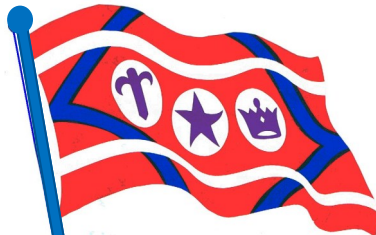




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# ARISE, SHINE, Isaiah 60:1



## Editorial....



### ARISE, SHINE and FLAG DAY JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>

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*Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.* Isaiah 60:1

(KJV)

*Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?* Isaiah 60:8 (KJV)

Isaiah prophesied these two events in the 60<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah with only 7 verses between them, and then the events took place in history with 7 months between them. It was on June 13<sup>th</sup> 1903 that the Church of God was discovered by a man named A. J. Tomlinson from Indiana in fulfillment of Isaiah 60:1. Then on December 17<sup>th</sup> 1903 two men from the State of Indiana made history with the first successful powered flight of the airplane. All of these events took place in the State of North Carolina and all were from the State of Indiana. Now you may call this coincidence but I prefer to call it prophecy being fulfilled by an overseeing God. These events have both impacted the whole world and on this date in which I am writing this article it appears that the greatest impact has been made by the airplane but stay tuned, the Church will be the greatest impact in the end. She will exceed all flight expectations

as She soars past the Milky Way during the rapture and attends the greatest marriage feast of them all, "The Marriage of the Lamb". *Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.* Rev 19:7 (KJV)

Are you preparing to go, have you on the white robes of righteousness He has made possible for you? The next "ARISE SHINE" will be even more spectacular than the first as we go to be with Him. His Church is not going down, She is going up and His banner over Her is Love. Our Church Flag is the mark of the covenant we have with Him. When Rahab made a covenant with the spies it was marked by a scarlet cord hung from the window and when the armies returned she and her house were spared because of the covenant they had between them. We are in a covenant relationship with the Father through His Son Jesus Christ and He has given us a mark to signify this covenant, the flag of 1933 without change or alteration. All others are counterfeit and should be rejected by God's Covenant Members. There is only ONE Church and ONE Flag!

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## “ARISE SHINE”

### What does June 13, 1903 mean to you?

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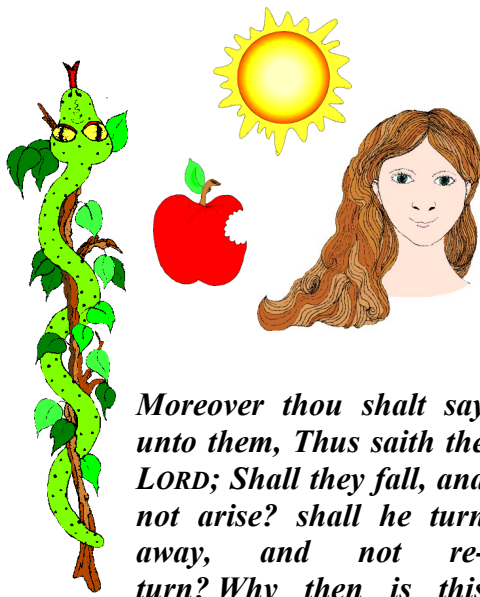
To God's Covenant People of this 21<sup>st</sup> Century it means the anniversary of a very important event which occurred in the early morning hours on June 13, 1903.

A man by the name of Ambrose J. Tomlinson arose early in the morning after a night of visita-

tion by the Lord's presence and climbed up from the W. F. Bryant home where he had spent the night for a private place of prayer. He climbed through the briars, stubble and rocks to a place on top of Burger Mountain to have a time with the Lord and when he returned to the home the meeting was already in progress. I feel it good to insert A. J. Tomlinson's own words here.

**I came down the mountain and entered the meeting. Questions were asked, Bible answers were given. They said they took the whole Bible rightly divided as their only rule of faith and practice. I said, 'Well if you take the whole Bible rightly divided, that makes it the Church of God. Why do you want to call it the Holiness Church at Camp Creek?' I said, 'You have agreed that this that I have said makes it the Church of God, and will you be willing to take it and keep it the Church of God?' They said they were willing. I then asked if they were willing to take me in with the understanding that it is the Church of God---not going to be, but is the Church of God? They were willing. So I stood right there in front of the fireplace...Brother Spurling...took the Bible and gave it to me. He handed it to me and said, 'Will you take this as the Word of God, believe it, obey its precepts and walk in the light as God is in the light.' I thought deeply. I remembered what a time I had on the mountain. I meant business. God meant business.**

As we celebrate this event this year it marks the 110<sup>th</sup> year since Bishop A. J. Tomlinson received the revelation of The Church of God of these "Last Days". When he found the Church it was still intact just as it was when Christ set it in order, all the scriptures were still relevant and they still are today. Just like Jesus, His Church is to never change the doctrine that was once delivered to the saints. Through all the storms and some 34 splits since June 13, 1903 She still stands tall in a world of darkness and confusion and will soon outshine all others as He brings Her forth in Victory on top of Victory!



