

He Who Has God's Heart Has God's Arm!

By Bill Johnson



As we consider the condition of our world in 2022, how can we miss the reality that it has seemingly become a much “smaller” place than we once knew (or thought we knew) - particularly those of us who have lived even just before 1990.

With the advent and popularity of the cell phone (even now widely in the hands of teenagers - rightly or wrongly), we have the latest news right before us. Killings, riots, sexual sins, government corruption, innuendo, fake news/factual news (who can tell the difference at times), vaccination mandates, the Wuhan lab speculations, shut-downs, elites lying and never being prosecuted, the January 6, 2021 protestors jailed without being tried or charged contrary to the rule of law, financial concerns, elevated prices on goods and services, violence on the streets of major cities in blue states, etc. This impersonal mode of communication also sadly enhances rapid-fire, divisive response.

Also, we are all cognizant of the fragile nature of our existence, let alone our constitutional legitimacy, as it has been targeted by leftists for generations. In addition, to name just one massive, unaddressed weakness, most have heard of the vulnerability of our national electrical grid that can be taken down by a nuclear device exploded in our atmosphere destroying circuitry in electrical and digital devices and appliances, affecting

automobiles, heating and air conditioning systems, medical equipment, our monetary holdings, etc. Our elected officials have ignored years of congressional hearing reports and warnings, including from such even-handed experts as Dr. Peter Pry (who served on the EMP Commission and worked for the House Armed Services Committee and the CIA). It has been estimated that such a strike could potentially take the lives of up to 90% of the American people within a single year, as rebuilding our electrical infrastructure would take years.

Meanwhile, national security experts also warn that the Chinese have been unleashing a non-kinetic battle strategy ("Unrestricted Warfare") thereby avoiding the destruction of the American infrastructure. However, American globalists have imagined China to be our friend and that they would over time embrace capitalism.

So much more could be said at this start of the year about our culture's and our nation's vulnerabilities. But, the biggest vulnerability is often the least addressed: our own lives and our families! For the matters I've laid out above, there is not so much that we can put our own hands to. But, there is a lot that we can do in regard to our personal lives! Do you agree?

As we begin a new year, I wonder how many reading this have started the year re-

newing their discipline of reading the Word of God, daily.

I start off this way because God makes it clear in His word that "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done unto you." (John 15:7)

God isn't saying that He's a vending machine. As we abide in Him, our desires are aligned with His. God tells us in His Word that He desires fellowship with you. He is available! When I think about that even for just a moment, I realize that that truth is central to our lives as Christians - no matter what our situation or circumstances.

One of the early things that I learned as a young Christian was the need for that reality to take place in my life. I saw a quality in Jan's parents that I wanted; I saw their faithfulness. I asked God to help me.

There are many warning signs all about us. Christ tells us stay alert. "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." (Matthew 25:13) No matter our circumstance, we have a faithful God who seeks our faithfulness and worship. Let us grow in our faithfulness to Him in being in the Word and in prayer. Puritan William Gurnall wrote long ago this always timely reminder: "He Who has God's Heart has His Arm!"

Personal Note from the President



From early morning December 29 through early morning January 11, my 2-year-old German Shepherd Ridley was gone. It happened when I let Ridley out in the morning as I do every day while all is quiet and there's none of the usual farm traffic.

Two seconds after he stepped out the door, I heard another dog bark and thought, "Oh no, there is a dog out there." It was my son's dog who's hardly ever out at that time of day, but when the two are loose together it usually means they are OFF and on the run. They have always come back on their own after a couple of hours, although they had been gone as long as 3 days.

As the days passed, and my son's dog coming home without Ridley, I felt the outcome wasn't going to be good; especially with the recent temperatures with wind chills below zero. Then, I heard through Facebook that he was seen next to a main highway, with high traffic. I dreaded the thought.

That prior evening and that morning, January 11, I was heavy-hearted as I had answered a call to go out about 6 miles away where Ridley had been seen walking down the railroad track. The woman who had called me was concerned that the pads on his feet might be raw from the miles of continual walking that he had been doing and how careless he seemed to be regarding traffic.

