

Sticks and Stones

I didn't watch Biden's speech this week but I happened to see numerous posts and comments on Linked-in regarding its content. Forgive me for not calling him President as I have respect for the office but in keeping with Acts 10:34 I have no respect for him...sorry. The photos of him giving his speech were likened Hitler's Reichstag speech from 1939. In it, Hitler made the prediction of "the annihilation of the Jewish race in Europe" would ensue if another world war were to occur. Nazi propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels helped write the speech, which was delivered on the sixth anniversary of Hitler's seizure of power in 1933. The speech lasted between two or two-and-a-half hours. It dealt with both the foreign and domestic policies of the Nazi government.

I must admit from the photos I saw; they appeared a bit ominous and the content of Biden's speech denounced all MAGA Republicans and likened them to being fascists. Fascists are but one of many names the socialists have hurled towards those who profess to have love of God and country. Hillary Clinton used misogynists, right-wing extremists, haters, bigots and universally "racists" for anyone not in alignment with their thinking. Thank God we are not. We have been blessed to have been given and acknowledged God and His Truth. Biden's comments insinuated that the MAGA Republicans were a threat to "our

democracy”, which is fitting as they’ve all forgotten what a Constitutional Republic is anyway.

Getting sucked back into the fray is one of the reasons I try to limit any viewing of Fox News or read any “political” commentaries. The Word of God is the only source of absolute truth that exists and you’ll save yourself a wrinkle or two if you separate yourself from social media and the news. I’m not saying stick your head in the sand, just don’t get “wrapped around the axle” as we always say.

If you look at the definition of “fascist”, the democrat party is the new poster child. At least Merriam-Webster hasn’t gotten around to changing this definition to fit their narrative...yet. They still define fascist as: “a political philosophy, movement, or regime (such as that of the Fascisti) that exalts nation and often race above the individual and that stands for a centralized autocratic government headed by a dictatorial leader, severe economic and social regimentation, and forcible suppression of opposition.” We witnessed such behaviors in the past couple of years by those who support Biden in the riots and burning of cities, censorship, defund the police, BLM, etc. There are a few websites that have now labeled “fascists” as far right-wing extremists. Merriam-Webster had better catch up.

It’s kind of ironic at least but nothing surprises me anymore. With times being what they are and the downward death spiral of our Republic looming ahead, I find

peace in knowing God's plan for those He's called and chosen. With our Christian walk of faith and obedience, we are subject to obeying the law of the land but keep in mind that we must submit to God's law first. It is He Who governs His children. There are many "ifs" in God's Word and they are usually contingent on "us" *doing* "what" He tells us to do. As difficult as it may seem sometimes, "if" we keep things in perspective, we need not be overly concerned, no matter how bad things may seem. We know we have been called out and set apart. If we are called by God, and if we respond by loving Him, we have His sure promise that all things will work together for good. **Romans 8:28**- "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose."

2 Corinthians 6:14-18- "Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and lawlessness *have* in common? And what fellowship *does* light *have* with darkness? And what union *does* Christ *have* with Belial? Or what part *does* a believer *have* with an unbeliever? And what agreement *is there between* a temple of God and idols? For you are a temple of *the* living God, exactly as God said: "I will dwell in them and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore, come out from the midst of them and be separate," says *the* Lord, "and touch not *the* unclean, and I will receive you; And I

shall be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters,” says *the* Lord Almighty.”

Keeping in mind His greatest Commandment: **Matthew 22:36-38**- “Master, which commandment *is the* great commandment in the Law?” And Jesus said to him,” ‘You shall love *the* Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is *the* first and greatest commandment;” Loving God FIRST. It will keep us in “vertical alignment” with His will. The biggest hurdle in doing so is keeping ourselves out of His way. Be obedient in all aspects of life and *live* His Commandments. Trust in Him in all things.

Psalm 56:3-4- “When I am afraid, I will trust in You. In God—I will praise His word—in God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?”

We have been foretold of the things that will come to pass and certainly current events are evident of scripture being fulfilled. This is why nothing that transpires in our society should come as a surprise. The evil lunacy has run amok and it seems there’s a competition on just how absurd one can out do another. It’s almost as if stupidity was a virtue. It really makes me wonder, “what’s next?”

Isaiah 5:20-23- “Woe to those who call evil good and good evil; who put darkness for light and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! Woe unto *them that are* wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! Woe

unto *them that are* mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink: Who justify the wicked for a bribe, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!”

