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What's Wrong With the United States?



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Very bad things are taking place in the United States! There's the border crisis, growing inflation, continuing Covid-19, problems in schools, the supply-chain dilemma, drugs and death, the tragic Afghani situation, loss of global status, increasing crime, atheistic philosophies, and false teaching. These are all major problems, and they are not just random or accidental. God has sovereignly directed them and are His way of judging our country. *"In those days... God was troubling them with every kind of distress"* (2 Chron. 15:5-6). *"The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people."* Rom. 1:18

Why are these bad things happening? Why does God cause / or allow them to occur? Why does He want us to suffer like this? Because God is holy, and He wants to wake us up to the fact that we're sinning against Him, and that sin is our primary problem. As a country, we've turned away from God, and are not loving our Creator, but instead, are idolatrous, are loving the creature, are greatly sinning. Rom. 1:19-25

A massive amount of sin has infiltrated every city and town of the United States, and it's worse than ever been before. You know that cancer can kill – well our sin is like a malignant cancer that's close to killing our country. We are in critical condition! And sadly, most people, even some Christians, don't realize that sin is our main problem. This country has been very concerned about Covid-19, the physical virus that has infected 100's of millions of people all over the world. But what should really upset us is sin, that deadly spiritual virus that has affected every single soul on this planet and is terribly and eternally worse than Covid-19.

What exactly is sin? God's word explicitly and continually describes sin. That's because God wants us to know exactly what it is, and convince us that it's our most serious problem. And it must be dealt with or else there will be horrible consequences. Today I want you to look at some verses on sin. Read them slowly, for its vitally important that you understand this subject of sin, for its our root problem, our #1 enemy, one that attacks the soul and the mind.

First, here are some verses about sin in general:
*** Exodus 20:3-5** – *"You shall have no other gods before Me… you shall not make for yourself an idol… you shall not worship them."*
*** Psalm 14:1** – *"The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God.' They are corrupt, they have committed abominable idolatries."*
*** Psalm 36:1, 3** – *"There is no fear of God before his eyes… he has*

ceased to be wise."
* **Psalm 78:22** – *"They did not believe in God and did not trust His salvation."*
* **Isaiah 5:24** – *"They rejected the law of the Lord… and despised the word of the Holy One."*
* **Jeremiah 2:5** – *"They went far from Me and walked after emptiness and became empty."*
* **Romans 1:21, 24, 26, 28** – *"They did not honor Him as God or give thanks…* (they) *exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man… God gave them over to sexual impurity… to degrading passions* (homosexuality)*… to a depraved mind."*
* **1 John 3:4** – *"Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness."*

Here are a number of verses that specifically describe this sin:
* **Exodus 22:21** – *"You shall not wrong a stranger… you shall not afflict any widow or orphan."*
* **Exodus 23:1-3** – *"You shall not bear a false report… you shall not follow the masses in doing evil… nor shall you be partial to a poor man in his dispute."*
* **Psalm 10:3** – *"The greedy man curses and spurns the Lord… his thoughts are, 'There is no God.'"*
* **Psalm 119:69-70** – *"the arrogant… Their hearts are callous and unfeeling."*
* **Proverbs 6:16-19** – *"There are six things which the Lord hates, yes, seven… haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that run rapidly to evil, a false witness who utters lies, and a man who stirs up dissension."*
* **Proverbs 19:15** – *"Laziness brings on deep sleep, and an idle man will suffer hunger."*
* **Isaiah 3:16-26** – *"The daughters of Zion are proud and walk with heads held high, flirting with their eyes, going along with mincing steps… In that day the Lord will take away the… headbands, crescent necklaces, dangling earrings, bracelets, veils… finger rings, nose rings, festal robes, capes, cloaks, purses, and mirrors… destitute, she will sit on the ground."*
* **Isaiah 5:20** – *"Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil."*

* **Isaiah 5:21** – *“Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes.”*
* **Isaiah 5:22-23** – *“Woe to those who are heroes in drinking wine… who justify the wicked for a bribe, and take away the rights of the ones who are in the right.”*

* **Jeremiah 5:27-28** – *“They have become great and rich. They are fat, they are sleek, they also excel in deeds of wickedness.”*
* **Jeremiah 23:31** – *“I’m against those who prophesied false dreams… and led My people astray.”*
* **Ezekiel 16:15** – *“You trusted in your beauty and played the harlot because of your fame.”*
* **Ezekiel 16:49** – *“… the sin of your sister Sodom: she and her daughter were arrogant, overfed, and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and the needy.”*
* **Hosea 4:2** – *“There is no… knowledge of God in the land… There is swearing, deception, murder, stealing, and adultery. They employ violence, so that bloodshed follows bloodshed.”*
* **Amos 6:1-5** – *“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion… who recline on beds of ivory and sprawl on their couches and eat lambs from their flock… they have composed songs for themselves… they anoint themselves with the finest of oils… they have not grieved over the ruin of Joseph.”*
* **Malachi 2:7-8** – *“The lips of a priest should preserve knowledge… but as for you, you have turned aside from the way and by your teaching have caused many to stumble.”*
* **Malachi 2:14-16** – *“You have broken faith with her, though she is your wife… I hate divorce.”*
* **Matthew 7:15** – *“Beware of the false prophets who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves.”*
* **Matthew 12:36** – *“Every careless word that people speak, they shall give an account for it on the day of judgment.”*