It looked hopeless and I was getting weary of open doors closing, one after another - coming up on him while I was searching and seeing him running off into the forest and hearing that dogs on the loose can revert to a self-preservation instinct and avoid those trying to help them. So I thought how can I possibly catch him? I was even in con-

tact with a local trapper who only reinforced my thinking.

And that's where my faith comes in. To tell the rest of the story I need to tell you the following. I have been a Christian since 1970 and I take my faith seriously. That means I trust God to listen to me and my prayers. I also know that I need to PRAY and listen to Him. I have been doing that for a long time and in a world where many don't seem to give much time to God or His Word. God showed me long ago when He saved me out of a pornography addiction (1970) that He does change lives and walks with those who seek His face and seek Truth.

So that morning of the 11th, I was deeply frustrated and troubled in my heart, soul, and mind. I was up at 3:30 in the morning reading my devotions and praying. Jan got up with me at 4:15 and was also praying and reading the Bible and a few Christian writings.

I said, "Jan can I talk with you for a few? I am really struggling. It just seems like Satan is attacking me and trying to pull me apart. Ridley's seen over there. I go over there. Nope, not there anymore. Well, he was for a few days. Now he's over here. Then I see him and he sees me from a distance and I call out to him and he runs into the woods. Now he's over there and it's freezing and he is always on the move. And now he's not there anymore either.

"Am I out of God's will?" When will I know that I just need to give up? He's not a human being. He's a dog! Do I care about people in the same way as this dog?

I had prayed strongly and passionately for God to help me get Ridley back. But, here is the question: "Was I making an idol out of Ridley?"

In that early morning hour, I shared with Jan (we are nearing our 52nd anniversary) a few things that I had read: *"God considers all his creatures, but the believing soul is an object of his choicest love – even the love with which he loves his Son.*

"When a soul believes, then God's eternal

purpose and counsel concerning him – whom He chose in Christ before the foundation of the world – is brought to term. Can you imagine the love God has for a child He has carried so long in the "womb" of his eternal purpose? If God delighted in His plan before He spoke the world into being, how much greater is his delight to witness the full fruition of his labor – a believing soul. Having performed his own will thus far, God will surely raise all the power He has in that believers behalf, rather than be robbed of his Glory within a few steps of home." [William Gurnall, The Christian in Complete Armour]

As I was finishing up this brief reading, I thought I heard a sound outside. Then I thought it could have been a whine. Jan didn't hear it, but then I said "let me check the front door." I turned on the light and there looking longingly up at me was Ridley!

I opened the door and he came bounding in whining with joy as if to say "I'm home! I'm home!" I couldn't believe what I was seeing. Nothing had pointed to him knowing how to find his own way home. But, here he was: RIDLEY! I began to weep like I haven't for a long time, waking up our grandkids who were staying the night with us. They came running out of their bedroom with my grandson putting his arm so understandingly around me.

The question I was discussing with Jan was answered: Am I out of God's will? I fall far short of what I ought to be but God is gracious. HE WHO HAS GOD'S HEART DOES NOT LACK FOR HIS ARM. (William Gurnall)

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First Conference of 2022: Lesser Magistrates

By Steve Huston



As Christians march boldly into this year we may not know exactly what to expect, but we can be sure there will be political challenges. It's important that we meet **every** challenge, including political ones, with Biblical, God-honoring responses.

For this reason, you do not want to miss out on our first conference of the year; it's cutting edge! **Join us Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 7 PM at the American Decency building** (203 E. Main St. Fremont, MI) to hear Pastor **Matthew Trewhella** educate, stir, and encourage those in attendance on the Lesser Magistrate doctrine.

Are you familiar with the term "lesser magistrate?" Many of our readers are likely unfamiliar with this lesser known Biblical doctrine or its practical importance for today. Pastor Trewhella helps to define lesser magistrate for us:

"A magistrate is a person clothed with power as a public civil officer—whether executive, legislative, or judicial. As the title implies, a lesser magistrate is one who possesses less power than a higher magistrate."