***Moreover thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD; Shall they fall, and not arise? shall he turn away, and not return? Why then is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return. I hearkened and heard, but they spake not aright: no man repented him of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? every one turned to his course, as the horse rusheth into the battle.***  
Jer 8:4-6 (KJV)

When the Holy Ghost during the late 80's called for the Church to repent, people looked at one another and asked, "What have I done?" No one wanted to admit that we, The Church of God had problems so no repentance occurred. While everyone strutted around like barn yard roosters, Satan was sowing seeds of doubt and confusion among the Covenant People of God. Many believed that the Church was at a utopia in the Lord, that we had arrived and we only needed committees at this point to point us in the right direction. God's Holy Ghost power had been abandoned for committee rulings and outside study groups to direct The Church of God. Deception vs. Deception seemed to rule the day and the General Assembly became a social event more than a place to

## “Deception vs. Deception”

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seek God's face for better and more complete understanding. This resulted in an implosion of the Church and people started to scatter into faction after faction, each claiming to be the "Real Deal". Since 1903 there have been more than 34 splits and most of them claim to be the "True Church". When do we say, "Enough is enough and I want Christ to lead the way as we all come back to the TRUTH and allow His Word to live in us?"

After June 13, 1903, things started moving and the Church soon officially adopted the name of, "Church of God", in 1907 during the General Assembly. Then almost immediately, little factions started to trouble the infant group, and in 1923, just 20 years after the "Arise Shine", the first major split occurred. Bishop Tomlinson turned from the assembly and walked away with only three people following him out, but soon it was six and then more as he rebuilt the Church from the ground up all over again. In 1952 the courts ordered the Church to adopt the suffix "of Prophecy" to distinguish us from all the others operating under the name, "Church of God". The Church had lost most of our properties to the "Church of God Elders" and Bishop Tomlinson had to start over. He never flinched or waived from the doctrine. One time Bishop Tomlinson was fined

\$0.04 by the court, as if to say this is a joke, while he hurried out of court to continue his work without a fuss.

The meeting of 1990 was a departure from the theocratic principles of The Church of God. In a presbytery meeting it was decided that the only way they could help Bishop Tomlinson was to ask him to vacate the office of General Overseer. He replied, "I'm not dead yet", but the undercurrent was sufficient to sweep him away nevertheless. The vote was 48 for Bishop Billy D. Murray and 33 against his nomination for the office. This is a far cry from unanimous decision, which was our rule up until now. It was too late to stop this even though they never did get a unanimous vote. Bishop Tomlinson told them during the presbytery meeting, "You can't fire me, I am still the General Overseer" and one of them rose up and said, "Yes we can fire you". Bishop Tomlinson had asked for HELP not removal from office as the General Overseer. It was messages from the Holy Ghost which had said that he was to be here for his entire life, but they were all ignored. He could no longer do the work of this office without help, but this group decided to help God out by ousting Bishop Tomlinson from office by leaving him no choice but to vacate the office. Does this sound like freedom to continue as the General Overseer? You need not be a rocket scientist to know that your days are numbered

while in the midst of such remarks. Bishop Tomlinson did in fact pass the gavel in the 1991 General Assembly, but did he have a choice after such disrespectful remarks as this? He could not work with such opposition from those he had trusted among the State and National Overseers. They had already appointed Bishop Billy D. Murray prior to the meeting in their minds and the meeting was a formality, not a sincere desire to find the mind of God regarding this office. Theocracy was once again DEAD on arrival as they moved their agenda forward. What could you or I do against such rage and determination to oust us from office? It was a "Done Deal" before it started.

They then appointed an interim overseer until the 1991 General Assembly where they installed the new General Overseer amid tears and emotions that one could feel all over the place as there was much discontent. No funeral on this earth has ever known more tears and cries of agony than this assembly. This was the first violation of this office and theocracy as the Holy Ghost was pushed outside while man did his own thing in the flesh.

