

Winning the Battle for the Soul of America-II

“Repairing Broken Down Walls”

As a corollary to the preceding article on the role of America's Covenant Partner in the battle for America's soul, God's attention has now turned to reconciliation and restoration. So, what is our faithful Covenant Partner doing to restore the soul of America? He is taking us back once again to the foundation because He wants us to see what the nation has become *in His eyes*. When we see how far America has traveled from the immortal declaration that “all men are created equal,” (and) “that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights,” we see what God sees, and He sees inequality. Let's start with ourselves. Endowed by our Creator with a natural instinct for independence, we resist being controlled, manipulated, or possessed by the demands of others, and so does every other class of people. The same natural instinct for independence abides in them. Trouble arises when we do not balance our rights with the rights of others (Phil. 2:14).

Now apply this principle to the nation. We have experienced from past history that when the equal rights and privileges of a people are consistently abused, and there is no justice, their outcry and oppression eventually trickle down and touches all of us on some level—either politically, socially, spiritually, legally, financially, or physically. This is because transgressing the rights of others imperils our own freedom to govern ourselves. Abraham Lincoln said we lose the “genius” of our own independence when we “trample” upon the rights of others.

Accordingly, God wants us to see how racist attitudes have passed down throughout the generations so that we might judge righteously. This undercurrent of intolerance has caused many to feel cut off from the divine principle that all men are created equal. God wants us to see that their struggle for equal rights is a just one (rooted in the “laws of Nature and of Nature's God”), and not to judge them harshly. Though we may not have experienced the same sorrows, because we share a common humanity, we can identify with some of their struggles as a fellow human being, and come to understand a little deeper what it means to love the lost. To be sure, there are some human struggles we cannot in good conscience coalesce around and should not be forced to. But there is one thing we can do, and it is not to curse the dreaded darkness over the moral breakdown, but in spite of it, shine light into the darkness, praising God for His faithfulness and power over it, speaking His truth, and treating everyone as we want them to treat us (Eph. 5:2, 8-9; Matt. 7:12).

With hatred on the rise, all kinds of abhorrent philosophies flood the nation to divide and conquer it. During the Civil War, there were secret societies sowing discord and plotting violence against the Union, much like we are seeing today, to stoke fear in the people and blind them to the root of the problem. Today's root cause for civil disturbance and spread of hatred is not the radicals, but deeply entrenched offenses of prior generations against humanity they feed upon, offenses that were not repented of, and now have passed down to this generation. When people do not settle offenses Biblically (Matt. 5:25, 39, 44, 18:23-35; Eph. 4:25-27; Jas. 5:16),¹ a door is left open giving Satan an advantage over them, and this is one reason saved and unsaved people alike find themselves under spiritual attack. People under siege do not know what is coming against them, nor what will deliver them, but God's people know reconciliation will, because it removes the enmity between persons and factions, and between God and man.

¹ For an in-depth view of horizontal reconciliation, please see Chapter 5, pp. 72-85 of my book, *From Ashes to Glory-Restoration and Revival Through the Tabernacle Plan*. [Click here to order.](#)

Thus, the Church is the primary institution on earth uniquely qualified to articulate the case for national reconciliation. But first we must get our own houses in order (1 Pet. 4:17), resolving old grudges, acknowledging wrongdoing, settling grievances, and forgiving offenses (Matt. 18:15, Jas. 5:16; Acts 24:16). This will take our relationship with God to a higher level evangelistically. According to Psalm 51, with God's forgiveness, He makes us to know wisdom in the inner parts, and hear what the psalmist says in conclusion, "*Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee*" (Psa. 51:6, 12-13). Watch and see what the Holy Ghost will do when we take reconciliation to the nation in the power of our restoration. He will speak to convict the nation of its sins against the brotherhood of man, and of His righteousness, and of His justice (Jn. 16:8), for by manifestation of the truth God will speak to every man's conscience (2 Cor. 4:2).

But here is the hard part. How is it possible to bring a nation to reconciliation that does not seek it, with people constantly warring with each other over their rights? The answer, of course, is through God, and it starts when evil is exposed, and the cry of the oppressed gets so loud you have to look at the injustice. Then you know God is in it to execute judgment "... *that the man of the earth may no more oppress*" (Psa. 10:18). Going back to the Civil War, you'll see in three steps how standing up for truth saved the nation, because God entered the fray, shut the mouth of the lion (Dan. 6:22), and laid the groundwork for deliverance and reconciliation.

