawt* can be restored and our nation can be brought back from the brink of destruction? If we ever wonder why leaders refuse to hear corrective words, it may be because their sin is so grievous that God wants to kill them and their organizations. Is it possible that once again we will see the hand of the Lord against the spirit of mammon? It is not only possible, I believe we are knocking at the door!

#### FRIDAY, April 15

Scripture: First Samuel 5:6, 9-11

The fruit of the Eli priesthood was that the ark of God was taken captive when the Philistines conquered the Israelites. Because the hand of the Lord was not against the Philistines all the days of Eli, they ended up capturing the ark of the Lord. But the fruit of that came in verse 6, “But the hand of the LORD was heavy on the people of Ashdod, and He ravaged them and struck them with tumors, both Ashdod and its territory.” The interesting part of this passage is verses 9 through 11 which says, “And so it was, after they had carried it away, that the hand of the LORD was against the city with a very great destruction; and He struck the men of the city, both small and great, and tumors broke out on them. Therefore they sent the ark of God to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, saying, ‘They have brought the ark of the God of Israel to us, to kill us and our people!’ So they sent and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines, and said, ‘Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it go back to its own place, so that it does not kill us and our people.’ For there was a deadly destruction throughout all the city; the hand of God was very heavy there.” One of the things we have to ask ourselves is, Why is the hand of the lord greater against Ekron than against the other cities which housed the ark? We are told, “...the hand of God was very heavy there.” Verse 12 says, “And the men who did not die were stricken with the tumors, and the cry of the city went up to heaven.” Ekron just happened to be the treasure city of the Philistines. So here is a culture that is given over to mammon with the concentration of that spirit in the city of Ekron. Isn’t it interesting that the hand of God is against Ekron in much greater measure than the other cities where the ark was taken? This should speak volumes to us upon whom the ends of the world have come. When the ark of God came to the treasure city of Ekron – it was all over. What would happen if that anointing was to show up in Washington, D.C., or Austin, Texas, or Sacramento, California, or Boston, or New York City? What would happen to our perverse judges if the *mish-pawt* of God was restored to the church? Perhaps what we see in Ekron is a pretty fair example.

#### SATURDAY, April 16

Scripture: First Samuel 12:16,17

What can we expect God to do if the *mish-pawt* of the Lord is restored? Perhaps verses 16 and 17 will give us a clue. When the Israelites asked for a king and rejected God, that brought Samuel into the declaration mode. Verses 16 and 17 of First Samuel 12 say, “Now therefore, stand and see this great thing which the LORD will do before your eyes; ‘Is today not the wheat harvest? I will call to the LORD, and He will send thunder and rain, that you may perceive and see that your wickedness is great, which you have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking a king for yourselves.’” Samuel called and God answered. With thunder, the fear of the Lord was restored. The *mish-pawt* of God is simply proclaiming that which God performs in the sight of the hearers. How could we ever turn around judges who are untouchable without the *mish-pawt* of God? But with it, I suspect they will either be on their face or seriously consider a career. It is time to restore the anointing of the judges. In a **kairos of favor** God’s invitation comes to His people to move in a whole new dimension. Are we ready for such a season?

#### SUNDAY, April 17

Scripture: First Samuel 16:4

Verse 4 of First Samuel 16 says, “So Samuel did what the LORD said, and went to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, ‘Do you come peaceably?’” Samuel, by this time, had such a reputation for being a judge in Israel, proclaiming the *mish-pawt* of the Lord and not one of his words falling to the ground that

the fear of the Lord was established in the land. When he came to a city, such as Bethlehem, and the elders saw him coming, they trembled under the hand of God and had to find out if he was coming peaceably, because if not they were out of town in a heartbeat. This is a far cry from what we have in the church today and yet the New Testament makes it very clear that in the book of Acts the fear of the Lord was established in the church. How can we ever take to our judges what we don't have ourselves?