In the year of 1933, during the General Assembly, the Holy Ghost lifted up a banner (flag) fulfilling the scripture.

*Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah.* Psalms 60:4 (KJV)

*So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of*

*the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.* Isaiah 59:19 (KJV)

This flag added a measure of strength to every member as they looked upon it and knew the power in that assembly as the flag was dedicated by the Holy Ghost and the formal dedication was put away by the General Overseer. Please see the minutes of the 28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH OF GOD for the complete story. I feel compelled to give one of the Holy Ghost messages here;

**"I am inviting you to be of one mind. United we stand, Divided we fall. I am calling thee to oneness. I am calling now as never before. Children, hearken. O! O! O! The world will know that I am with thee. I have been guiding this man and will be with him, as long as he leans upon Me. Wilt thou hope in Me and go in wisdom? I am begging you to step out upon my Word. Again I will ask you to humble yourselves."**

Here are the words of General Overseer, Bishop A. J. Tomlinson after they had a mighty prayer that was described as the sound of the falling of many waters;

**"I had intended to have a formal dedication of the flag, but since the Lord has so wonderfully taken control of this service we will just consider it dedicated by the Holy Ghost."**  
A. J. Tomlinson

If you know the history of the Church of God, you will recall that storm after storm followed this 28<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and

they continued to trust God for His help during every battle. The name was then challenged and the courts added the name suffix "OF PROPHECY" to distinguish us from all others using the name CHURCH OF GOD.

Now here comes more deception in 1993 when the group called "The Concerned for Bible Doctrine" started having meetings designed to find those who were determined to stand in the "Old Paths". After a time of these meetings, man stepped into the picture again and started to help the Lord out with His Church. Much like Sarah and Abraham, they got the cart before the horse in their way of helping and installed the third living General Overseer. Now we had Bishop M. A. Tomlinson, Bishop Billy Murray and Bishop Robert J. Pruitt, all alive and two of them claiming to be the General Overseer of the true church. This added insult to injury by allowing this office to have three (3) living General Overseers at the same time. In order to do this, all the principles of theocracy had to be ignored and trampled underfoot while man had his way with this office.

Deception vs. Deception is now the order of the day as the two groups, each claiming to be THE CHURCH OF GOD, attempt to gather God's Sheep into two entities which claim title to the Lord's Church which He purchased with His blood.

You must decide if this is the Bible way or man's way. Jesus prayer in John 17 says, *I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine,*

*and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.* John 17:9-11 (KJV)

*For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh; That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words. For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ. As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: Col 2:1-11 (KJV)*

The groups now are many that claim to have the truth and call themselves by the name, THE CHURCH OF GOD and most of them still hold to the 29

prominent teachings we are all familiar with. There have been some 9 or 10 groups since the Solemn Assembly to leave and claim to be the only "REAL DEAL", but Christ remains the Head of the REAL CHURCH OF GOD. The only way into it is by covenant to keep and perform His will and walk in His precepts. While His covenant people are scattered, He still knows their whereabouts, and in due time will call us all back together in ONE.

One must accept facts and not fiction if we are to arrive at the truth. The Bible tells us that a prudent man knows these things and understands. There are some facts that the Lord has been dealing with me about and I will list them here for no other reason than to inform some that may not be privy to certain information.

**Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the LORD are right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein.** Hosea 14:9 (KJV)

We are to accept recorded facts and not argue against them when they are on video tape and written records. If all these things were done according to the divine will of God, what went wrong that we have such a variety of organizations all claiming to be THE CHURCH OF GOD? The record shows that all of those men responsible for the installation of Bishop Pruitt have all departed but just a handful. The man who did the anointing has gone from them. The man who was responsible for the message naming Bishop Robert Pruitt as "The Man" has long been gone. He was the pastor of South Cleveland where

the three original messages originated calling for the "Solemn Assembly" to be held. I recently reviewed the tapes and could only count three men that are still with the original group which did the anointing and prayer over Bishop Pruitt. This message may be looked upon as an indictment against some man or organization, but nothing could be further from the truth. It is stated facts that could be challenged by honest seekers for truth and I stand behind each statement of fact with proof. Were these men all sincere in the Solemn Assembly? I certainly feel most of us were but there has been absolute chaos since the very first General Assembly and something went dreadfully wrong. It all started as a Love affair of Christ and His Church and has turned into a Hate affair by many. Where did the love for the brethren go as many good men and women have been thrown away over their questions regarding leadership. Many have asked for reviews by the Counseling Committee only to be told they can't have one. The General Assembly has mandated that anyone who feels they have been wronged is entitled to a hearing before the Counseling Committee.

