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"Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people" Prov.14.34

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Luke 7.25-30

"But first must He suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation. And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed."

Jeremiah 9.23,24

"Thus saith the Lord: Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches; but let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth Me."

Jeremiah 12.16,17

"If they (evildoers) will learn the ways of My people... then shall they be built in the midst of My people, but if they will not obey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation, saith the Lord."

PRAYER:

We beseech Thee, Lord, to give us eyes to see and ears to hear and the will to act.

AN 'ISLAND' IN THE SEA OF HUMANITY

The scene was Golgotha, 'the place of the skull', outside the city of Jerusalem. The year was 33 A.D. (almost 2000 years ago). There hung the Son of God, between heaven and earth, and between two thieves. Jesus Christ, God manifested in the flesh, was a divine 'Island' surrounded by a hostile sea of humanity that was intent on pounding Him out of existence. Its ragings had already resulted in His form and features being marred more than any other man, (Isaiah 52.14), but still it was not satisfied.

The title above His head read 'Jesus of Nazareth the King of the Jews', but He received no kingly honour; indeed His garments had been stripped off and divided between the soldiers, while for His coat they had cast lots. "These things therefore the soldiers did" in order "that the scripture might be fulfilled" (John 19.24) and by acting thus they were but displaying God's omnipotence, for it was His control over men's thoughts and intentions that caused those soldiers to fulfil His prophetic utterance made through David over 1000 years earlier, in the words of Psalm 22 v.18. As Job once said, "I know that Thou canst do all things and that no purpose of Thine can be thwarted." (Job 42.2 R.V.)

When Jesus said: "It is finished", and gave up the ghost, He too was verifying the fact of God's omnipotence - as His disciples later testified by acknowledging in their prayer to God that the rulers and the people had gathered together merely 'to do whatsoever God's hand and His counsel had determined before to be done.'

The crucifixion was not a tragedy or a mistake. It was the fulfilment of the written Word of God, such as Isaiah's prophecy made 700 years earlier (see Chapter 53), and it was for a divine purpose. God had decreed that the sea of humanity should one day overwhelm and submerge that 'Island' that was His holy child Jesus so that He in turn could become a fountain to overwhelm and submerge the sins of His people beneath the waters of His overflowing love and mercy. Almost 500 years before, Zechariah had announced this promise that one day God would provide for His people a fountain of blood for the washing away of their sins. (Zech.13.1)

Thus the crucifixion was God's visible guarantee of heavenly habitation for His spiritual people, just as God's visible acceptance of Abraham's animal and bird sacrifice ratified His covenant to provide an earthly homeland for Abraham's descendants. (Gen.16.15) God has also promised that there will come a day - very soon now - when 'the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.' (Habakkuk 2.14)

Today's generation of sinners is proving to the world the truth of the Bible, for they are fulfilling all that God foretold about them. They are rejecting not only the Christ of the Bible, but also the people of Christ, and they refuse to learn the ways of God's people. Therefore God will utterly pluck up and destroy this nation. Australians are imitating the people of Noah's day by discarding God's laws on morality, etc. Instead of repenting, praying and reforming, they are continuing in their sensuality and false security. -Despite the ominous warnings of scripture, their thoughts are only evil continually, self-abuse is rampant, and this generation has made more of a hell on earth in one decade than all other generations since Christ's death. When Peter preached in Pentecostal power, his strong words left his hearers crushed, condemned and horrified - but they were not left without hope, for God changed their horror into repentance as the Holy Spirit pricked their hearts. That day over 3000 sinners were raised to spiritual life and made to sit in heavenly places in Christ Jesus their Lord. May God grant that thousands of people in Australia will soon find Christ living in them, and be able to testify with Paul: "I live by the faith OF THE SON OF GOD, who loved me and gave Himself for me." (Galatians 2.20)

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TRUE WISDOM

To LOOK is one thing,
To SEE what you look
at is another,
To UNDERSTAND what you
see is a third,
To LEARN from what you
understand is some-
thing else, but
To RESPOND aright, and
ACT on what you
learn is wisdom.