I saw an ad for a new cartoon this week on TV called “Little Demon.” It was first aired last week by none other than Disney, which continues on its path to destruction. The plot is just as evil and demented as its title and involves an unmarried pagan woman who gives birth to Satan’s child. The child is referred to as the “Anti-Christ.” The series features demonic witchcraft, pagan rituals, blood, gore and nudity. Disney has tried to cover all the unholy bases lately and also has a program (for kids) called the “Loud Family” in which the “dads” are two homosexuals. It’s hard to believe Bugs Bunny, Yosemite Sam and Speedy Gonzalez were too racist for younger viewers and the Three Stooges were too violent.

The evil has progressed without consequence for so long there is no effort to disguise itself anymore. It gets so blatantly in your face you’d have to be literally blind not to see it. They’ll continue in their sin unpunished...for a while.

Ecclesiastes 8:11-13- “Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

Though a sinner does evil a hundred times, and his *days* are prolonged, yet surely I

know that it shall be well with those who fear God, who fear before Him. But it shall not be well with the wicked, nor shall he prolong his days, which are as a shadow; because he does not fear before God.”

Ecclesiastes 12:14- “For God shall bring every work into judgment, concerning every secret thing, whether *it is* good, or whether it is evil.”

Psalms 52:6-7- “And the righteous shall see, and fear, and shall laugh at him, saying, “Behold, the man who did not make God his stronghold, but trusted in the abundance of his riches. He strengthened himself in his wickedness.”

How bad will it get and how much more will God tolerate? When will He step in with His wrath? We need not consider that there is any delay on His part. **Matthew 24:36-39-** “But concerning that day, and the hour, no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. Now as *it was in* the days of Noah, so shall *it* also be *at* the coming of the Son of man. For as in the days that *were* before the Flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark; And they were not aware until the Flood came and took *them* all away; so shall *it* also be *at* the coming of the Son of man.”

The return of Jesus Christ is the hope we have for the future. All the turmoil around us should not distract us from growing in grace and knowledge. Besides no one knows the hour or day when this will occur. **Mark 13:31-33-** “The heaven and

the earth shall pass away, but My words shall never pass away. But concerning that day and the hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. Take heed, be watching and praying. For you do not know when the time is coming.”

God is merciful in His patience with all mankind and giving us adequate time for our preparation. We need not be weary in doing good and moving forward on God’s path He has for us. **Galatians 6:7-9**- “Do not be deceived. God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that shall he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh shall reap corruption from the flesh. But the one who sows to the Spirit shall reap eternal life from the Spirit. Now we should not lose heart *in* doing well because we who do not faint will reap in due time.”

We only need to be concerned with our spiritual preparedness and our likeness to His Son Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12- “Now we beseech you, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, That you not be quickly shaken in mind, nor be troubled—neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by epistle, as if from us, *saying* that the day of Christ is present. Do not let anyone deceive you by any means because *that day will not* come unless the apostasy shall come first, and the man of sin shall be revealed—the son of perdition, The one who

opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is an object of worship; so that he comes into the temple of God and sits down as God, proclaiming that he himself is God. Do you not remember that when I was still with you, I told you these things? And now you understand what is holding *him* back in order for him to be revealed in his own set time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already working; only *there is* one Who is restraining at the present *time* until it arises out of *the* midst. And then the lawless one will be revealed (whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth, and will destroy with the brightness of His coming); *Even* the one whose coming is according to *the* inner working of Satan, with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in those who are perishing because they did not receive the love of the truth, so that they might be saved. And for this cause, God will send upon them a powerful deception that will cause them to believe *the* lie, So that all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but who took pleasure in unrighteousness.”

It is obvious that there are so many who no longer love the truth. With what is being taught in churches nowadays is it any wonder? They’re certainly not being taught what His Word says. It’s watered-down bedtime story. That’s why God will begin His judgment in His house. **1 Peter 4:16-18**- “Yet if anyone *is suffering* as a Christian, he should not be ashamed; but let him glorify God because of this, For

the time *has come for* judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it first *begins* with us, what *will be* the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? And if the righteous are saved with much difficulty, what will become of the ungodly and *the sinner?*”

But we have the hope and promises of God’s Word to ensure us of our salvation through the trials we may face in the future.