Here is a quote from the Solemn Assembly of July 25, 1993, **"As this Solemn Assembly comes to an end the ensign will continue to wave signifying Victory on top of Victory for The Church of God. We thank you Father, Son and Holy Ghost, for your presence in every session of the Solemn Assembly. We claim Victory that God has given The Church of God an anointed General Overseer**

selected by the Holy Ghost. We offer our thanksgiving to Almighty God.” This came amid great fanfare and promises to never let go of the flag of 1933 and the name, The Church of God no matter the cost. It was decided that no matter if it meant going to jail these two things were of paramount importance to The Church of God.

Here is a quote from the newly appointed General Overseer, Bishop Robert Pruitt; **“The Holy Ghost has said in the interpretation that He wanted us to meet in the name, The Church of God. ...There are legal implications ... Are we to do what the Holy Ghost has said and bear the consequences? ...We are having this discussion so that when it comes to asking you to divvy up to pay the attorney to defend that decision that your mind is made up here today that you will do that. ...We put everything on the line to do it, are you willing to pay the price? ... Are you willing to obey the Holy Ghost? The Holy Ghost has said call it The Church of God. ... Do we go with God, are you ready to do that?”**

Bishop Pruitt then called for the entire body to stand and pray a **“So Help Me God Prayer”** in order to do that. Some of the State Overseers have told me that they repeated these same vows in the following presbytery meeting following the assembly and most of them said they were willing to go to jail in order to hold to their vows. How soon we forget the vows made before God once the pressure is applied. When we have to put out money, not to mention going to jail, it

causes many to turn from their vows.

NOTE: No one can register the name **“THE CHURCH OF GOD”** in the United States of America because it is generic like Sunday School or HOLY BIBLE. It must have a prefix or a suffix on it in order to register the name. Hundreds of organizations go by the name CHURCH OF GOD with a prefix or suffix on their registered mark.

DECEPTION vs. DECEPTION is in play again as the effort to keep the flag is dropped soon after these vows were made during the Solemn Assembly and a committee is asked to study the possibility of adopting a unique flag which would be unique to The Church of God and represent it all over the world. In only 8 years after the General Overseer was wrapped in the flag of 1933 with anointing oil running all over him, the flag was retired and a new one was brought out. There was one problem, it was so unique that their assembly rejected it and it was back to the drawing board. This time it was so near like the original flag of 1933 that one could not tell the difference unless it was stretched out so that you could observe the large oval which replaced the three white fields containing the three emblems of the original flag. The new flag cannot be copyrighted or patented due to the confusion of the two which violates the infringement law of the United States of America.

DECEPTION vs. DECEPTION continues to run rampant today as at least five and maybe more continue to fly flags of deception which resemble the original flag of 1933 with only minor

changes in them. These flags are all illegal to fly in the United States of America as they all violate the Infringement Laws which do not even allow for the drawing of these flags without permission. In obedience to my covenant which I made standing in the presence of the flag of 1933, I must not accept a substitute flag from anywhere else, not even The Church of God. I have promised my Lord that I will not depart from that covenant and the Church Flag of 1933, by His grace I will not ever. Like the coat that Joseph wore which was given him by his father, the flag enrages men’s hearts with jealousy and envy as they look at the beautiful colors waving in the breeze. The flag is hated by men all over the world, not because of who it was made for but because of what it stands for. Joseph’s coat was not hated, but the love relationship between Joseph and his father was the culprit. His brothers hated what the coat represented. It remained Joseph’s coat no matter what they did with it and the TRUTH it represented could not be erased. The Church of God of prophecy, the Bible Church is not dead nor destroyed and just like Joseph, She will rise to the top and go with Christ to the Marriage Supper. We could call it **“The Going Up Church”** because She is going up and not down regardless of how much She is despised and hated by the world. Now here is one no one has come up with yet; maybe that will be the name of the next group – **“The Going Up Church”**. Joseph, while hated by his brothers, became the salvation for his whole family as he was able to give them the corn for their

survival. He quickly became the Prime Minister of all of Egypt because He was in the center of God's Plan. God still has His hand on The Church of God and soon She will outshine all others because She is in His Plan.