"The duty of the lesser magistrate is to uphold that which is right in the sight of God and to protect the people where his local authority or function resides. This is a sacred duty. We define it as sacred because it is founded in Scripture and proceeds from God."

"Lesser Magistrates are not to just unquestioningly do the bidding of the higher authority. State governments, for example, were never intended to be mere conduits or implementation centers for Federal government regulation, law, and policy as they have become today."

"Lesser magistrates, by virtue of their office, constitute lawful authority. When the

lesser magistrate stands against unjust or immoral law made by a superior; his actions benefit those under his jurisdiction, as well as the nation as a whole.

"Simply put, the lesser magistrates provide order when the superior authority acts unjustly or immorally, and its abuse of power needs to be quelled."

Lest any are concerned that this is a call to rebel against God-ordained authorities at any whim of man, let me assure you that **neither the lesser magistrate's duty nor the defiant stand by those under his/her localized authority is something to be taken lightly.** This is not a new doctrine; men of God throughout time have appealed to lesser magistrates, imploring them to follow God rather than man.

"The lesser magistrates in America today need to be reminded that a magistrate who upholds or follows an unjust or immoral law becomes complicit in the higher authorities' rebellion against God. Salisbury rightly declared in Policraticus: 'Loyal shoulders should sustain the power of the ruler so long as it is exercised in subjection to God and follows His ordinances; but if it resists and opposes the divine commandments and wishes to make me share in its war against God, then with unrestrained voice, I answer back that God must be preferred before any man on earth.'"

We find ourselves in such a situation today. Many of our lesser magistrates, like Esau of old, have sold their power and authority for a bowl of pottage. In doing so, they have sold those who they are meant to protect into a form of shackles and tyranny as well. **It's time for us to find out which authorities are for us, and which are against us,** implementing unconstitutional and unbiblical federal or state policies.

Some have raised a question regarding Paul's call to be "subject unto the higher powers." Does Romans 13 really teach unlimited obedience to the state? What about the limitation clauses found in verses 3-4? The ruler is to reward good and punish evil. As we witness those in authority reverse

their responsibilities, punishing good and rewarding evil, it is our duty to obey God rather than man.

In light of Romans 13, let's recognize a few more things. **First**, remember that God is the highest power. **Second**, the law of this land is not a person(s); but rather, it is a document called *The Constitution of the United States of America*. When any magistrate – executive, legislative, judicial – attempts to go against these laws and compels the people to do likewise, they act lawlessly and are attempting to move the people to unrighteousness as well. Christians must, with gratitude and praise, be thankful for God's Word and for the blessing of this Constitution which we are bound to uphold, as it represents Biblical values, freedoms, and responsibilities. **Third**, there are many Biblical examples of godly men who did not simply bow to the powers that be. A few such examples would be Daniel praying at his open window three times daily (Dan. 6), the Hebrew midwives who did not kill the Hebrew male babies (Ex. 1), and Paul escaping over the wall in a basket to avoid capture (2 Cor. 11). None of these gave unlimited submission to the authority at hand; choosing rather, to fear God.

"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." Without vigilance, duty, and right Biblical thinking guiding them both, the precious God-given gift of national liberty will be lost to the evil machinations of men. Even then, in all that we do, we must do it in the name of Christ and to the glory of God.

We urge any who are close enough to attend, clear your calendar for this important event! If distance is a factor, plan to order the DVD in order to be informed and to share this vital information with others.

February 10 is sure to be a time of learning, discussion, and growing in grace as Christ is glorified. We urge you to look for those in authority who will stand righteously; pray for and encourage them to be Biblically bold!

For more information on this topic visit us at www.americandecency.org or got to Matthew Trewhella's www.defytyrants.com.

Man or Machine?

By Chris Johnson



Of the Biblical doctrines that the church has failed to teach in the last hundred years or so, the one most sorely missed in today's culture is the recognition of the universal dignity of man, based on the revelation from Genesis that mankind is created in the Image of God. Human life is uniquely valuable because each of us, individually, are reflections of our Creator.

