

God Shall Send Them Strong Delusion

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2 Thessalonians 2:10-12., "And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

When I look at America and the world today I can't help but wonder about the condition of things. Politics, morals, and everything else make no sense at all. Common sense and decency seem to be hated and rejected by so many people. If it is something good it is mocked and scorned, and if it is something wicked and hurtful to society then it is supported.

I'm beginning to think that we, as a nation, have turned our back on God until he has blinded us to the truth. More likely we have blinded ourselves to his truth and refused to listen to his words. Are we as ignorant as Hitler was to think that God would bless his efforts to kill the Jews and everyone else that he didn't like? There has never been a man more evil than him that I can think of, some just as bad, but I don't think that there were any worse than him.

Today we have some here in this country that have some of his

beliefs. They lie and have no remorse in doing so. Saying that they are for freedom and our Constitution they, little by little, are chipping away at both. They pass laws that say that the sodomite is to be accepted as normal, and if you don't agree, you are in danger of the law. They say it is done in the name of freedom, but where is the Christian's freedom? It seems to be okay if they try to force their perverse beliefs on you, but if you say much about God, you are pushing your religion on them.

I saw recently that there is a group called Freedom From Religion. They filed a lawsuit because a group of believers went into a jail and had a service for the prisoners. From the scenes that I saw the prisoners enjoyed the service and were not forced to be in the service. If they find the Lord and get saved they will be blessed. The life of sin and unbelief put them into jail in the first place.

Consider this, gambling (the lottery) is legal, marijuana is legal in some states with more to come, abortion is legal, homosexual marriage is legal; if a couple live together and have children they can get more public help than if they were married. Drugs and violence have become a way of life in many schools, but God is not allowed in as he might change some child's life for the better. When did things change so much? When I was in school there were some fights, chewing gum in class happened sometimes, running in the hall was a no-no, but I didn't hear of anyone being shot like you hear of today. We had prayer and had one teacher who read a verse or two from

the bible.

Now the only time God is allowed in school, or in government, is when some tragedy happens. Yet, many think then that they can wave the bible around and mention him and everything will be alright. How foolish to think that God can be played like that. People in the bible did the same things in their day. They served their idols and lived in sin, but when trouble came it was not the idol that they cried out to, it was to God. They begged him to save them and to deliver them from their enemies. The day will come when America will cry out too, when our freedom is gone and we are overcome. Yes, America is not too big to fall, no more than many other nations of the past. We haven't learned from history so we will learn the hard way.

I can understand, to a point, the sinners and unbelievers, who support evil ways. They are not interested in God's will and have no desire to do his commands. What I can't understand is those who say that they believe in God and who go to church, yet they support strongly those who are wicked as can be. What I think and say of myself means little, what God says is what's important. Jehoshaphat was a good king compared to many others, yet he supported Ahab. "And Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem. And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the LORD? therefore is wrath upon thee from before the LORD." (2 Chronicles 19:1-2.)

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ABRAM IN EGYPT
WITH PHARAOH TERRIFIED BY A PLAGUE, WHICH HIS PRIEST TELLS HIM IS DUE TO ANGERING ABRAM'S GOD BY TAKING SARAI AWAY FROM HIM, PHARAOH NOW SENDS IN HASTE FOR ABRAM....

...WHO IS HUSTLED, IN THE EARLY DAWN, TO THE PALACE BY PHARAOH'S GUARDS...

WHAT IS WRONG? WHAT HAVE I DONE?!

...HERE AT THE PALACE, ABRAM IS BROUGHT INTO PHARAOH'S WRATHFUL PRESENCE, QUITE BEWILDERED....

...HIS BEWILDERMENT INCREASES AS THE PHARAOH LAUNCHES INTO A TRADE....

WHAT HORRIBLE THING HAST THOU DONE TO ME?! WHY DIDST THOU SAY THE WOMAN WAS YOUR SISTER, WHEN SHE REALLY WAS YOUR WIFE—I MIGHT HAVE MADE HER MY WIFE AND BEEN DESTROYED BY YOUR GOD! NOW, GO! LEAVE MY LAND!!

...AFTER ALL, ABRAM HAD NO DESIRE TO LOSE HIS WIFE—IT WAS PHARAOH WHO TOOK HER INTO HIS PALACE, BUT NOW....

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