His Church will not continue to allow deception to hide the TRUTH. This article is not intended to harm anyone but the TRUTH must be told. You are invited to take this article and compare the facts against the tapes, articles, minutes and other sources and see if they are facts or fiction. I can assure you that I can back up each fact that is stated in this article. The Church of God must not allow deception to ever hide the TRUTH again because we are too close to the Lord's return. The Bible is clear to let our yea be yea and our nay be nay. We are indeed living in the "Last Days" and His Church continues to face willful deception and schemes to hide Her message from view. How can 9 or 10 groups be wrong about Her? The Word of God only is right; this is not about who is right, but what is right. She will come forth in VICTORY!

We were told during the Solemn Assembly that the only thing we wanted was the TRUTH and the doctrine to be kept in place. The Church was to be continued using the same name and the same flag without change or compromise. The Assembly mandated that a "Love Letter" to the former Church Leadership was to be sent. I personally asked the General Overseer if he ever received this letter and he replied, "No, I have not but I did receive a letter demanding that 50% of all properties be turned over to

them." I then asked for a copy of that letter and he sent it to me.

Then came the law suit which was filed against the Church of God of Prophecy by The Church of God which demanded that the flag be turned over to them, but on the field we heard that it was filed by the Church of God of Prophecy instead, which is not true. Why can't we just be truthful? It might be that we could all come together if we would just do that; God still wants us to be ONE in Him.

DECEPTION has led to DECEPTION for so long now that no one knows who to believe and no one trusts anyone else. It is high time we turn back to God and ask Him to lead us and show us what is the right path, and a good rule of thumb to follow is does it align with the scripture, and if it doesn't get away from it. We now know that some messages were preconceived and planned as to who would give them and who would interpret them. This was done in secret meetings as the new overseer was being groomed behind closed doors. Does this sound like theocracy to anyone? He even had his acceptance speech in his coat which was prepared long before he was installed during the Solemn Assembly. I had already read that speech in the basement of Bishop Pruitt's home prior to the start of the Solemn Assembly but did not realize at that time this was the result of a secret meeting down South. While I was on the representative board of The Concerned for Bible Doctrine, I was not invited to these planning meetings; they were for a select few only.

The power struggle during the replacement proceedings for

Bishop Pruitt resulted in at least three more organizations calling themselves THE CHURCH OF GOD. This is shameful as men wrestle over who will be "King of the Mountain". This presbytery meeting turned into an absolute circus as men bid for this office and families turned against their own family members. Could this be The Church of God of the Bible? I say NO, a thousand times NO! It is time for all who are faithful covenant members to demand accountability from our leaders, and if they can't stand questions, they shouldn't be leaders.

The darkness of deception has caused us to lose many of our family members to other organizations outside the Church and some, no doubt, are lost eternally, so isn't it time to stop and ask some tough questions? The Holy Ghost gave out a message during the Solemn Assembly which pleaded with us to slow down but it was not heeded nor was it ever printed in the minutes. You can look around and see the 10 + groups are unable to make the progress that we should be making now as The Church of God as a result of deception. God still has us in His plan and we must wait upon the Lord, not man. Man will never fix the mess he has made of God's Covenant People; it will take the Lord and those who are willing to obey Him and walk in the LIGHT as He is in the LIGHT. Why not return to the spirit of the Solemn Assembly? Love was in that auditorium and it seemed no one had a personal agenda. We wanted the Holy Ghost to lead us and many of us were willing to die for Christ, the flag, and His Church. Rahab's scarlet cord was



the sign of the covenant she had with the spies and her house was spared because of that covenant. Our sign of the covenant is the flag of 1933 and if our house is spared, we will have to be true to that covenant, not something new and better. The flag still stands for everything that it once did when everyone had it on their automobiles, windows of their homes, airplanes and anywhere else that they could put it so that people could identify us. Now you have to check the bars, ovals and other designs to see which TRUE CHURCH is represented. It has now been 20 years since the "Solemn Assembly", and we are now seeing more splits from the path the Lord has outlined for His Church. Where are we 20 years later as God's Covenant People? It is a shame what has been done to God's Church, the one Jesus purchased with His own blood!

Here is the recipe for success:  
***Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.*** Gal 6:7-10 (KJV) □



**DECEPTION**

**Vs. DECEPTION**

## The End Time



~Mrs. Robert Cobos, Jr.,~  
 Santa Barbara, CA

The sky grows dark  
 As the storm clouds gather—  
 On the earth nation is against nation;  
 Yet, never before has the cry of peace  
 been sounded as in this hour.