* **Mark 7:21-22** – *“Out of the hearts of men proceed the evil thoughts, sexual immorality, thefts, murders, adulteries, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness.”*
* **Luke 6:24-26** – *“Woe to you who are rich* (fortune)*… who are well-fed* (food)*… who laugh now* (fun)*… woe to you when all men speak well of*

you (fame).”
* **Luke 12:15, 19** – *“A man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions… ‘Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry.’”*
* **Romans 1:29-31** – *“They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they are senseless, faithless, heartless, and ruthless.”*
* **1 Corinthians 6:9-10** – *“Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards… will inherit the kingdom of God.”*
* **Galatians 5:19-21** – *“The deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry… strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger… envying, drunkenness, carousing.”*
* **Ephesians 5:4** – *“There must be no filthiness, silly talk, or course jesting, which are not fitting.”*
* **Philippians 2:14** – *“Do all things without grumbling or complaining.”*
* **Colossians 3:18-22** – *“Wives, be subject to your husbands… Husbands, love your wives.”*
* **2 Timothy 3:2-4** – *“People will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.”*
* **James 5:5** – *“You have lived luxuriously on the earth and led a life of wanton pleasure… you have condemned and put to death the righteous man.”*

Each of these verses describe the sin in our country, and help you understand the heart of our problems. Indeed, the United States is sick with sin, so sick that she’s on her death bed. This is extremely sad and sobering and should greatly concern every single person in this country. What’s really wrong with our country is not climate change, the schools, the economy, crime, guns, the police, the politicians, the government, or the Russians or the Chinese. Our #1 problem is our sin, and it’s directly related to everything else that’s bad in our country.

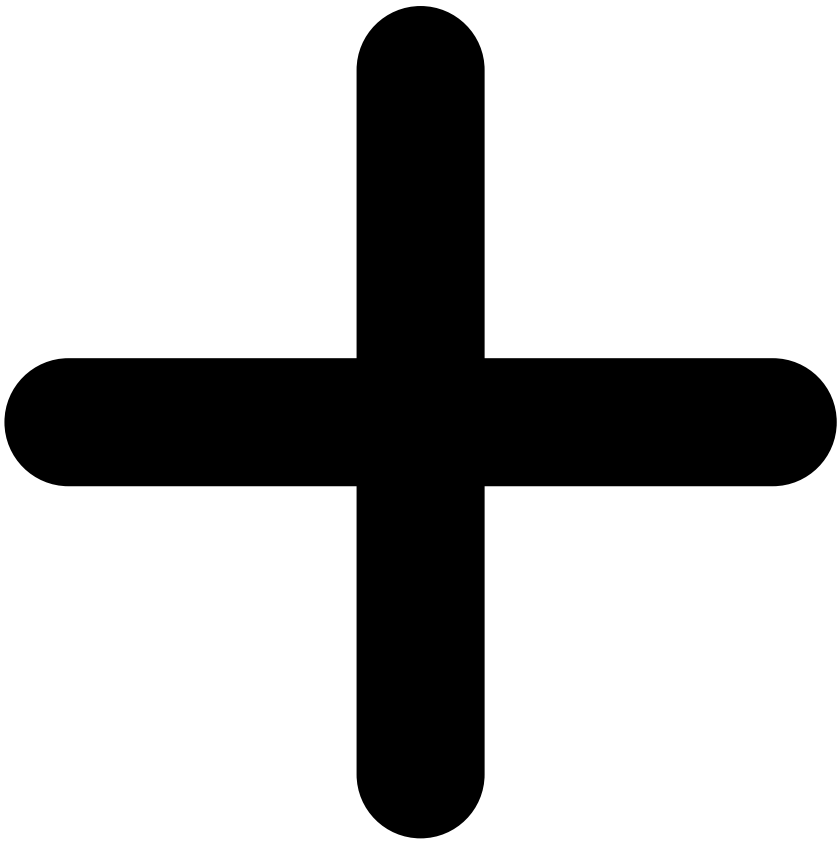
Thankfully, there's an answer to this deadly sin, and it's the person of Jesus Christ (Rom. 6:23). That's because He dealt with our sins by dying on a cross, thereby paying for them. And only those who admit they have sinned, and repent of their sins, and believe that Christ died to pay for them will be forgiven, be perfectly holy, and be forever with God in heaven. *"God made Him* (Christ) *who knew no sin to be sin that we might become the righteousness of God in Him"* (2 Cor. 5:21). *"God demonstrates His own love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us"* (Rom. 5:8). *"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."* Romans 10:13

I've been observing things as a Christian for close to 50 years now, since the early '70s, and it's obvious that **our country is spiritually and morally much worse –** and I don't see things getting any better. It's quite clear that the people *"do not know nor do they understand; they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken"* (Ps. 82:5). Look at our churches, families, schools, and culture – generally speaking, they have been going downhill, and are now in very bad shape. Not only that, but we live in the end-times, the last years before Christ's return and the rapture of the church, when the Bible tells us that *"lawlessness is increased."* Matt. 24:12

Dear friend, these are extremely dark and difficult days, and increasingly so. There's going to be more sin, evil and wickedness in this world, and yes, God will keep judging it. But what a time to be alive, to live for God, to share the gospel, and do our part in ushering in the kingdom of God! *"Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."* (Matt. 6:10). ***"Come Lord, Jesus."*** **Revelation 22:20**

P.S. The United States is quickly and tragically going downhill, and it's

all part of God’s end-time plans. Here are two other posts that will help you understand His plans for this country at this time in history: *“Afghanistan and America – Lessons to Learn”* and *“The Downfall of the United States Before the Return of Christ.”*



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