

"9-11 Disaster Comments"

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Nahum 3:12 (RSV)

All your fortresses are like fig trees with first-ripe figs -if shaken they fall into the mouth of the eater.

This week we watched our televisions with horror and disbelief at what we were witnessing. Undoubtedly this tragedy is the most horrific event to transpire upon the sacred soil of America. Thousands of innocent Americans fell victim to this intricately orchestrated act of terrorism. Families are forever torn apart, children psychologically damaged for life and this is not to speak of the breach of trust for our own safety and well being in the future!

Yet, we must ask ourselves a question: have we developed tunnel vision in the midst of all of this chaos? What I mean by this is could we be experiencing judgment upon our land because of the wickedness herein? Could the hedge of divine protection that once surrounded American soil be withdrawn? I say the answer is "yes!"

In the last 40 years America has aborted "millions" of innocent newborn babies shedding precious innocent blood. (2 Kings 24:4 says, God will not pardon innocent blood shed) We have legislated God out of our public schools making it illegal and seemingly immoral for teachers and children to exercise their constitutional right to freedom of religion. We have worshipped the heathen god of intellect and science and we have trampled underfoot the sacred and divine truths of God's Word!

As a nation we have boasted of our economic prosperity and its stability. Only a few short years ago a cartoon ran in the New York Times {ironically} of the Titanic floating out of the New York harbor and on it's side it said "THE AMERICAN ECONOMY, GOD HIMSELF CANNOT SINK THIS ONE". In short, we have trusted and idolized the stability and prosperity of our Stock Market. We have made a modern golden calf out of our economic success and it seems the entire nation is enjoying worshipping it.

Reader, today you must know that God is going to tear down false images along with our self-sufficient hearts. All throughout the Bible the children of God would turn their backs on Him and begin to trust in their own ability and their own provision. Every time in history that this happened God sent strong judgment to break their stubborn, hard hearts and to bring them to repentance.

Proverbs 18:12 (KJV)

Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour is humility.

Indeed, I grieve over the tremendous loss of life but the big picture is very evident. America has sinned against God and judgment has fallen! All who trust in America's economy are going to be brought to their knees. God is seeking a repentant, broken heart in His children. If our hearts harden and we continue in our sin we will be brought to utter ruin.

I am very concerned that the heart of our nation is now focused upon revenge instead of repentance. I am by no means saying that these cowardly acts should go unpunished. Justice and judgment must be quickly implemented upon these offenders but our hearts must turn to God in brokenness and contrition for the sins of our hearts and land.

Our nation is desperately wicked and if the only thing that comes from this tragedy is revenge we are only one step closer to greater judgment and tragedy. God is trying to get our attention in this late hour and we should not make the mistake of getting tunnel vision and seeing only the results of judgment and not the cause!

Seeing the results of judgment alone cause us to harden our hearts and to become vengeful against the means of judgment while being blinded to the cause of judgment which is the hideousness of our sinfulness as a people.

What will it take for us to be awakened from our slumber? How much calamity will befall us as we harden our hearts? If America repents God will restore our nation. If we rebel against Him and His judgment this nation is doomed.

I pray that we repent and seek the face of God like never before. I pray that we accept this wake up call and turn to Him with fasting and weeping and mourning for our sins. Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people!

(Proverbs 14:34)

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