Fathers against sons, mothers against daughters, brothers against brothers, sisters against sisters; Jerusalem encompassed by armies, Knowledge is increased, famines are widespread.

Just this morning, another earthquake;  
 Distrust, confusion, frustration, everywhere.  
 Love has grown cold—

A world in fear, watching after the things coming on the earth.

A shaking in heaven and on earth!  
 God's people gathering together; while His enemies also gather for battle.  
 Gone in a moment, suddenly—God's people!  
 The world has become desperate. Wait!  
 A man arises, a leader crying peace!

Peace on earth at last.  
 The world is at last united!  
 Problems? Oh yes, but peace.  
 The world— our earth, in peace.  
 But wait. What is happening?  
 Sudden destruction!

Our leader has become our enemy.  
 There was no real peace, only a delusion  
 Where to run? Too late to run.  
 Jesus!?... The end is come...  
 A noise. What? Trumpets!

As lightning shining from the East to the West  
 He is come! Jesus Christ!  
 The Wonderful, Righteous Judge, Prince of Peace!  
 Real peace on earth, at last.

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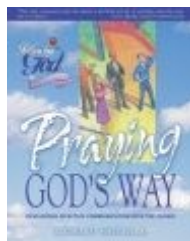


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~ Dolores Yost ~  
Aiken, S. C.



The people of this nation should be throwing themselves at the feet of Jesus, in heart broken repentance for all that is come upon our land. It is time for Americans to grow up and begin to take responsibility for our actions. Those of us whom the Word of God is revealed, much is required of us to lead this effort. The word "IF" is a very small word but carries a great weight. In view of the following Scripture, I believe that God saw that many would perhaps disregard what He was telling them. So He began with the word: "IF" indicating that they had a choice. His word for us today is still speaking just as it did then.

2 Chronicles 7:14 "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, AND TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

How many have truly sought to do this? We have no way of knowing the answer to that question. We do know that there has not been much of a change for the good since that evil day of 911, in fact it has, and still is, progressing worse and worse as time goes by.

Jesus promised that before the rapture of His Church occurs, that it would be like Sodom and Gomorrah. Are we seeing the reflection of the spirit of those wicked times in our society today? Will mere man continue to shake his fist in the face of the almighty God and continue in this blatant rebellion against His warnings? We do know the answer to that question, it is YES! I am by no means saying that God is unable to turn things around. All things are possible and He is a God of great mercy and forgiveness. It appears from the scriptures that from the very beginning, mankind has had it figured out in his mind that the plan that he has devised is a more perfect plan. Can I tell you that rebellion and disobedience of the Word of God has always brought destruction upon those who

refuse to heed his warnings? God has Never destroyed without first warning the people. Would the people of this nation be truthful to deny that He has given us warning?

Let's take a look at the ones who are at the very top of the leadership in our country. I know that the media is responsible for much of the sensationalism and "hype" centered around Washington, but we can certainly agree that a certain amount of what we hear, basically is the truth. In fact, I don't believe our leaders allow us to know half of what's going on!

Proverbs 29:2 "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn."

Look to the Old Testament. There you will be given an accurate account of the leaders in that time. If the judges, the prophets and the kings were evil in the sight of the Lord, everyone suffered, and, so it goes today. The laws that are being made and passed by our government today are literally causing us to be destroyed. God will never apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah and neither will He apologize to the United States. Our Nation suffers a continuous wave of extreme, phenomenal weather conditions such as heat, floods, out of control fires and unprecedented snow storms. If that were not enough to get our attention, consider the great moral collapse, terror without and within, and wave after wave of destruction on every side. These conditions do not only exist in our country, but throughout the nations of the world. Beloved, Our God is expressing Himself in ways consistent throughout the ages. Our Leadership, along with the lawmakers, agree that same sex marriage and the killing of millions of innocent little babies, is ok. Should we really be surprised at the effects upon this nation, and other nations as well, caused by this ungodly behavior? GOD IS TALKING, IS ANYONE LISTENING?

The great scientific minds of our day, will always be ready to give an answer, explaining the reasons related to these catastrophic events. There can only be one answer saints, and that is SIN! Amen! The world will always be ready to tell us how to counteract

these extreme events. There is also only one answer to this, His name is JESUS! When the prophet Isaiah spoke to Israel about their disobedience, they reacted the same as people do today. They say, "well, if that happens, we will do thus and so, if that is not working, then we will do this instead." Mankind really believes that his way is better than God's way! Man finds a way to explain things away and continues on, business as usual.