#### MONDAY, April 18

Scripture: Psalm 106:4-5

Psalm 106:4-5 state, "Remember me, O LORD, with favor You have toward Your people; Oh, visit me with Your salvation, That I may see the benefit of Your chosen ones, That I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation, That I may glory with Your inheritance." Salvation came during a season of favor. Salvation for the nation meant judgment to the enemy. Covenant mercy to Israel meant covenant judgment to enemies, resulting in salvation. *Mish-pawt* is a biblical part of that inheritance. We need to ask God for it. It is an issue of restoration and the New Testament promises us that all things spoken by all prophets will be fulfilled before Jesus returns. He personally promises to supervise the fulfillment of everything spoken by the prophets in winding up the age. Perhaps the time to ask the Lord to birth it again is here!

#### TUESDAY, April 19

Scripture: Psalm 143:1-2

David was a master at using *mish-pawt*, and we should learn volumes from him. Before David demanded covenantal *mish-pawt* on his enemies, he prayed something very very wise. Psalm 143:1-2 says, "Hear my prayer, O LORD, Give ear to my supplications! In Your faithfulness answer me, And in Your righteousness, Do not enter into *mish-pawt*/judgment with Your servant, For in Your sight no one living is righteous." Of all the Psalms to read, this is the one where David at the end invokes *mish-pawt* against his enemy for utter and total destruction. But long before he does, he makes sure he covers one base, "...no one living is righteous....Do not enter into *mish-pawt* with Your servant. Enter into *mish-pawt* with those who are afflicting Your servant. Give us *mish-pawt* because without it, there is no salvation. Restore our nation." That is his heart cry. David very brilliantly begins by covering himself so that he can move God's hand by covenant. If we can duplicate how David walked, we can certainly have some of the same results.

#### WEDNESDAY, April 20

Scripture: Psalm 143:3-9

In verses 3 through 9 David begins to recount all the evil that the enemy has done, not only to him but to his people and to the nation. David says in verses 8 and 9, "Cause me to hear Your loving-kindness in the morning, For in You do I trust; Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, For I lift up my soul to You. Deliver me, O LORD, from my enemies; In You I take shelter." David is covenantally taking a stand before God and He is like a master chess player setting up his next move, because he is about to invoke the pinnacle of covenant.

#### THURSDAY, April 21

Scripture: Psalm 143:10-12

In verse 10 David says, "Teach me to do Your will (what You favor), For You are my God;..." In a **kairos of favor** David is appealing to the Lord and saying, "Teach me to do what is closest to Your heart. Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness." Part of preserving and walking out a **kairos of favor** is learning to do just exactly that; finding out what God favors and doing it and then teaching others also. This is the essence of discipleship. Verses 11 and 12 say, "Revive me, O LORD, for Your name's sake! For Your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble. In Your mercy cut off my enemies, And destroy all those who afflict my soul; For I am Your servant." "In Your mercy cut off *tsaw-math*." The Hebrew word means "to extirpate, dismember or destroy."

“Destroy” is the Hebrew word *aw-bad* meaning to perish, die or be exterminated. In the Hebrew hithel perfect verb form it means to destroy utterly or to put to death as a manifestation of divine judgment. Isn’t it interesting that David is pleading with God and he is saying, “God, in Your mercy to the nation, in Your mercy to me, cut off those who are destroying the land.” In David’s specific situation, this happened to be Absalom because this Psalm was written as David was fleeing Jerusalem when Absalom took over. The real issue for us is, What would the application be today? Who is destroying the land? Would it be those members of the Supreme Court who are (unlawfully) legislating (enforcing beyond their job description) the homosexual agenda, who are striking down the death penalty for murderous teenagers? Would those qualify who are sworn into office to “defend and uphold the Constitution of the United States of America” but in betrayal look to *other nations* for the interpretation of this most divinely inspired governmental document the world has ever seen? David didn’t hesitate to use his covenant. He understood what God’s covenant of mercy meant. Do we understand mercy? Do we understand the **kairos of favor**? Do we understand what God is putting in our hands?