LAW OR FREEDOM

A young lad, whom the minister was driving home, began to argue against the need for the 'Thou shalt nots' of Scripture, saying that he hated to be told what he should or should not do. Suddenly the boy exclaimed, "Why, you've taken the wrong road! The signpost pointed the other way." Said the Minister, "Oh, but I hate to be told which way to go by a signpost - it's too arbitrary, you know." When he saw that the boy understood his point, then he turned round and obeyed the arbitrary signpost.

Prevention is Better
Than Cure -

Prevent Rape and Fornication, and the problem of illicit motherhood will solve itself.

REMEMBER

Communism's goal is to undermine the morals of the youth of our land. If you are a true child of God, this will cause you to raise your voice with no uncertain sound in an effort to stem this Satanic flood of filth. Australia is one of 47 countries who signed a Geneva Convention to control the distribution of pornography.

POSITIVE STATEMENTS RE COMMUNITY STANDARDS

For those who wish to preserve decent community standards but who are silenced by apparently strong arguments of the 'permissives' and the 'anti-censorship brigades' -

ARGUMENT (1) - "What people do in their private lives is no concern of anybody else."

REFUTED BY - the fact that God holds everyone responsible to be his brother's keeper, and all are guilty of the blood of others whom they have failed to warn against sin.

ARGUMENT (2) - "Customs Clerks should not be able to decide what imported books we can and cannot read."

"The Government should not censor what the individual adult wants to read or see."

"The time has come for an open fight against the 'anonymous people' who sit in darkened rooms and tell us what we can and cannot screen on T.V."

"Censorship laws cause more obscenity than they prevent."

REFUTED BY - the fact that these arguments are both false and contradictory, lumping together Customs Clerks, the Government and Censorship Laws as 'anonymous people'. The truth is that the Government, by its laws against obscenity, is acting on behalf of the majority of Australians who elected it. The Minister for Customs (Mr.D.Chipp), with the help of the National Literature Board of Review, should execute these laws according to the way the Judiciary has already construed them. His decisions may be appealed against. Actually, the anti-censorship brigades are the 'anonymous people', who in no way represent the electors.

ARGUMENT (3) - "The law has no place in the bedroom."

REFUTED BY - the fact that (a) every society has a moral code with rules providing a working solution for sex in community living; (b) maintenance of this moral code is essential for survival of each society, while sexual licence will destroy it (refer A.Toynbee's 'Study of History' and Dr.J.Unwin's 'Sex and Culture'); (c) the definition of 'society', which is 'customs and organisation of a civilized nation', does not allow the term 'permissive society' to describe what is actual 'permissive decadence' ruining the society; (d) survival of our society is therefore the issue at stake - and all will suffer. Insist that civil authorities promote the welfare of the people by identifying sexual licentiousness as an internal threat, and legislating against it, prescribing penalties just as for theft or murder. (After all, illicit sex is theft of someone's wife or daughter, and abortion is murder of a potential baby.)

Civil Law is to ensure the survival of the country, and this establishes the Government's right and duty to enact laws aimed at preventing internal decadence that threatens survival. Because Australia is constituted a Christian country and the census recorded as Christian 90% of the population, it is right that our legislation is based on Scriptural principles. Non-christians in Australia are bound to observe and/or administer the Laws as they are enacted, irrespective of their private views on morals.

ARGUMENT (4) - "You can't define 'obscene' of 'indecent' or prove obscene publications lead to sexual crimes."

REFUTED BY - the fact that Judges of the High Court have said (a) that 'obscene' means 'lewd'; (b) that it is assumed by common law that lewd publications could have an evil influence on the minds of young people; (c) writings are obscene because of what they describe or bring to mind and the way in which they do it; (d) it is assumed incontrovertibly by common law that obscene writings do deprave and corrupt morals. This is ruling case law in Australia. No one has the right to ask for further proof that pornography harms morals, when the Law has stated it as proved beyond all doubt. Plato said all impure books should be banned, maintaining that 'virtue is knowledge'. When Greece and Rome were protecting their youth from pornography, they were at their zenith in prosperity and power.