Isaiah 9: 8-13. "The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Israel. And all the people shall know, even Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria, that say in the pride and stoutness of heart, The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn stones: the sycomores are cut down, but we will change them into cedars. Therefore the LORD shall set up the adversaries of Rezin against him, and join his enemies together; The Syrians before, and the Philistines behind; and they shall devour Israel with open mouth. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still. For the people turneth not unto him that smiteth them, neither do they seek the LORD of hosts."

If Israel would have listened to the prophet who gave them the warning about their disobedience, they could have avoided the suffering. Saints, the scripture is clear, they wouldn't listen to God who was bringing all these things upon them.

Recently, Boston MA, has become yet another victim of Terrorism! At last count about 140 innocent people have suffered severe injuries such as loss of limbs, and loss of life. One child that died was waiting at the finish line for his parents to finish the prestigious event of Boston's Marathon Race. The sad thing is that no matter how much security we have in place, these attacks are continuing to happen more and more frequently. Saints, these things can't be scientifically explained! Oh children of God! I believe God keeps on applying the pressure, out of His great love and mercy! Some disagree by saying that a loving God would never allow these things to happen. Again, beloved, let us look to the Word. Jesus truly is about to call His people home. It is not His will that any be lost, but that all people everywhere would repent and be saved. God help the people of our nation to realize that! There are no exceptions for any nation when it comes to God's commands for the people everywhere.

Leviticus 26:14-21 "But if ye will not

hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments; And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, but that ye break my covenant: I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it. And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you. And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins. And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass: And your strength shall be spent in vain: for your land shall not yield her increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruits. And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins."

The following scriptures after these, continue to name many more types of punishments that God will execute against disobedience.

Beloved, God does not punish the nations because He hates them but because of His great love and mercy. He paid a very high price to redeem mankind by giving the life of His only Son. That redemption price was not paid for the righteous but for sinful people of the entire world. God is doing His will to cause repentance He is talking in His unique way, IS ANYONE LISTENING?

Our president, senators, governors and other officials are in agreement with same sex marriage. There are homosexuals sitting in high places passing laws to allow this ungodly behavior. Many are caught up engaging in this scandalous behaviour, admitting it publicly. Many are admitting also to adulterous affairs with no shame but treating their behaviour as "oh well, it was just a mistake." I'm talking about leaders in this great nation! Other nations look at us and scorn us publicly, making fun of our moral and financial collapse. We are no longer respected by other nations as we once were. We have become borrowers and not the lenders; the tail, not the head. Can this nation recover or shall we be destroyed down to the ground, as our behaviour waxes worse and worse?

God is applying more pressure as time goes



on. With each new terrorist act, disease, fire, floods, gun violence, murders etc. etc. There seems to be no repentance, no remorse, and no turning from evil. What is it going to take to get the attention of all the American people? God's will certainly will be carried out and only He knows what it will take. It is still possible to see revival, for nothing shall be impossible with the Lord.

He is willing to go to great lengths to restore us but it will take something on our part and that is obedience to Him and true repentance.

Leviticus 26: 3-12 " If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely. And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land. And ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword. For I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you. And ye shall eat old store, and bring forth the old because of the new. And I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you. And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people."

Children, God so much wants to help this country and all other countries as well, and He asks so little of us, Amen? On that tragic day of 911, we saw an unprecedented demonstration of pain, suffering and courage. We truly will never forget that evil day as millions watched helplessly. During this tragedy, churches filled to capacity, prayed and cried. That was the worst wake-up call that I personally ever saw. If I'm not mistaken about a week or so after this horrific incident occurred, there was a massive homosexual march on Washington, demanding their marital, civil and financial rights. It has been pretty much the same since then except many are receiving those rights and they will continue to push until our sinful, spineless government gives them what they want. Was there any true

repentance after 911? Today it is business as usual. God is talking, is anyone listening?