1 Peter 1:3-7- “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who, according to His abundant mercy, has begotten us again unto a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead; Unto an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and unfading, reserved in heaven for us, Who are being safeguarded by *the* power of God through faith, for salvation *that is* ready to be revealed in *the* last time. In this you yourselves greatly rejoice; though for the present, if it is necessary, you are in distress for a little while by various trials; In order that the proving of your faith, which is much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is being tested by fire, may be found unto praise and honor and glory at *the* revelation of Jesus Christ;”

We must guard our hearts and strengthen our faith. We’ve been warned there will be a falling away from the faith.

1 Timothy 4:1- “Now the Spirit tells *us* explicitly that in *the* latter times some shall apostatize from the faith, *and* shall follow deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons;”

Deceptions from false religions and false prophets will increase and with the present abundance of evil professing to be good, we’d better be anchored to the Rock of Christ. **Mark 13:22-24-** “For there shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and they shall give signs and wonders, in order to deceive, if possible, even the elect. But you, watch out for them! Behold, I have foretold all these things to you. Now in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give its light;”

Again, this will be no surprise. He wouldn’t have warned us if it were not so.

Jude 1:17-21- “But you, beloved, remember the words that were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; Because they said to you that in the last time there would be mockers, who would be selfishly walking according to their own ungodly lusts. These are the ones who cause division; *they* are psychic, not having *the Spirit of God*. But you, beloved, be building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, *So that* you keep yourselves in *the* love of God *while* you are personally awaiting the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.”

2 Peter 3:3-18- “Knowing this first, that in the last days *there* will come mockers, walking according to their own personal lusts, And asking, “Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the forefathers died, everything has remained the same as from *the* beginning of creation.” But this *fact* is hidden from them—they themselves choosing *to ignore it*—that by the Word of God *the* heavens existed of old, and *the* earth came forth out of water and amid water, By which the world at that time, having been deluged with water, had itself been destroyed. But the present heavens and earth are being held in store by His Word, and are being reserved for fire in *the* day of *the* judgment and destruction of the ungodly. Now, beloved, do not let this one fact be hidden from you: that with *the* Lord, one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not delaying the promise *of His coming*, as some in their own minds reckon delay; rather, He is longsuffering toward us, not desiring that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. However, the day of *the* Lord shall come as a thief in *the* night in which the heaven itself shall disappear with a mighty roar, and *the* elements shall pass away, burning with intense heat, and *the* earth and the works in it shall be burned up. Since all these things are going to be destroyed, what kind of *persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, Looking forward to and striving for *the* coming of the day of God, during which *the* heavens, being on fire, shall be destroyed, and the elements, burning with intense heat, shall melt? But

according to His promise, we look forward to a new heaven and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells. For this reason, beloved, since you are anticipating these things, be diligent, so that you may be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless. And bear in mind that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation, exactly as our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has also written to you; As *he has* also in all *his* epistles, speaking in them concerning these things; in which are some things that are difficult to understand, which the ignorant and unstable are twisting and *distorting*, as *they* also *twist and distort* the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction. Therefore, beloved, since you know this in advance, be on guard against *such practices*, lest you be led astray with the error of the lawless ones, *and* you fall from your own steadfastness; Rather, be growing in *the* grace and *the* knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and into *the* day of eternity. Amen.”

With an election coming in November and so many people putting their hopes in a “Republican” sweep and changing things, not to be a pessimist, but perhaps it would postpone an inevitable demise at some point down the road. A pity the citizens of this nation wouldn’t simply repent and turn to God for His Divine Providence and forgiveness. **2 Chronicles 7:14-** “If My people, who are called by My name, shall 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

will heal their land.” But that wouldn’t cost a trillion dollars and no country in the Middle East would benefit, climate change would disappear along with all the alphabet perverts and other abominations.

Our Loving Father in Heaven has called us to a personal relationship with Him. He has called us out from a sinful and lost world. He has revealed His truth to us. Our faith and trust in Him, His nature and faithfulness will determine our actions in the storms to come. Our living faith must go far beyond any lip service or playing church. Our faith and relationship with Him demonstrate what we truly believe.

We know without doubt of His love through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ His Son and His ability to finish His purpose in us and bring us into His Kingdom. If God is real to us, and if He is sovereign in our lives, we will conduct ourselves according to His law and His way of life, no matter what comes our way. We will keep the faith and finish the race. No matter what names they call us, God will call us His *own*. Amen.

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