It is no accident that issues relating to the meaning and purpose of what it means to be human have been the primary battleground of the "culture wars" since the rejection of the Christian vision in the Enlightenment period.

What we see now all around us in the self-righteous offensives of the radical left – the insistence on using preferred pronouns, the rejection of traditional gender roles, the drag queen story hours, the trend of identifying as "queer," the classification of abortion as "healthcare," even the looting of private business and law enforcement's decision not to prosecute such offenses, are the result of a gaping sinkhole where the foundation for universal respect of the Image of God in individual humans ought to be.

This sinkhole first opened up when Jean Jacques Rousseau's philosophy rejecting a Divine origin for morality for a morality based on an individual's un-tempered emotions gained popularity in the 1700s.

Yet, when our nation's founders declared independence from Great Britain, they still held the assumptions of human morality handed down to them from the Christian academics of the Middle ages. This vision is clearly reflected in the Declaration of Independence: *"that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights..."*

Even in this carefully crafted document, though, we can see the crack at which liberalism has pried to separate us from those rights. They are not founded in the permanence of God's Word according to the Declaration, but in their "self-evidence." And much of today's society no longer finds these basic human rights so obvious.

This is made clear in the way that one judge who attended the most prestigious law schools and rose through the court system to be respected enough to be selected for the highest court in the nation, Justice Sonia Sotomayor, speaks of humanity in the recent hearing regarding vaccine mandates: "What's the difference between this and telling employers, where sparks are flying in the workplace, your workers have to wear a mask? ...*Why is the human being not like a machine if it's spewing a virus...?*"

The doctrine of Imago Dei gives no ground for such a question. The advent of this virus does not mean we now look at our fellow humans as dangerous machines rather than rational, intelligent, and creative beings with unalienable rights, capable of analyzing evidence and drawing their own conclusions.

This contrast of visions for humanity, morality, and how we look at and treat each other draws attention to the dramatic loss our culture has experienced from a weak church neglecting to teach important doctrines like this - opting to rub out lines of contention between Biblical teaching and popular culture rather than drawing bold lines of differentiation saying, "God told us to do things differently."

In reading Deuteronomy, my attention was drawn to a passage that had not stood out to me before. After Moses reminds the children of Abraham of the Ten Commandments in Deuteronomy 5, he concludes the chapter by telling them why He gave them the law: "...that you may live, and that it may go well with you, and that you may live long in the land that you shall possess." This is the effect of God's people living according to God's law. A couple of verses into Deuteronomy 6 he adds, "that you may multiply greatly."

This is not an individual promise, but a conditional promise to God's people as a nation, but then Moses gives this warning, *"When the LORD your God brings you into the land that He swore to your fathers... – with great and good cities that you did not build, and houses full of all good things that you did not fill... – and when you eat and are full, then take care lest you forget the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. It is the LORD your God you shall fear..."*

It strikes me that that is the position we are in now. We are not Israel coming into Canaan, but we have inherited the most advanced and the most prosperous society that the world has ever known, and most of it we have not built ourselves. We have succumbed to the same temptations of prosperity of which Moses warned Israel: *"Take care lest you forget the Lord..."*

This is perhaps most evident in how we have stopped recognizing the Image of God in ourselves and our fellow man. The LGBT movement's central tenant is the right to remake ourselves in *our own* image. One of the foundational arguments for abortion rights is rejecting the humanity of preborn infants, if not accepting it and denying that their humanity even matters. And this argument by Justice Sotomayor lays bare the central issue of conflict regarding the Covid-19 response. It has always been about recognizing the self-evident rights we have as individuals made in the Image of God. If the right to decide what drugs you are injected with is not self-evident, nothing is.

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Canada Outlaws Preaching and Counseling About Homosexuality

By Chris Johnson



On January 7th, the rulers of Canada took counsel together, against the LORD and His anointed, saying, “Let us burst their bonds apart and cast their cords from us.”