Egypt existed at one time as the greatest, most powerful nation on earth. God sent righteous Moses to Pharaoh and the Lord commanded that Pharaoh let Israel go. He responded by saying "I know not this God and neither will I let the people go." Pharaoh was considered a god himself and took orders from no one. The people were not even allowed to look at him for to do so, was to die. God began to punish all of Egypt with destruction in wave after wave of pestilence, disease, and death! Each plague seemed increasingly worse than the one before. God knew exactly what it would take. He knows what it will take today. First, the water was turned to blood, then the frogs came. Then the lice, flies and all the cattle died. People were smitten with boils from head to toe. No one escaped these plagues. If any of you have ever had even one boil, I guarantee you would remember it! Amen? God kept up His actions to produce freedom for His people. Next came the thunder and fire mixed with hail. Pharaoh offered a half hearted "I'm sorry" but no real repentance. Locust filled the land devouring everything in sight. Total black, darkness came then for three days it lasted. We have experienced eclipse but never quite total darkness. None of these worked, so then the firstborn of all people and animals died. Pharaoh admits defeat and agrees for the people to leave. Even after all of this he changed his mind and pursued Israel even going after them into the midst of the sea. Israel was saved by God, Egypt along with Pharaoh died as God brought the Red Sea that he had parted upon all of them. ALL of them died. Pharaoh was in continuous rebellion and disobedience to the Almighty God. Today, we have witnessed great and relentless acts of God to bring repentance and obedience to the United States. Will it happen or are we on a course of total destruction as Egypt was? That, children of God, remains to be seen.

### **GOD IS TALKING, IS ANYONE LISTENING?**

Be very sure  
children, God will  
have it His way!

Amen



# Report From the Philippines

We are happy to report great success with our National Convention, Youth Camp and BTI. The leaders and attendees were filled with excitement and enthusiasm. The Youth of the Philippines is on fire for Christ and His Church as they present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost world. We extend an invitation to all to come be with us for any of our activities. God Bless you.

Brother Gaba/ National Overseer

## Ptra Marie Orillo Message

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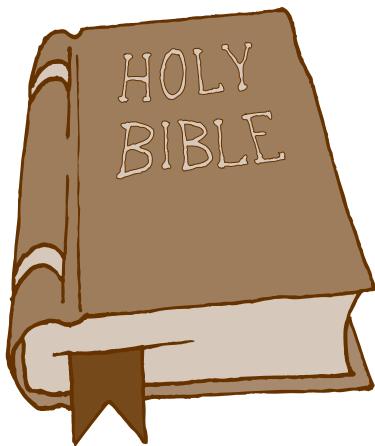
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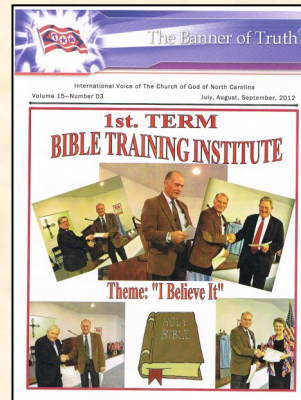
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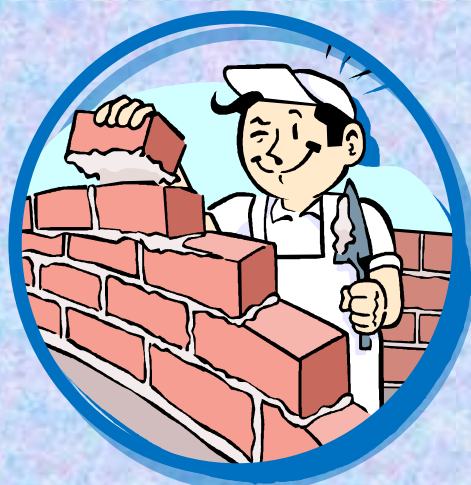
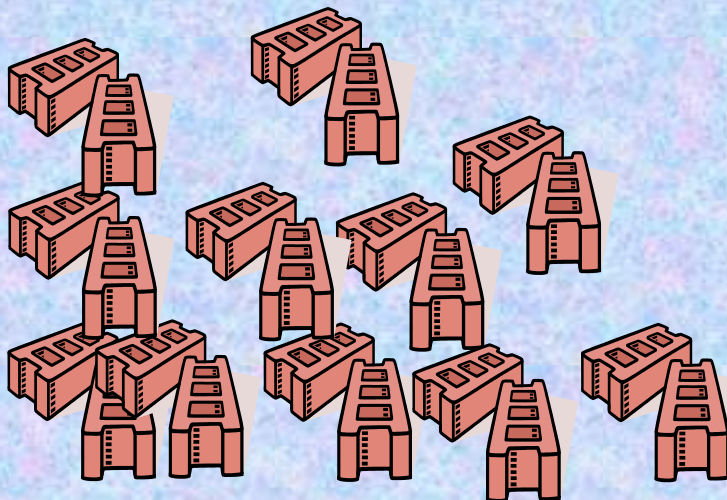
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