

# THE UPWARD CALL

*Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet;  
but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,  
**I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God  
IN CHRIST JESUS.***

(Philippians 3:13-14 NASB)

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## ***Whoever Humbles Himself Shall Be Exalted***

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**“Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted.”** (Matthew 23:12 NASB)

The last three issues were about the seat of Moses and how the US political leaders bear some resemblance to the scribes and Pharisees that the Lord Jesus called **hypocrites**. Some of these writings might not seem germane to some that live outside the US, but I would remind all that mystery Babylon rules the world today, and as such, Babylonian leaders are of the same character regardless of the geography. As I have stressed many times, this does not mean that all leaders are bad or hypocrites. There are some well-meaning leaders, but even among these, there is much blindness. The bottom-line is that there is, at best, a remnant of world leaders that are neither hypocrites nor blind. There is probably even a smaller remnant that could be called righteous.

I don't make these assertions to pass judgment on any one individual; that is God's business. What I am doing is **sounding the alarm** that mystery Babylon is under the judgment of God, and, according to John's Patmos revelation, it must and will fall in one hour. Whether one hour is a literal 60 minutes or a period of time, which it most likely is, really does not matter. What matters is that, one day, it will be crushed to dust by the Stone Kingdom (Daniel 2:31-35).

Need I remind all that the only solution to the world at this juncture of world history is the coming of **the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ** (Revelation 11:15), and this can only come about with the manifestation of the immortal sons of the kingdom (or, sons of the resurrection) who will have the wisdom, light, and righteousness to lead the nations. We need to be encouraged that this day will soon come; I am convinced of this. I believe this is the message the Lord has put on my heart and called me to send forth as a reminder and encouragement to His people.

Now, in this issue, I want to return to a point that I made in issue #03-09152, August 22, 2009, in which I stated that the organized church within the US is responsible for the moral condition of the nation. After all, the Lord's people are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world and, as such, are to be the nation's moral compass, not its political compass. If our nation has veered off course, it is because the church has veered off course. This applies to all nations, not just the US, but it is particularly acute for the US, since our nation was founded upon the principle that God is the Creator of the Universe and His laws of nature endow certain unalienable rights upon all mankind, especially **the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness**.

Christians seem to be quick to condemn the many seemingly hypocritical, immoral, and lawless things coming forth from our government, but I wonder how many of us see that God might be holding us, His people, accountable for this condition. Perhaps, the many crises we have found ourselves in are the result of God's judgment upon the sin of His people. Isn't it time to seek the Lord in this matter?

Christians rightfully respond in righteous indignation over how the ACLU and the courts of the land have been eroding our right to free expression of "religion." [As I have stated so many times; I do not see Christianity as a religion, but, for the sake of this discussion, I will retain the word *religion*. The same applies to the word *church*.] Recently, one high school graduate was not allowed to speak at her graduation ceremony for fear that she might publicly thank God. In another case, some teachers might lose their pensions and benefits because one of them said "grace" over a meal they shared together. These actions against Christians are unconstitutional because the US Constitution (USC) prohibits the government from interfering with the practice of any religion. It infringes on our Creator-endowed unalienable right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

When our national leaders pass a law or the judges of our courts legislate their own biases (law) from the bench that go against the USC, it is unconstitutional, and as such, they are **working lawlessness**. We need to be reminded that the Declaration of Independence acknowledged and upheld the laws of nature and of nature's God. Simply, the laws of nature are God's divine laws. If we go against these, we are going against God Himself, and the Lord will proclaim: **"I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice [working] lawlessness"** (Matthew 7:23 NASB [LITV]).

What about federally controlled universal healthcare? The USC does not sanction it as President Obama envisions; it is unconstitutional, a concern voiced by paltry few politicians. Yet, many Americans have mobilized against the plan. In turn, Obama has pushed back, even by appealing to "religious leaders" that "we are our brother's keeper." This is true in principle, but it is best done by the individual, the family, and the community. When the Federal government dictates it, it is called "big brother."

Recently, I heard of a new movement in which Christian leaders are uniting in order to pave the way for the kingdom by mobilizing Christians throughout our land, by informing them of the political issues and dangers we face as a nation, and by engaging them in ways that establish the kingdom on earth. I have no doubt that the ones leading this movement love the Lord and their hearts are pure regarding what they see and desire to do. But I believe that they are putting the cart before the horse, so to speak. First, mystery Babylon must fall and the kingdom must come before we can be part of establishing it on earth, and this requires the glorification of the true sons of God in fulfillment of Tabernacles. Second, there does not seem to be any inquiry of the Lord as to how and why our once great nation veered onto the road of lawlessness. Some might say that we have not been fighting the battle properly or enough, so we must pray and intercede more effectively. Some might even say that we can turn it all around and change the course of history that the prophets have told us is coming. I would rather stand with the ancient prophets.

What if these well-meaning Christian leaders are actually fighting against the will of God? What if the reason for the lawlessness is due to the church's rejection of God's divine law? What if the US was brought under the control of the financial beast of mystery Babylon because of the lawlessness of the church? I believe it was. Is it not time for us to **get the log out of our own eye** (Matthew 7:3) before we mobilize against lawlessness? Are we to mobilize against God's judgment upon us?

Our heavenly Father disciplines His children so that we might be placed as sons in His kingdom and share in His holiness (Hebrews 12:4-11). Perhaps the lawlessness of our government today is God's hand of discipline upon His people. In other words, if we are persecuted, it is because God raised up a system to persecute us. Did God not call on Nebuchadnezzar, **His servant**, to discipline the sons of Israel? Did He not call on the Roman army, **His army**, to discipline the Judahite nation of bad figs that rejected the One who came to set them free? In 70 AD, God called on the Romans to destroy Jerusalem and the temple. In the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus prophetically pointed to the day that the King (God the Father) would send **His armies** (Romans) and destroy those murderers (Judahites) and set their city (Jerusalem) on fire (Matthew 22:7).

It has been stated by some commentators and repeated by me elsewhere that the US was brought into captivity by God with the enactment of the Federal Reserve Act in 1913-1914 that created the financial beast of mystery Babylon (Revelation 18), which is at the heart of the financial meltdown that the world has experienced and, by the way, is not over. The Act was an act of lawlessness. Today, I believe the Federal Reserve is holding its collective breath hoping that it can pull off the biggest hoax perpetrated against the American people and the world. But God! When the appointed time comes, it will fall.

But why did God yoke us to a lawless beast? Because of the sin of His people! The church worked lawlessness by not revealing and upholding God's divine law and His righteousness to the nations. Instead, the church adopted the ways of the world and became savorless. Fighting against God's judgment of lawlessness is fighting against God. It is time to confess our sin, which is lawlessness (1 John 3:4), and **REPENT!** We need to humble ourselves before God and acknowledge our own sin. If we do, then He will exalt us and heal our land. It starts with us who call upon the name of Jesus. It is time!

On August 20, 2009, I awaked with a loud ringing in my head that lasted for less than a minute, and then I heard: **"Sound the alarm."** Today, I am sounding the alarm. Will you heed it?