That may be a paraphrase of their actual conversation, but it’s a quote from Psalm 2. On January 7th, Bill C-4 took effect in Canada after receiving no dissenting votes in the parliamentary process. C-4 is a law banning “conversion therapy,” which means, as the bill so loosely defines the term “conversion therapy,” a Biblical counselor, pastor, or even a parent could be imprisoned for up to five years for counseling someone to resist these urges.

Here is what is outlawed in Canada’s new bill: “a practice, treatment or service designed to

- (a) change a person’s sexual orientation to heterosexual;
- (b) change a person’s gender identity to cisgender;
- (c) change a person’s gender expression so that it conforms to the sex assigned to the person at birth;
- (d) repress or reduce non-heterosexual attraction or sexual behaviour;
- (e) repress a person’s non-cisgender gender identity; or
- (f) repress or reduce a person’s gender expression that does not conform to the sex assigned to the person at birth.

The bill goes on to make clear that counseling to accept homosexual attraction and behavior is not targeted in this bill.

I wasn’t being hyperbolic in comparing Canada with the rulers mentioned in Psalm 2; the bill’s preamble explains the justification

for it: ... conversion therapy causes harm to society because, among other things, it is based on and propagates myths and stereotypes about sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, including the myth that heterosexuality, cisgender gender identity, and gender expression that conforms to the sex assigned to a person at birth are to be preferred over other sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expression...

What the Canadian government is calling a “myth” in this statement is the Bible’s expression of God’s intention for human sexuality. Recall that in speaking of heterosexual marriage which requires two “cisgender” individuals, Paul had this to say in Ephesians 5: “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.”

In rejecting God’s intention for sexuality, the Canadian government is indeed saying, “Let us burst Their bonds apart...” Of course, “the Lord laughs in derision.”

In response to the enactment of this law, the Liberty Coalition Canada published an open letter to Canadian churches requesting that they unite in rebellion against this act of defiance against God by preaching “a sermon that specifically proclaims the Biblical truth that homosexuality and transgenderism are serious sins condemned by the law of God that exclude a sinner from salvation without repentance.”

Here is their, I think wonderful, description of the need for this action: “Our King and Head is greatly displeased with our MPs for their sinful disregard for the spiritual and eternal well being of Canadians. But it is important to note that they have also committed high blasphemy by referring to biblical teaching as ‘myths’ in this legislation. We all must therefore tremble to consider what terrifying judgments will be visited upon our nation for this bold gesture of hatred towards the most high God. May the bride of Christ commit herself to mourning, fasting, and crying out in solemn prayer for forgiveness for the sins and worldliness in

the church of Canada that have led to this calamity.”

Canadian pastors did not stand alone on January 16th, the first Lord’s day after the bill had passed. Well-known Pastor John MacArthur not only preached a sermon in solidarity with Canadian ministers, but called on other American pastors to join as well.



Here is a portion of his letter to other pastors: “Our united stand will put the Canadian and the U.S. governments on notice that they have attacked the Word of God. We are all well-aware of the evil power and destructive influence of the homosexual and transgender ideology. Our government is bent on not only normalizing this perversion, but also legalizing it, and furthermore criminalizing opposition to it.

In 2012, California passed Senate Bill 1172 banning ‘gay conversion’ (alongside New York, New Jersey, and Nevada). In doing this, the California government sought to prohibit any correction of an unbiblical view of sexual identity, because ‘California has a compelling interest in protecting the... wellbeing of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals.’ And on August 18, 2020, the Democratic Party declared at the National Convention that it would ‘ban harmful conversion therapy practices...’

Thank God for pastors like John MacArthur, James Coates (who was earlier imprisoned in Canada for holding church during Covid lockdowns), and the Liberty Coalition Canada, for their boldness in rejecting tyranny in a God-honoring way. To learn more about honoring God and defying tyrants, you can read about an opportunity to attend an event we are hosting on this subject on page 3.

May we be equipped to live as saints in the days to come!

