

Whose Side Is God On?

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Our economy is “locked up,” like a computer short on memory. Small businessmen batten down hatches to weather a “perfect storm” of ruinous taxation and dollar-destroying government deficits. Unemployment jumps. God’s people struggle valiantly, in bellwether California, to cope with depravity mandated by schools and the courts. We wonder How it is that the slothful and degenerate are subsidized by taxes extracted from hard-working mothers and fathers? Whose side is God on anyway?

Like Gideon we may ask “If the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us?” (Judges 6:13). Good question. The answer? God is ever angry with worship of power and sexual convenience and consequent spilling of innocent blood. Israel’s ghastly passing of babies through the fire to Baal, complemented their sexually-charged worship of Asherah, Canaan’s fertility goddess (Jeremiah 19:6). Accordingly, Gideon’s first pro-life task was to throw down his father’s altar of Baal and to chop the phallic Asherah pole into cord wood for a sacrifice to Jehovah, God (Judges 6:25-27). Like Gideon, we first must purge our churches of pollution of power and sex religion that vitiates our witness for life.

America’s churches, commonly feature bureaucratic, king-of-the-mountain tussles of between clergy and lay leaders Further, local church ministry is not infrequently disrupted by sexual scandal within the congregation. In our ecclesiastical enclaves, we pursue failed programs such as the sacrosanct, local Sunday School which, despite its huge cost, has not stemmed a drop-out hemorrhage of over sixty-percent of young people from the local church. Recent research shockingly indicates Sunday School attendees are more likely “to defend pre-marital sex.” 1

Lay leaders, in virtual absence of clergy, have raised up ad hoc pro-life ministries to cope with legalized abortion. Crisis pregnancy centers have been established to minister to young mothers pressured to abort. Sadly, we have proven ineffectual in overturning Roe v. Wade. Similarly, citizens who protest destructive taxes and increased medical costs in the “stealth care” bill are doomed to disappointment.

There is no quick political fix in view. Repeal of this health care colossus, extension of expiring tax cuts in 2011 and a halt to runaway spending are unlikely whatever November brings. Promises to eliminate a plethora of newly minted government agencies would require political capital not even Reagan could raise in 1980 to deep six the Department of Education just set up under Jimmy Carter.

Clearly, as usual, “judgment must [soon] begin at the house of God” (I Peter 4:17). Let us remember that “our God is a consuming fire” (Hebrews 12:29). Death dealers’ works are doomed to destruction, but first Christ will purge His people in judgment (Luke 3:17). We must find alternatives to the failed experiment in State-run schools that increasingly major in practical atheism and perversion. Young couples need fiscal counseling and help, not consumer debt as they get started. May God raise up fiery preachers, like John, to convict this “generation of vipers” (Luke 3:7) of our sins of omission and commission that have set off and still sustain America’s Abortion Holocaust.

God is on our side when His Holy Spirit moves us to repent. We must first repent of our worship of gods of power, sex, and the “Almighty Dollar.” To turn from worship of Mammon, we must repent of our stingy refusal to allocate and righteously administer God’s tithe. The early Church, largely peopled by poor slaves, managed to rescue Roman babies left to die and raised them to be Christians “with aid of the community fund.”² Happily, their ministers were not plagued with the “edifice complex.”

1 Ken Ham & B. Beemer, *Already Gone: Why Your Kids will Quit Church*, Master Books, 2009, p. 39.

2 Will Durant, *The Story of Civilization, Vol. 3, Caesar and Christ*, MJF Books, New York, 1944, p. 598.