



REPENT

AUSTRALIA

“If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

2 Chronicles 7:14

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THE WAY OF THE WEST

How insecure life has become! Over the past nine months we have been faced with the fact of international terrorism on our doorstep and likely to cross the threshold in the near future. We have just suffered one of the worst droughts ever in Australia. Bushfires have devastated numerous areas of the country. And the threat of the deadly virus SARS is causing concern and even panic across the globe. All this of course is on top of other disturbing trends such as escalating crime and an alarming rise in youth suicides and a rampant drug problem – a graphic indicator of a deep malaise affecting our society. Yet the sharp increase in crime, drugs and suicide over recent years should not surprise us. Despite the so-called complexities behind the disturbing self-destruction of human life and the flagrant disregard for the rights of others there is one glaring reason for these grim developments in Western societies.

Scientific Approach to Life

That reason is the growing failure to provide a sense of meaning and a framework of values for our youth and for society at large. We are fast losing our culture, that invisible network of beliefs that has sustained us for centuries. For all its technical know-how, our modern society offers no firm moral structure to support the youth of today. Instead it offers the hedonistic maxim, “If it feels good it must be right.” Through a scientific approach to life instead of a spiritual one we are suffering cultural decay. Blind acceptance of the theory of evolution as scientific fact in contradiction to a divine creation has undercut the moral/spiritual dimension from life. And the amazing scientific advances over the past hundred years have convinced us that science can solve all our problems. Our faith in God has been undermined by a belief that as we progress technologically life will be more exciting, healthier, more prosperous and comfortable. But, of course, this is not happening. For many of our young people it is more frightening, doubts and fears abound and the future holds only grim prospects – terrorism, nuclear destruction, relationship breakdowns, AIDS and now SARS.

Television

We also have the most powerful determinant of our culture invading our living-rooms everyday of the year – television. Yet despite the electronic media’s profound effect on us little attempt is made to control it or use it to promote our best interests. Instead of uplifting and edifying it encourages a superficial, materialistic, self-indulgent way of life as it constantly degrades and debases the higher values. Not only does television depict a world of violence, turmoil, immorality and exploitation it also divides rather than unites by focusing on conflict and discord rather than on harmony and goodwill. So we are continually fed a diet of murder, rape, sexual perversion, infidelity, bawdy humour, obscenity and profanity. For the media reflects the ideology – one might say religion – that has swept across the Western world and displaced Christianity as the spiritual base of many nations. That ideology is secular humanism.

Humanistic Beliefs

Barabbas, the murderer and thief released 2000 years ago in place of Jesus was symbolic of humanity. Instead Jesus was crucified, buried and resurrected on the cross for sinful humanity to be set free. Today this humanistic spirit has physically, socially, emotionally, financially and spiritually bankrupt our families, society and nation. Humanists deny God. They refute any belief in salvation and damnation, heaven and hell. They reject the Bible and its teachings. They spurn a Saviour who gave His life on a cruel Roman cross for all who would believe in Him. They do believe, however, in sexual freedom and perversion; they view

abortion as a woman's choice; they believe suicide and euthanasia are acceptable ways to end life. They see no difference between the roles men and women play in society. Deeply entrenched in the media, socialistic governments, state education systems and the judiciary, humanism has had a profound, nay deadly, effect on our culture and our way of life over the last thirty years. Morally Australia and the West at large have been well and truly sabotaged. Pornography floods across the nations with a predictable growth in crimes of lust and passion – rape, assault and murder. Easy divorce laws spawn thousands of single parent families, juvenile delinquency and teenage crime. Social welfare payments exacerbate promiscuous behaviour and laws equating de facto relationships with marriage undermine the family, the cornerstone of society. Like other Western countries we are a nation living in sin though we fool ourselves by calling it something else. Through the mastery of double speak we have learnt to give our sin acceptable labels. We call fornication sexual activity; de facto “marriages” are no longer known as living in sin but as meaningful relationships; perversion is an acceptable lifestyle; the obscene and pornographic is realism or adult.

Mocking God

No wonder our moral fabric is disintegrating. The advent of humanism as the driving force of those in positions of power is reaping its own harvest – a sense of meaninglessness, permissiveness, cultural decay and hedonistic living. No wonder the suicide rate is escalating and drugs are prevalent among our youth. We are fooling ourselves and mocking God. But He will not be mocked. As we sow so shall we reap. And our harvest is almost ripe. If our society is not to steadily crumble and fall apart we **MUST** repent and turn back to the Anointed One whose covenant grace alone can satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart, the God who created us in His image and gave us His Son as the Way, the Truth and the Life. This is the only way for us to restore a living hope where there is despair; purpose where there is meaninglessness; faith where there is unbelief, fear and doubt. God honours His Word.

Australia, Wake Up

Australia, wake up! Arise from the dead, and Christ's forgiving grace will give you the light of life. Surrender your ego to God's Will! How long will you waver between two ways of life? If your choice is the pathway of secular humanism be sure it will lead to judgment and calamity. But if God be God, follow Him in faith to the road of all blessings and honour to reign with Him forever. While the daylight remains turn back to God; for the night will soon be upon this sin-sodden world and our beautiful land will be engulfed in darkness terrible to behold. Our choice is where SIN begins! As Paul puts it: “Behold, **now** is the accepted time; behold **now** is the day of salvation” (2 Cor 6:2)

PRAYER

Lord God Almighty of all creation and redeeming grace, the Great I AM, Author and Finisher of our faith, have mercy on us. Loving Father, as children of the everlasting blood-covenant, we submit ourselves to Your Will as vessels of honour and obedience to praise and worship You in Spirit and in truth. Abba Father, we thank You that we serve a risen Christ whose infinite grace and blood washed away our iniquities and cleansed our sin on a rugged cross 2000 years ago for **all** mankind to repent and be reconciled to You. Holy Father, we thank You that the redeeming blood of Jesus has set us free from unforgiveness, guilt, shame, pride, sickness and diseases and endows us with **new life in the Spirit of the living God**. **LORD JESUS** we thank You for being the personification of “love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness and self-control”.

Sovereign Lord, we acknowledge that humanity and Divinity harmonized only in **JESUS CHRIST**, our great High Priest interceding for us to use His power of attorney to dispense His saving grace to lost souls and set the captives free. Omniscient Father, we thank You for positioning Australia under Your Southern Cross to give her a renewed Hope and Faith to come under the lordship of **JESUS CHRIST**. Father, forgive our nation's spiritual ignorance and complacency. In the authority and name of **JESUS CHRIST**, we pull down **all** principalities and powers of darkness - the spirits of humanism, arrogance, unbelief, disobedience, idolatry, witchcraft and self-righteousness to bring them to the obedience of Christ. Blessed Holy Spirit, bring renewed faith and hope to deliver our nation and the West from curses to blessings, unbelief to faith, poverty to prosperity, death to life, sickness to divine health, calamity to peace, lack to abundance and from bondage to freedom in Jesus' name. Now to the only Almighty God, **JESUS CHRIST**, our Lord and Saviour and coming sovereign King and Judge – be glory and majesty, dominion and power both now and forever. Amen

R.A: Led by our Lord Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit to glorify God with the Brotherhood of Man and in love and faithfulness to bring glory and honour to His Holy Name. Amen

REJOICE & SHARE IN FAITH THIS MESSAGE IN PRAYER WITH OTHERS & BE BLESSED TO BE ONE IN CHRIST JESUS.