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if my people

"if My people who are called by My name will 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 heal their land." 2 chron 7:14

we only need to look around at america (and other countries as well) to see that our lands are in need of healing. indeed the earth itself is rebelling against the corruption that is being performed in it.

we who love the Lord cry out from our innermost being, "God, send revival to our land". i received an email just the day before yesterday expressing the apprehension of the violence that might be coming if roe v wade is indeed overturned. we are not ignorant of the ways and devises of the evil one, but their weapons are all physical ones.

no doubt you have heard the adage, "the pen is mightier than the sword". i interpret that to mean "the word is mightier than the sword". Jesus is the Word, the ultimate Word. we must come against their physical weapons with our spiritual ones. we fight in the name that is "far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come." eph 1:21

the battle is raging. the only remaining question is "are we fully equipped?" i have to say that depends on

the individual. are you prayed up, dressed up, and fed up with what the enemy is dishing out?

God's problem today is not with the lost but with His own people. many are pointing to the decay of our culture as being the result of the decline of our moral fabric and the influence of the secular, and often downright godless factors all around us. but i ask again: are you prayed up and repented for the sins of america (or your land)? are you dressed in the full armor of God? are you fed up with the lies and distortions the enemy is trying to shove down your throat?

and so God reveals the real issue is not with "them" but with "us". "why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? or how can you say to your brother, 'let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? hypocrite! first remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye." matt 7:3-5

the body of Christ has to get dressed or we will be found naked and defenseless. i do not think that is the kind of departure Jesus foresees for those who He comes to rapture. it will be a glorious, glowing church. just like it was said that egypt was glad when the children of israel departed, the world will be glad when we depart. "only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way." 2 thess 2:7 some say that restrainer is the Holy Spirit but i believe it is the body of Christ. the Holy Spirit will be here even in the tribulation, saving and guiding those elect

who remain.

i know people now days don't don sackcloth and ashes, but we certainly can put them on spiritually. i think of the marches in our capitol awhile back. i saw people marching and laying hands on the representations for each state. when i pray for america, i remind God of the prayers that have been prayed and the hands that have been laid. i could not join their march physically but the spirit realm knows no bounds. yes, do what you may in the natural but do what you must in the spirit.

He has said, "and you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart". jer 29:13 if believers would spend as much time seeking His face as they do His hand, we would be well on our way to revival. every true revival in history has been born and cradled in the place of prayer.

"if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. if we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us." 1 john 1:9-10 we need to get down to the root cause of it all. and it all begins with the big "me". don't just grumble and complain about everything. He will not clean up our country if we don't begin with our self. "search me, o God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." psa 139:23-24

"the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be

the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?" 1
pet 4:17 another verse i love is: "if you have run
with the footmen, and they have wearied you, then how
can you contend with horses? and if in the land of
peace, in which you trusted, they wearied you, then how
will you do in the floodplain of the Jordan?" jer 12:5

i do not want to weary or waver anyone's faith. what i
say, i say in a spirit of love with an urgency for the
hour. "what I say to you, I say to all: watch!" mark
13:37 be the thorn in the devil's side he has sought
to be in ours!