

What Is True Repentance of a Nation?

I am frequently asked about what constitutes true repentance of a nation. God has given me many prophecies of judgment against America and because of this the subject is a constant concern to many people. We have seen some judgments against America of late and many wish to see it stop. There has been much calling on God. But is it true repentance? Let us look at Romans in our first step in scriptural study of this subject.

- 1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace might increase?
- 2 May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?
- 3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?
- 4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.
- 5 For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection,
- 6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, that our body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin;
- 7 for he who has died is freed from sin.
- 8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,
- 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him.
- 10 For the death that He died, He died to sin, once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.
- 11 Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Romans 6:1-11 (NASB)

What we can see here in this passage, which explains the simple gospel of Christ, is that there must be a turning away from sin when we repent. If a nation, or even an individual, continues to sin there could not have been any true repentance!

- 33 Do not be deceived; "Bad company corrupts good morals."
- 34 Become sober-minded as you ought, and stop sinning; for some have no knowledge of God, I speak this to your shame. I Corinthians 15:33-34 (NASB)
- 12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body that you should obey its lusts,
- 13 and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.
- 14 For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law, but under grace. Romans 6:12-14 (NASB)

It is also clear from these two passages that as we dedicate ourselves to God in repentance from sin that there will come a change in us. If we are looking at a nation to see if it has repented, there must also come a change in that nation. It must turn from the sin which caused God to send judgment upon it and become a christian nation

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looking and seeking the things of God. If the people of that nation have not turned and made a change in their direction, there has not been any true repentance. This change must be seen throughout the nation and not in small selective areas. Therefore we should see an end to sin within the nation.

Below are a few scriptures that portray many of sins which are very common in nations today and which one would expect to be eliminated or greatly reduced if a nation truly repented.

20 And He was saying, "That which proceeds out of the man, that is what defiles the man.

21 "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries,

22 deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness.

23 "All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man." Mark 7:20-23 (NASB)

9 Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments;

10 but rather by means of good works, as befits women making a claim to godliness. I Timothy 2:9-10 (NASB)

31 And it was said, "Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of dismissal";

32 but I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except for the cause of unchastity, makes her commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. Matthew 5:31-32 (NASB)

The passages above certainly cover a great deal of the sins that we see around us. It is clear that a nation in which its people commit abortion, immorality in dress, adultery, the love of money, and the other sins which are mentioned above, is far from God and dedicated to itself and selfishness; rather than dedicated to God and His righteousness.

As a nation truly repents the people will turn from such sinful ways unto the ways of God. However, if we do not see such a turning away from sin, one can be sure that the nation has not repented and that the nation is in danger of judgments, (or further judgments), from God.

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