When the Wicked Rule

By Lisa Van Houten



The headlines tell the story: “Smash and Grab Crime Wave Spreads Across U.S.” “Career Criminal Suspected in Grisly Stabbing Death of UCLA Grad Student”. Lawlessness is escalating in the U.S., and when lawlessness goes unchecked, civil society crumbles. In 2020, the U.S. saw the highest-ever increase in homicides since the FBI began tracking those statistics – up nearly 30%. In 2021, the trend continued with a dozen major U.S. cities setting homicide records. In addition, cities have been hit by a wave of “smash-and-grab” robberies, where organized groups of looters attack store employees and steal thousands of dollars in merchandise, costing U.S. retailers \$65 billion a year. Yet, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot blames the retailers for robberies, stating they should do more to protect their stores. Biden’s press secretary, Jen Psaki, blamed Covid as the “root cause” of looting and Nancy Pelosi says “there is an attitude of lawlessness in our country that springs from I don’t know where.”

Perhaps, Madam Speaker, the policies you and your party espouse have something to do with it: defund police, eliminate bail, reduce felonies to misdemeanors, open the southern border to millions of unvetted illegals, dismiss BLM and Antifa rioters as “mostly peaceful protests.” And, one of the actual root causes, other than the ultimate cause: sin reigning in the hearts of mankind, is the breakdown of the family. Leftist policies encouraging welfare and unwed motherhood have given us a massive percentage of fatherless young men and dysfunctional families.

Mix it all together and the end result is the proliferation of violent crime boiling over in the cities of America, while repeat offenders are released over and over again. Why would prosecutors sworn to uphold the law, undermine it? Many of them are

tied to one man – billionaire leftist/atheist, George Soros. For years Soros has used his massive wealth to transform the U.S. and has brazenly revealed his globalist objectives, stating: *“The main obstacle to a stable and just world order is the United States.”* Richard Poe, co-author of the book, *“The Shadow Party: How George Soros, Hillary Clinton, and Sixties Radicals Seized Control of the Democratic Party,”* writes: “Soros’ private philanthropy, totaling nearly \$5 billion, continues undermining America’s traditional Western values. His giving has provided funding of abortion rights, atheism, drug legalization, sex education, euthanasia, feminism, gun control, globalization, mass immigration, gay marriage and other radical experiments in social engineering. ... Through his global web of Open Society Foundations, Soros has spent 25 years recruiting, training, indoctrinating and installing a network of loyal operatives in 50 countries, placing them in positions of influence and power in media, government, finance and academia.” Soros also influences the election of leftist secretaries of state in battleground states, who typically oversee the state’s election process. It’s no surprise that Michigan’s own secretary of state, who oversaw the fraudulent election practices in Detroit in 2020, is Soros-backed. Michigan’s leftist Attorney General Dana Nessel, who has done so much damage in our state, is also Soros-funded.

In recent years Soros has also set his sights on undermining the criminal justice system. Soros understands that law and order undergirds a civil society. Remove the rule of law, and the people will lose faith in our system of government, making it easier to deconstruct and remake America into his leftist ideal. Soros has been funneling millions of dollars into local district attorney races across the country, seeking to elect DAs who will implement “soft-on-crime” policies, where criminals aren’t prosecuted, violence escalates, and civil society crumbles. It has often been said that to rebuild the moral foundation of our nation, we must start from the bottom up – building strong families grounded upon the Word of God. Soros is seeking to *tear down* the moral foundations of America from the bottom up,

starting in cities and towns all across the nation.

For example, in California alone, Soros has pumped millions of dollars into the election campaigns of radical district attorneys such as L.A.’s George Gascón and San Francisco’s DA, Chesa Boudin, who previously worked for the Venezuelan socialist dictator Hugo Chavez and is the son of two Weather Underground domestic terrorists. In Chicago, Soros spent \$2 million to fund Chicago DA Kim Foxx’s re-election and in 2016, Soros also spent \$2 million in a local sheriff’s race to help elect leftist Paul Penzone in Maricopa County, Arizona, (a county which made headlines over voter fraud charges in the 2020 presidential election). New York’s recently elected DA Alvin Bragg, who announced **he will no longer be prosecuting most crimes including armed robbery**, is also Soros-funded.

