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Signs of the Times: Shining Bible Light on Current Events

The Lord has wrought many blessed judgments in the world this week which can be seen plainly by any who have been given eyes to see, ears to hear, and a heart to understand by the gracious hand of God. **“Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of a rebellious house, which have eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear, and hear not: for they are a rebellious house.” (Ezekiel 12:2)** This entire world is a rebellious house! Therefore, the Lord, the God of Israel, is punishing the people of it! Let’s view some of this week’s judgments from the proper perspective:

On Tuesday, September 10th, it was announced that Sarah Palin and her husband of 31 years, Todd Palin, filed for divorce. In fact, it is estimated that over six thousand couples file for divorce every day in the United States. In recent years, the number of divorces has been decreasing, but this has largely been due to the current generation choosing to be “serial cohabitants.” This means they are choosing to live together without being married so they can change partners without the hassle of a divorce. It is our duty to remind you that fornication is a sin just like adultery. **“Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.” (Galatians 5:19-21)** Divorce is never acceptable by the standard of God, **“saving for the cause of fornication” (Matthew 5:32)**. Since a spouse “cheating” on the other would be adultery, since they are married, this wording from Jesus would indicate that he is speaking specifically to a newlywed couple finding out that one or the other is not a virgin. **“And the Pharisees came to him, and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? tempting him. And he answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you? And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put her away. And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. And in the house his disciples asked him again of the same matter. And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her. And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery.” (Matthew 10:2-12)** From the beginning, He made them male and female. Adam and Eve were first formed and the symbol of the marriage between Christ and His church was established. If divorce were to be okay for any petty reason, we would have no hope of being the bride of Christ given our great sins and unfaithfulness. Your duty as a husband is to be the head of that spiritual body, while the wife is given as a source of help and support. You don’t get to separate the sins of your spouse from yourself, because you are one flesh.

Wednesday, September 11th marked the 18th anniversary of the terrorist attacks against the United States. That terrible punishment against this nation is but a small adumbration of God’s wrath. This country has continued to worship this event and those who died instead of realizing it comes directly from the hand of God and that you should be thankful that you still have your own lives and the opportunity to repent of your sins. **“And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.” (Luke 13:2-5)** Mourn for your sins. Stop worshipping the dead. Put away your pride and obey God.

Also, this week, two musicians passed away. Daniel Johnston on September 11th, and Eddie Money on September 13th. Like any other human who leaves this world, we hope the Lord has mercy on their soul to deliver them from that eternal damnation. However, we can judge by the way they lived their lives that there is little hope. These men were awash in the cares of this world. **“Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.” (James 4:4)** These men had gifts and a platform provided unto them from God which they abused. All things are given from Him, and they are to be used in His service. Every talent and resource you have is on loan from God while on this earth, and they are expected to be used for His ministry.

Repent or Perish!