

“If The Foundations Be Destroyed . . .”

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The government edict that attacks “Free Exercise” of religion regarding contraception is no fluke. It gives vivid urgency to David’s rhetorical question. “If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?” (Psalm 11:3). Politicians seek to score points with women, using the mantra that health care insurance must fund contraception.

But, national studies show “lack of contraceptive access simply doesn’t seem to be a significant factor in unplanned pregnancy in the United States.”¹ The ugly fact obscured by this contrived, misleading debate is that almost “half of pregnancies among American women are unintended, and about four in 10 of these are terminated by abortion.”² Lest we forget, God still hears the silent screams of these babies, these human sacrifices to the popular gods of sex and power.

Much of America’s alarming foundational collapse can be traced to Lyndon Johnson’s Great Society. Charles Murray notes President Johnson’s “War on Poverty” radically changed public welfare in the United States. The economic result of these money-charged social programs is that ghettoized males are paid not to get jobs, that is *to remain poor*. Teenaged girls in effect are similarly paid to get pregnant!³

We should not, therefore, be surprised that “more than half of all births to American women under 30 are born out of wedlock”⁴ As the New York Times reports, “Much of the increase in unmarried births has occurred among parents who are [just] living together. . .”⁵ This mass exodus from traditional marriage is now aggravated by gay rights activists, in their determined campaign to secure official sanction for “same-sex marriage.” Talk about oxymorons!

The American family is under deadly assault from legal abortion, tax hikes tied to health care, and mismanaged wars. Its future is threatened by local drug dealers and failing schools that alienate their children from God and parents. Family finances are further taxed by gas prices surging over rumors of war. The economy is sputtering, over heated by inflation. Legal abortion still kills millions of Americans under both Democratic and Republican administrations.

Yet, despite these facts, the “sounds of silence” from the pulpit are deafening. Many preachers go with the flow and “prophesy falsely, ... and my people love to have it so”(Jeremiah 5:31). Others, are checked by their laymen, ruling with checkbooks, “saying, Prophesy not ” (Amos 2:12). The solution to this perennial problem, is for God to raise up fiery preachers in answer to prayers, as encouraged by our Lord Jesus (Luke 10:2). John denounced Pharisees and Sadducees as “a generation of vipers” and urged them to “Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance” (Luke 3:7-8). We have Christ’s assurance that even “he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than [John the Baptist]” (Luke 7:28).

Still, God’s people are often confused and discouraged “as sheep having no shepherd” (Matthew 9:36). Some, in retreat, give audience to talk show entertainers who serve up conservative, albeit secular, political commentary. Others engage in the political process to get tax relief from runaway spending by our governmental colossus. Like, Jeroboam’s revolt against excessive taxation (I Kings 12:3-4), these fiscal conservatives may well come to grief in American politics. Further, some become prolife activists, only to be relegated to parachurch status, largely without clerical leadership.

God’s people are well-advised to admit that, like Christian slaves under Rome, we have virtually no political power. This is evident in decades-long failure to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and replace destructive, “War on Poverty” legislation. Nevertheless, we still have power - *through hard work* - to supplant the evil Esaus of our day. God’s plan for revitalization is set forth by Jeremiah. “Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls” (Jeremiah 6:16). This “good way” begins with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob who proved the power of tithe-funded

ministries to transform the *workplace* during their time under sun. Let us also, as we rebuild, “work out.. [our] salvation with fear and trembling” (Philippians 2:12).

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