#### FRIDAY, April 22

Scripture: Exodus 32:25-29

In Exodus 32:25-29 Moses comes down from the mountain to find that the people are unrestrained. They are worshipping a golden calf. They are involved in sexual immorality. At this point the priesthood is born only for those who pass the test, “And he said to them, ‘Thus says the LORD God of Israel: “Let every man put his sword to his side, and go in and out from entrance to entrance throughout the camp, and let every man kill his brother, every man his companion, and every man his neighbor.”’” The question becomes, When is judgment just destruction and when is it mercy to the whole nation? Verse 28 says it this way, “So the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses. And about three thousand men of the people fell that day.” Mercy to the nation meant three thousand offenders had to die so the congregation could be saved, because those offenders were defiling the whole land. For us in the New Testament, putting on the sword means covenant prayer where we demand as David did. The New Testament believer recognizes that only God can remove but doesn’t hesitate to ask. When would the circumstances be right for God to restore the level of *mish-pawt* Peter experienced? Would He restore it at the point where we are losing our land because a few Supreme Court justices are filling it with iniquity? Would it not be mercy and salvation to the nation for those justices to be “cut off” from the spirit driving them? Mercy to the nation means *mish-pawt* to the judges. Devastation to the nation will be the fruit of what those justices are doing if the church doesn’t bring the hand of the Lord upon them. How would you like to finish your days here, stand before Jesus at the Judgment Seat of Christ and find that you had the authority to save thousands of people from terrorist’s death by invoking your covenant and asking God to do exactly what David asked for in Psalm 143 “...cut off those who are destroying the land.”? How would it feel in eternity to find Jesus holding us responsible and accountable for not using the covenant He had given? How would it feel to lose a nation to judgment because we were afraid to birth *mish-pawt*? Renewing the mind is the process of deliverance from religious tradition into the liberty of thinking and acting like joint-heirs with Jesus. Since God isn’t changing, perhaps we should.

#### SATURDAY, April 23

Scripture: Deuteronomy 9:16-19

In Deuteronomy 9:16-19 we find a different account of Israel’s sin with the golden calf and how Moses saves the nation. Verse 19 says, “For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure with which the LORD was angry with you, to destroy you. But the LORD listened to me at that time also.” Now we have to ask ourselves, If the Lord listened to him, didn’t destroy the whole nation, who had to die in order for the nation to be saved? Answer: the three thousand who were defiling the land. Moses’ intercession saved the nation, but that was only possible if the three thousand were removed. The Levites stood up as priests. Where are today’s priests? Is it possible to save America from future catastrophic events? Yes! But those defiling the land, those turning the nation back to perversion and filth, according to the pattern, have to be removed. Peter found that priestly anointing. Paul found it and so did the church at Jerusalem in Acts chapter 12. If God restores the *mish-pawt* of the Lord to the church, it is for a reason and the reason is to possess the anointing of the judges and save the nation by moving God’s hand to rest



upon recalcitrant Supreme Court judges until they change or depart. Salvation for the nation comes from mercy to the land. Mercy to the land means judgment to the offenders. Was it mercy to the early church that Ananias and Sapphira were removed? Was it mercy to the region where the gospel was about to be shut out that blindness was spoken on the false prophet so that the region was opened? Without judgment the region would never have heard the Word. Without the death of Ananias and Sapphira the purity of the New Testament church would not have been maintained. God doesn't have any problem with judgment. The early church didn't either. Our problem is fear of asking probably from a condemning religious spirit. It is time to grow up.

