

“How I kept back nothing that was helpful,
but proclaimed it to you, and taught you
publicly and from house to house.”

Acts 20:20

Personal and National Repentance

From last week...

Personal and National Repentance

“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?”

Acts 2:36-37

Personal and National Repentance

Then Peter said to them,

“Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off,
as many as the Lord our God will call.”

Acts 2:38-39

Personal and National Repentance

New Testament – Personal Repentance

Old Testament – National Repentance

And sometimes God brings a plague or crisis to a nation to bring it back to Him.

This is what is happening in the book of Joel.

The Prophetic Implications

Could what is happening in our nation and world have prophetic implications?

Could God be trying to tell us something?

And, if so, what would that message be?

Remember, God is sovereign.

So nothing that is happening today is happening without His permission.

The Prophetic Implications

That doesn't mean God is causing it.
It means He is allowing it to happen.

But why?

Is there a message we are failing to get?

Is there some divine plan we are missing?

Is God trying to get our attention?

Is this some sort of warning from God?

And are we, as His church, listening?

How Does God Warn His People

Primarily two ways:

One, He raises up prophetic voices in a generation.
(but we would not be interested in what they said)

Two, God will send remedial judgments.
(storms, plagues, war, famine, etc.)

Examples of blessings and judgments

Deuteronomy 28

If/then – (28:1, 9, 13, 15)

Diligently / Carefully – 28:1

Obey – (28:1, 2, 15, 45, 62)

Voice – (28:1, 2, 15, 45, 62)

Deuteronomy 28

God's Action

Cause – 1:7

Command – 1:8

Establish – 1:9

Grant – 1:11

Open – 1:12

Make – 1:13

Blessings

Everyone and Everywhere – 1:3

Family and Possessions – 1:4

Food – 1:5

Wherever You Go You Will be Blessed – 1:6

Protection from Enemies – 1:7

Wealth – 1:8

We Shall Be His People – 1:9

The World Will See How He Has Blessed Us – 1:10

Blessings

All of this could be said of our Nation at one time.

But not now.

Why?

If we are a democracy, the sin lies with us who elect our officials and reject His Word.

Abortion, Debt, Homosexuality, Sexual Perversion, Hollywood, School System, etc.

Note: These promises are all conditional.

Curses

Note: God's Actions

The Action of the People

See Jeremiah 1

Jeremiah 5

Lies and Blasphemy – 5:2

Immorality – 5:7

Arrogance and Pride – 5:12-13

Injustice – 5:25-28

Religious Corruption – 5:30-31

Closed Mind – 6:10

Greed – 6:13