(1) Confront what is wrong and unjust. Truth falls in the street because it is not heard, and silence is a precursor to greater evil. Lincoln brought the slave issue front and center to expose it. Without the judgment of truth, justice is denied, and there is little incentive for reconciliation. Initially, Lincoln sought a compromise to contain the spread of slavery to other states, but as time went on, he could not be silent about the injustice of enslaving fellow human beings. In appealing to the moral nature of the people, he contrasted slavery to the Biblical principle of equality the Founders put in the founding documents. In many of his discourses, he interspersed Biblical truths to build his case. In his oration against secession, his words were prophetic: "I believe this government cannot endure, permanently half slave and half free. I do not expect the Union to be dissolved—I do not expect the house to fall—but I do expect it will cease to be divided..." With these words, he communicated directly to the soul of the nation that was not possible by standing alone on partisan talking points, established laws of the land, or even the founding documents, but with the Bible he could (Matt. 12:25).

(2) Apply the truth of God's Word to the dilemma. President Lincoln understood the moral imperative brought forth in the struggle. This was very important to the outcome. In his desperate pursuit to preserve the Union and end the war, he stood on moral high ground to bring justice to the enslaved. Slavery could not be justified next to the Biblical principle of equality written into the Declaration of Independence. Thus, Lincoln was left with only one course to pursue: he must emancipate the slaves in the contested states and push for the passage of the 13th Amendment to the Constitution to abolish slavery altogether, and then this one nation under God would survive. And it did, because God stepped into the battle and shut the mouth of the lion (Dan. 6:22), bringing the war to its conclusion. Not until judgement was made to restore the God-ordained rights of the enslaved could there be justice. In liberating the slaves to end the war, Lincoln brought forth both judgment (against the immorality of slavery) and justice (freedom for the enslaved), while promoting peace with the rebel states, thus putting the nation on a path toward reconciliation.

(3) Pursue Reconciliation. From his youth, Lincoln grounded himself in Biblical truths, and the fruit of it is seen in his administration of justice and treatment of fellow human beings. He was wise and good to both his supporters and rivals (Lk. 6:35), one of whom he

appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court! President Lincoln was just as quick to restore the rights of the rebels. Only when both the slaves and the slaveowners were on equal footing with their rights restored could a foundation be laid to repair the broken-down walls. Forsaking malice, he preferred to forgive and restore comforts to taking revenge. And so rather than imputing penalties for treason, as urged by party loyalists, Lincoln stretched out his hand to the vanquished warriors, gave them their horse, and sent them home.

Lincoln must have understood that, in any “reconstruction,” the spread of hatred could only be mitigated if the root of racism was addressed. Unattended, it was destined to create a perpetual battleground to flame the fires of hate and tear the nation apart. Peace would then be left to succeeding generations. This is where we are today and why we are seeing such an erosion of individual rights and liberties. Blaming the opposition and depending upon the political might of the party in power will not restore our rights, for in neither the right nor the left will there be a breakthrough, until we come to terms with the hatred against fellow human beings.

Lincoln was a channel for God’s voice for unity, but His voice was not heard, and judgment came to humble the nation and bring it back to its spiritual roots. Today, God’s voice cannot be heard in the din of discordance, and so, saints of God, His eyes are upon us to start that conversation. What if we turned back the pages of history and told the story of America’s birth, the moral foundation the Founders laid to secure our natural rights, their passage into the Bill of Rights, and most of all, the faithfulness of God in sustaining them through the darkest hours? And what if, embracing moral truths, we appeal to God for the “rectitude of our intentions” like the Founding Fathers did in the Declaration of Independence? Might we not reach many of the rebels crying out for their rights to reconcile with God? This is the subject of the third installment of “Winning the Battle for the Soul of America.” Click here to read ["Standing upon the Unshakeable Foundation."](#)

The Spirit of Reconciliation. As God’s ambassadors of reconciliation, we can be a channel of His voice, communicating mercy and compassion to the fallen (Zech. 7:9), for He is present to forgive them, repair their broken down walls, bind up their festering wounds, and bring revival to a nation that has lost its way. While Jesus rebuked evil, He did not forsake mercy for the two are inseparable. “*Mercy and truth are met together...*” (Psa. 85:10). In His interaction with broken people, Jesus did not accuse them, and often defended them from their attackers (Jn. 8:7), but He did so without berating their accusers, because he wanted to reach out to them too with a word of reconciliation. Thus, “*He will not call out or shout aloud. Nor make His voice heard in the street. A broken reed He will not break [off]...*” (Isa. 42:2-3, AMP). Jesus is teaching us, as fellow human beings, to be empathic to the suffering of victims and perpetrators alike. Who knows, they might hear our voice and acknowledge the truth (2 Tim. 2:24-26). Moreover, their mutual need for mercy might put them on a path to the Savior and the hope of the gospel. Then they will find supernatural power to do what they could not do in themselves, forgive their enemies, and by it alter the trajectory of their life (2 Cor. 5:17, 20). Moreover, their exposure to the rudiments of the world will be majorly blocked, because God will translate them from the power of darkness to the power of light (Col. 1:13) and bring them under the umbrella of His love and protection. (See article, ["Your Homeland Security."](#))

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