

Judy's Manna
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All of God's family across the globe is greatly disturbed by the condition of the world today. We in the United States are sickened by the avalanche of calling evil good and good evil. God told us that this would happen in the end times. *"Woe (judgment is coming) to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! Woe (judgment is coming) to those who are wise in their own eyes And clever and shrewd in their own sight! (Isaiah 5:20-21 AMP).* We live in such a world.

Do not despair. There is hope for our nation! *"When the righteous are in authority and become great, the people rejoice; But when the wicked man rules, the people groan and sigh," (Proverbs 29:2).* Dear friends, pray for leaders who honor God to be in authority in our nation. Pray for God to raise up mighty men and women who honor Him to lead our nation and every nation. Let there be rejoicing because godly leaders lead with goodness and dignity.

Actually, the doors have already closed in the United States to proclaim the whole gospel of Jesus Christ. We have only begun to see what happens when God's people stand for righteousness. We are focused on raising up godly leaders to nullify laws that dishonor God.

One way to change laws is called jury nullification. Every jury is to be instructed that if the law applied to the case is not a just law for the case, that the jury can acquit the defendant. Please study "jury nullification." Think of the juries all over the nation who could stand up for God's principles and change laws that have come into effect that dishonor God and are unfair to the defendant. If you are called to jury duty, be certain to inform all of the jurors of jury nullification.

Do we feel like hiding today? *"When the wicked rise [to power], men hide themselves; But when the wicked perish, the [consistently] righteous increase and become great," (Proverbs 28:28).* We must spend time on our knees each day to ask God to

remove any wicked leaders from power. We must pray for God to raise up righteous leaders who will stand for God's principles and operate in His power.

God's Word, the *Bible*, is true. It is inerrant, proven to be true with no errors. If God tells us something, it is true. God tells us: "*The king's heart is like channels of water in the Hand of the LORD; He turns it whichever way He wishes,*" (Proverbs 21:1). When we see leaders behave abominably, we have a difficult time conceiving that this leader's heart is being turned by God. Our job is to speak, to pray, God's Word to Him and know that He will do what He says He will do. We see examples in Scripture of leaders who did not know God making decisions in favor of the Israelites. For instance, in Daniel Chapter Three Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were thrown into the fiery furnace and were joined by a fourth man who appeared as the Son of God and the three Israelites came out totally untouched by the fiery furnace. King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon issued a decree that the Jewish people could worship openly and without fear of harm or discrimination. A leader who does not know Jesus Christ can make decisions honoring God and His people.

We must pray for our leaders to live according to God's principles. "*Loyalty and mercy, truth and faithfulness, protect the king, And he upholds his throne by lovingkindness,* (Proverbs 20:28). All leaders must learn the promises of the Creator of the universe. Realize what happens to leaders who do the opposite of leading with loyalty, mercy, truth, faithfulness, and lovingkindness! We can see how essential are our prayers for our leaders in our fellowships, in our cities, our counties, our states, and our nation as well as for the leaders of the world.

Does our nation function today with the favor of God? "*Blessed [fortunate, prosperous, and favored by God] is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom He has chosen as His own inheritance,*" (Psalm 33:12). Our nation can be favored by God again! We must select leaders whose lives reflect God's principles, whose conversation honors God always. We must not select leaders who cause us to wince as they speak because they are dishonoring God in their speech and way of living. God is raising up leaders in our nation who honor Him and are being groomed in statesmanship, so that once again the United States will be highly regarded among the nations.

How then should we pray? *"First of all, then, I urge that petitions (specific requests), prayers, intercessions (prayers for others) and thanksgivings be offered on behalf of all people, for kings and all who are in [positions of] high authority, so that we may live a peaceful and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This [kind of praying] is good and acceptable and pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who wishes all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge and recognition of the [divine] truth. For there is [only] one God, and [only] one Mediator between God and mankind, the Man Christ Jesus,"* (I Timothy 2:1-5). Let's write this verse on a three by five card and carry it with us along with the next verse, **Matthew 28:18-20**. We know that God hears and answers our prayers. Let us become like James, the brother of Jesus who did not even believe in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord until after the Resurrection, but who became known as "knuckle knees" because he spent so much time on his knees in prayer.

Most of all, we must raise up leaders who will allow us to carry out the instructions that Jesus gave us. *"Jesus came up and said to them, "All authority (all power of absolute rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations [help the people to learn of Me, believe in Me, and obey My words], baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always [remaining with you perpetually—regardless of circumstance, and on every occasion], even to the end of the age,"* (Matthew 28:18-20). We must pray for our leaders to reverse decisions that go against God's basic principles. The primary freedom that we must continue to keep in prayer is the freedom to teach the message of God in Christ Jesus. When Jesus Christ enters a heart, the principles of God are written on the heart as well. The answer to every question is Jesus Christ. The signs of today point to the imminent catching away of His people into the air (I Thessalonians 4:17). We must proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to everyone while we are still here on earth!

I would be so pleased to hear from you, to learn how prayer for our nation is taking place in your area and to learn how you are addressing the issues that face followers of Jesus Christ today in the work place and in every area of life.

My heart to yours,

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