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## NEWS RELEASE

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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. Let's view some of this week's judgments from the proper perspective:

On Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the Civil Rights Act of 1964 – which outlawed discrimination in employment based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin – applies to sexual orientation and gender identity. The ruling concerned three separate plaintiffs: two homosexuals and one man who identified as transgender. As of now, two of those three people are dead. Those two had their brief moment on Earth to fulfill their duty to **“fear God, and keep his commandments” (Ecclesiastes 12:13)**, and their legacy is putting sin and rebellion on a pedestal. What this ruling does is equate sinful conduct to non-sinful immutable characteristics, such as skin color. Those two plaintiffs who have died surely know the difference now. **“For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.” (Ecclesiastes 12:14).** **“God that made the world and all things therein [...] hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth” (Acts 17:34-36).**

On Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, the holiday known as Juneteenth was celebrated throughout the U.S. It is also known as Freedom Day and Jubilee Day, and it has gotten more notice this year due to the focus on African American issues in the last month. Juneteenth is meant to celebrate the emancipation of black slaves in the U.S. after the American Civil War. Specifically, it commemorates Union army general Gordon Granger announcing in Galveston, TX on 6/19/1865 that Texas slaves were freed by President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, which had been issued two years earlier. The day also generally celebrates black culture. The freeing of the slaves after the Civil War was a great thing, and God should be acknowledged and thanked for that as for all things. The celebration apparently first started with the churches in Texas, but there doesn't seem to be any talk of God on the matter any longer. **“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.” (Proverbs 3:5-6).** Acknowledge Him and see the truth that we are all yet slaves without Christ and still require His help and care, and He requires our obedience. **“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. [...] If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.” (John 8:32-36).**

In addition to all of the tumultuous racial unrest and other major news happening in the country (and the world), there is also still the coronavirus that is spreading. Despite this, there were multiple mass gatherings this week. On Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, a “black trans lives matter” rally occurred in Brooklyn, NY, with 15,000 tightly-packed people; they cannot help but push their sin, even in the midst of a pandemic. **“For they sleep not, except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall.” (Proverbs 4:16).** 25,000 people also marched through Los Angeles that same day for an “all black lives matter” protest. On Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, President Trump held a rally in Tulsa, OK, in a stadium indoors that has seating for 19,000, although the number of attendants was unclear. **“Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man, rather than a fool in his folly.” (Proverbs 17:12).** **“A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.” (Proverbs 22:3).**

## Repent or Perish!