#### SUNDAY, April 24

Scripture: Numbers 16:1-3

In Numbers 16:1-3 we find the incident of Korah, Dathan and Abiram. Korah, Dathan and Abiram rebuked Moses and accused him of taking the position of leading the nation for himself. They demanded he step down. In verses 19-21 we find out how serious this really was. Verse 21 says, "Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment." Once again Moses finds himself in the position of believing God to save the nation, but he can't do it unless judgment falls on the perpetrators. The only way to save the nation is the offending individuals have to be cut off. People pass a point of no return after which there is no salvation, only judgment. They passed the point and God had mercy on the land. Its about time we realized how God operates. And if Jesus Christ is really the same yesterday, today and forever the principle of mercy to the land means judgment has to fall on some perpetrators. The Eli priesthood didn't cut it. All the days of Eli, it just got worse and worse and worse. Isn't it about time we stepped up to the plate and realized we need a priesthood that will really go a hundred percent for God! Isn't it time we made some choices on what kind of people we're really going to be, what kind of Christians we're really going to be. There is a paradigm shift in the Bible that needs to be made between Jesus the Savior of the Gospels and Jesus the Judge of Revelation. Perhaps our nation is experiencing the fruit of a church that has refused to walk with Jesus the Judge. To always think like the Jesus in the Gospels and never think like Jesus in Revelation is to really be so lopsided that we're not even prepared for the season in which we live. God is looking for believers who actually **believe the Word!** He is looking for a church who has enough testosterone to walk with Jesus the Judge!

#### MONDAY, April 25

Scripture: Numbers 16:31-35

Verses 31 through 35 state, "Then it came to pass, as he finished speaking all these words, that the ground split apart under them, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households and all the men with Korah, with all their goods. So they and all those with them went down alive into the pit; the earth closed over them, and they perished from among the congregation. Then all Israel who were around them fled at their cry, for they said, 'Lest the earth swallow us up also!' And a fire came out from the LORD and consumed the two hundred and fifty men who were offering incense." Moses saved the nation with his intercession. What did it cost? Korah, Dathan and Abiram and the two hundred and fifty leaders who sided with them to defile and destroy the congregation, had to experience Jesus the Judge! We would think that this display would have been enough to jerk the slack out of the children of Israel, but when we go down to verse 41 we find they are still murmuring and complaining. How is it they still didn't get the message? We have a choice. We are either going to walk with God or we are not! The end-time church is not a place for the timid of heart. Jesus the Judge is coming whether we like it or not.

#### TUESDAY, April 26

Scripture: Leviticus 20

In Leviticus chapter 20 we find four things that defile the land. The first one, in verses 1-5, is the sacrifice of innocent blood. That, of course, is the issue of abortion. The Supreme Court has a five member majority who is so convoluted that they want to stop the execution of murderous teenagers and continue to murder unborn children, citing the Europeans as their guiding light! When a Supreme Court justice takes the oath of office his oath is to

defend the Constitution of the United States ~~not~~ encode what Jacques Chirac and all of his French buddies think about anything. When our justices cite the Europeans, it is obvious they have gone full bore into treason against the land! We have two justices, so far, on record over that issue, Sandra Day O'Connor and Anthony Kennedy. Mercy to the nation means a covenantal encounter with The Most High. The second major defilement of Leviticus 20, in verses 6-8, is witchcraft and dial a demon psychic networks. That is followed in category three by the rebellion that comes out of the drug culture and finally it is topped off by the statutory protection, promotion and promulgation of homosexuality and lesbianism. When we read what defiles the land, in Leviticus chapter 20, we have to admit that major sections of it, both the beginning and the end, all deal with what our Supreme Court justices have done to us. As the church we are going to stand before the Throne demanding a restoration of the anointing both Peter and Paul possessed. This is the hour – this is the season. Walking in the end-time church is not for cowards.

