

A DYSFUNCTIONAL NATION

Thank God for Christmas and New Years to take our minds off the dysfunction of our nation and world! So before I go forward, MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!! Especially since our Congressmen can send you and me all types of greetings at our expense, but they cannot send us a Merry Christmas greeting. Dysfunction!

Observe the mental midgets that cannot pass a budget, agree on tax relief, cut a single dollar from any program AND lie through their teeth to you and me. Dysfunction!

But are we any better when we take it AND re-elect these clowns?

Notice the savagery the Republican candidates are exercising on each other. I admit to being on Herman Cain's band wagon. Having been with him at his announcement for the Presidency in Atlanta, I was very impressed he could be a great president. His being driven from the race, I began to look elsewhere. I have met and spoken briefly with, Newt Gingrich and Rick Perry. I've been in several Tea Party Rallies with Michelle Bachmann, do not know Rick Santorum but like his policies. No one running for the office is without flaws, but I lament the total lack of civility in our public arena. The issues are not to be considered, the individuals character must be destroyed. This will be especially true when the GOP nominee runs against our current occupant of the White House. You may say, WHOA, Roger. You mean you are a partisan Republican? NO, I am a partisan Conservative Christian! And I cannot support same sex marriage, abortion on demand, assault on Israel and our U.S. Constitution! And so much more that the current socialist,(in my opinion Marxist), administration is the main cheerleader for.

Last commentary I wrote of what a dangerous world we are living in. One, but by no means the only, reason we are in such peril is the dysfunction of the United States. How did we get here? Two big causes!

ONE; We as a nation, beginning with the body of Christ, have ignored the Word of God! While giving great lip service to our God and His Word, there is a great disconnect between Word and life style. "This people draws near to me with their mouth, and honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. In vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Matt.15:8-9).

Oh, we have plenty of religion. A religion tailored to our fleshly appetites, with a god made in our image, instead of a God who made us in His image! "Thus have you made the commandments of God of none effect by your traditions" (Matt.15:6). That is why God's judgment comes to His house first (I Peter 4:17). And the preachers, pastors and teachers, who claim to speak the truth of God, will be judged with a much greater condemnation (James 3:1)

TWO; we as a nation, have drifted so far from following the great U.S. Constitution that has given us the longest standing government in the world. Now, we follow world opinion and law (Justice Ginsberg and Briar on C-span interview), and the immorality of present day. Our President, Senate and House, will not follow the Constitution. They see it as a impediment to their agenda. And it is and should be! Our nation was founded on the Word of God and that God is Jehovah, the God of Abraham, Isaac and

Jacob! The Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! It was not founded on Allah, Krishna, Buddha or any other ism in the world. Our wholesale stampede away from Him undermines our way of life that has made us the envy of the world. Psalm 33:12, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD" (LORD here is all caps, meaning, "Jehovah". Nation is "gowy/goy, meaning "Gentile nations").

"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn", (Prov.29:2). I can think of no greater wickedness than the slaughter of over 50 million babies under the guise of a woman's right to choose. This right was totally fabricated, supposedly from the U.S. Constitution. Invented rights, rights explicitly mentioned, ignored.

We are a dysfunctional nation, ripe for judgment, which I believe we are seeing now. There is precedent for my concerns in Ancient Israel. "Has a nation changed their gods, which are no gods? but my people have changed their glory for that which does not profit" (Jer.2:11). What is happening is too tragic for description, BUT IT COULD NOT HAPPEN WITHOUT THE COMPLICITY OF THE CITIZENS.

We are in a dysfunctional nation with a dysfunctional political process underway. No candidate running is perfect, but they are not running for the office of Pastor! Our president cannot do our job. The church is the salt and light. Or at least we are supposed to be. Given the state of our nation, who are the clueless people the polls report are giving the current Chief Executive a 48% approval rating? I couldn't vote for him in a one man race. The alternatives may not cure our dysfunction, but perhaps, if we pray and vote righteously, for president, representatives and senators, we can take a step back from the apocalypse. After all, Nineveh repented and God gave them another 100 years. But it still rests on our shoulders (II Chron.7:14). Let's change directions in 2012. It starts with repentance and repentance means to change directions (Jonah 3:5-10).

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