So, what’s happening as a result of these elections? As these Soros-backed DAs undermine the legal system, showing more empathy for the perpetrator than the victim, violent crime is soaring as criminals are sent the message that they won’t be prosecuted. Leftist policies such as the elimination of bail and the reduction of most felony crimes to slap-on-the-wrist misdemeanors have demoralized the police force who know that even if they arrest lawbreakers, they’ll be released. **Essentially, most crimes have now been legalized; unless you actually kill somebody, you will be back on the streets within hours.** It’s a very deliberate plan to undermine the rule of law and ultimately our constitutional republic.

Yet, Soros and the Left are not just seeking to throw off the restraint of man’s law, but ultimately God’s law – on which our legal system is based. God’s Word tells us that a nation that honors God’s law will be blessed and history tells us that those who don’t are often destroyed from within. When a person or a nation turns away from the true God, seeking to become a law unto themselves, the Lord removes His protective hand. As those in authority sow the wind of lawlessness, we will all reap the whirlwind. (Hosea 8:7)

Second Class Citizens

By Steve Huston

SECOND CLASS CITIZENS

The idea of second class citizens, or, those seen as less worthy of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, has, throughout history, ended with devastating results. What else could one expect when denying that ALL men are created equal and, more importantly, created in the image of God? It is such thinking, spurred on by evolutionary theories, which led to the genocide of the Australian aborigines, American slavery, and Hitler's attempt to exterminate the Jews, to name a few.

“Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it” is a statement attributed to several; regardless of the source, its truth is unmistakable, devastatingly so when it comes to denigrating a portion of society in the eyes of others. Have we learned from history? Perhaps the better question is what have we learned from history? History can either be a warning to avoid dangers or a blueprint of how to accomplish tasks, for good or for evil. What are we witnessing today?

For too long we've listened to leftist politicians, media personalities, and others get away with describing conservatives, Christians, and those who stand for their constitutionally protected rights and freedoms as **sub-human**—“dregs of society,” “deplorable,” etc.; **demonized**—these people are not only subhuman, they are a danger to the rest of us, “a pandemic of the unvaccinated,” labeling concerned parents as “domestic terrorists,” and January 6 detainees as “insurrectionists;” **censored** by the media and medical/scientific disciplines—heaven forbid that the truth or a contrary view be told which supports those who dissent from the party line; and finally, **criminalized**—making laws which help keep the second-class citizen in their place and thereby creating a common enemy, which takes the centralized thinking off the would-

be oppressor and separates their opposition from civil society. Remember, what happened in Nazi Germany was “legal,” even though it was never moral. The above highlighted troubles often lead to imprisonment and potentially extermination. Boldly and objectively ask, “Where are they leading us?” and “Why?” Let us take the words of Auschwitz survivor Marian Turski to heart, *“Auschwitz did not fall down from the skies.”* We must wake up and recognize where we may be headed; prepare spiritually, physically, and build lines of connectivity among like-minded individuals.

The McAlvany Intelligence Advisor well asks: *“Why are elites seeking to delegitimize, demonize, and even criminalize the conduct of those who oppose vaccine mandates, election fraud, or other actions taken by the current administration? If governments successfully create a sub-class of individuals (“domestic terrorists”), where might this ultimately lead?”*

There are many who believe the development of second-class citizenry couldn't happen in America; particularly not the brand that we have been hinting at in the above sections of this article. Recognize with me that the groundwork has been laid, there is some call to build upon it, and in some cases it is being implemented.

Rasmussen recently conducted a poll with results that pre-COVID could not have been believed. However, with the continual demonizing, unconstitutional mandating, and fear-mongering, these results which point to an increasing acceptance of a **denial of free-speech, free-thought, and self-governance** are marching along a road to tyranny. How long before Congress recognizes the public support for unconstitutional second-class citizenry and imposes it upon our country, denying their oath to uphold the Constitution which was given to protect every man, woman, and child? Here are a few of the results (as reported from The Daily Signal):

* Fines against those who refuse to take the vaccine were viewed favorably by 55% of Democratic voters and just 19% of Republicans, and 59% of Democrats favored a policy requiring unvaccinated people to stay

inside their homes at all times, except for emergencies.