#### WEDNESDAY, April 27

Scripture: Romans 1:18-21

In Romans 1 we find the progression into destruction that a nation follows when we have the decisions proceeding from a perverse majority on the court. Verse 21 says, "...although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God,..." Prayer in the school is a perfect example of that verse and was struck down by the Supreme Court. An example of "...nor were they thankful..." is when all display of Christmas and Manger scenes is banished from all public forums. Number two was again executed by the Supreme Court. Number three: "...futile in their thoughts..." has a good example in the decision to remove the Ten Commandments from all school houses. Another action accomplished by our wonderful court! Number four: "...their foolish hearts were darkened" which is the foundation of Roe v Wade, opening the door to the sacrifice of innocent blood. It is only a seven step decent into destruction where a nation loses its sovereignty and its land. The first four have all been done by our Supreme Court. Number five is in verse 22, "Professing to be wise, they became fools,..." That is secular humanism in our schools replacing Christianity. Number six is another legislative and court action in the form of taking away rights from man and giving them to animals, or nature worship. God gave man dominion over the animals and now Americans are giving dominion back to the animals. People are increasingly being hunted by animals. Finally, number seven is the promotion of homosexuality and lesbianism, or shall we say the tacit approval of those who practice such things, which has been done now by our court when they removed all the sodomy laws and called them unconstitutional. Is the church left with any other thing to do but to appeal to the covenant and ask God to have mercy on the land by cutting off the perpetrators. Perhaps if we had been taking this stand all along we would have a much different situation.

#### THURSDAY, April 28

Scripture: Ezekiel 22:29-31

Verses 29 through 31 state, "The people of the land have used oppressions, committed robbery, and mistreated the poor and needy; and they wrongfully oppress the stranger. So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one. Therefore I have poured out My indignation on them; I have consumed them with the fire of My wrath; and I have recompensed their deeds on their own heads," says the Lord GOD. God brought covenant Israel into captivity so they could no longer defend their land, because there were no intercessors to turn their captivity. We know we have plenty of intercessors in America. The problem is, What kind of milk-toast wimped-out mush are we praying that has resulted in our current condition? It is obvious we haven't taken the example of David. We haven't asked for the *mish-pawt* of God. What does "standing in the gap" accomplish if the nation continues to descend into judgment? We've got people "standing in the gap." Most of the time we're praying for one thing – salvation – salvation – salvation. The pattern of the Bible is you demand covenant mercy for the nation which means judgment on the offenders, ultimately bringing salvation. Do we want them saved? Of course we want them saved, but we're not willing to lose our land because they continue to fill it with iniquity. It is time we got to know the Jesus of Revelation. It is time our intercession began to take on the second edge of covenant!

FRIDAY, April 29

Scripture: Isaiah 59:9-11

Verses 9 through 11 state, “Therefore justice is far from us, Nor does righteousness overtake us; We look for light, but there is darkness! For brightness, but we walk in blackness! We grope for the wall like the blind, And we grope as if we had no eyes; We stumble at noonday as at twilight; We are as dead men in desolate places. We all growl like bears, And moan sadly like doves; We look for *mish-pawt*/justice, but there is none; For salvation, but it is far from us.” Why don’t we have salvation? Probably because there is no *mish-pawt*. Salvation to the righteous means judgment to the enemy. You can’t have salvation for the righteous if there is no judgment in the land. To the degree that we have closed our eyes to JESUS THE JUDGE we stand responsible for the condition of the land because we have not birthed the *mish-pawt* of God.

SATURDAY, April 30

Scripture: Isaiah 59:14-19

How does Jesus feel when there is no *mish-pawt* in the church? He is ticked! Verses 15 and 16 say it well, “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/*mish-pawt*. He saw that there was no man, And wondered that there was no intercessor; Therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; And His own righteousness, it sustained Him.” “...displeased...” in verse 15, is a light-weight translation. It means to spoil by breaking into pieces. Ephesians 6 tells us to put this armor on, but because we don’t come back and put it in the context of Isaiah 59 – we misapply it. We think it is only to deal with the enemy personally and who are we that we could ever call for the *mish-pawt* of God to save the land? The early church didn’t have any problem with it. It is about time we grew into the armor.

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