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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:

As the decade rolls to a close, this country’s (and perhaps the world’s) favorite season of sin and hatred for their Creator, Christmas, took place. Let’s be very clear about this: there is no Christ in Christmas. Nowhere in the Bible does it institute a holiday regarding the birth of Jesus Christ. Of course, you are supposed to be thankful and rejoice that there is a savior given for those who believe on Him and are called according to His purpose **“But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 15:57 and read Romans 8)**. However, that is not what you are doing here. Here you are chasing after your lusts. You are serving the mammon of unrighteousness. You are creating false idols to worship. You are hating your brother in your heart. You are doing any and everything except serving the King with meekness and fear and giving thanks for His glory and sovereign righteousness. For more words on this (which could be extrapolated for any other so-called “holy day” (holiday)), check out this timely sermon: [Audio](#) or [Text](#).

In other news this week, many variations of the wrath of God have been meted out against the children of disobedience. Here are a few things that were in the headlines: A tour helicopter crashed in Hawaii Saturday morning. The remains of six of the passengers were found, but the search continues for the seventh. Three high school students died in a car crash on the 25th. More found dead from an eruption in New Zealand on the 22nd, bringing the count to seventeen people so far. A massive suicide car bombing in Somalia Saturday morning has killed at least 78 with another 125 injured. On the 24th, a typhoon made landfall in the Philippines, killing at least 28. In Kazakhstan, a plane crashed shortly after takeoff with 98 people aboard. At least a dozen people were killed in the incident. Ari Behn, former husband of Norwegian Princess Martha Louise, committed suicide on the 25th. Don Imus, a radio shock jock akin to Howard Stern who used his platform to promote sin instead of preaching Christ, passed away Friday after a decade-long battle with cancer. **“There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 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 13:1-5)** Feeling bad or being sorry for a sin you have committed is not repentance. **“Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin. ... Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed. ... Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.” (Hebrews 12:1-17)** If you continue to do the sin, you are not sorry. **“For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.” (Hebrews 10:26-27)** Repentance is despising the sin and turning from it; removing it from yourself instead of holding it close, thinking you can keep it a secret. **“For though I made you sorry with a letter, I do not repent, though I did repent: for I perceive that the same epistle hath made you sorry, though it were but for a season. Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.” (2 Corinthians 7:8-11)** God knows all the thoughts and intents of the heart. Put away your sin and seek repentance while there is still time.

Repent or Perish!