* Forty-five percent of Democratic respondents favored the government forcing people into “designated facilities” until they get the vaccine—a measure opposed by 71% of all voters.

* Twenty-nine percent of Democratic voters said the government should take people's children from them if they refuse to get the COVID-19 vaccine, a measure viewed favorably by 7% of Republicans and 11% of unaffiliated voters.

We've already witnessed a form of medical second-class citizenry where there has been a denial of services (sometimes a matter of life or death) unless the patient was willing to be vaccinated.

Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA) says that January 6 defendants have been treated “worse than we treat terrorists in Gitmo.” She stated, “What's happening to these people being held in custody is wrong, it's unconstitutional, it's a violation of their rights, and it is an abuse that I call on every member of Congress to pay attention to.” The representative from Georgia concluded her lengthy report, *“The congressional visit to the DC jail on November 4 unquestionably proved that there is a two-track justice system in the United States. This two-tiered system is not based on race, violence, or conviction of crime, but politics.”*

Early on I urged you to prepare spiritually; that is of supreme importance. If we continue down the road on which we are being corralled, America—the one of freedom and liberty which our founders formed and protected with a beautifully crafted Constitution—will be no more. If you are a true believer, you have a citizenship in heaven which surpasses the citizenship of any nation on earth. Your hope, strength, wisdom, and salvation flow from that heavenly kingdom and it grants you the ability to walk with boldness in truth and love and to discern truth. Hide God's Word in your heart while you still have it; grow in grace and stand firm, being watchful. Call out to God with assurance, remembering the theme of this newsletter: **He who has God's heart has His arm.**

I'll Take, "What is a Woman for \$200"

By Lisa Van Houten



As of this writing, the current *Jeopardy!* champion is on an impressive 37-game winning streak, amassing over \$1.2 million and is being touted as the highest-earning female contestant in the show's history. There's only one problem – "she" is actually a he. "Amy" Schneider, whose parents named him Thomas, obviously has a brilliant mind, but all the makeup, pearls, and surgery in the world does not make him a woman. For weeks, the gameshow has fostered this delusion, marching in lockstep with the brainwashing that the cultural elites are foisting upon us. In spite of biology, anatomy, chromosomes, and DNA, this man in a dress is actually a woman, we're told, and we must affirm, even applaud, his self-deception. We are truly living in Orwellian times. In Orwell's novel "1984" the statement that $2 + 2 = 5$ refers to a society that is indoctrinated by the Party to accept obvious falsehoods as true, just as we're told to accept the lie that gender is fluid.

This insanity has permeated the culture. In just the last few months the first "woman" to become a 4-star general in the Public Health Service is a man, a record-setting swimmer on the University of Pennsylvania women's swim team is a man, and just recently the winner of the Best Female Actress award at the Golden Globes was – you guessed it – a man.

Any advancements women have made in breaking that proverbial glass ceiling are being erased by men – except these men wear dresses or, in some cases, women's swimsuits. A male student at the University of Pennsylvania, who now goes by the name "Lia" Thomas, announced that he is now transgender and joined the women's swim team in 2021, after swimming for three years on the U of Penn men's swim team. He has been crushing the biological girls he competes against – smashing pool

and program records. Parents are furious and their athlete daughters are demoralized. One girl on the swim team stated she hopes that when she has children, she only has boys *"because if I have any girls that want to play sports in college, good luck. [Their opponents] are all going to be biological men saying that they're women."* Defenders of female athletics are demanding that the NCAA and the university put an end to this madness. "At stake here is the integrity of women's sports," they argued. "The precedent being set -- one in which women do not have a protected and equitable space to compete -- is a direct threat to female athletes in every sport." As one mom stated: "All you expect is a fair chance. There is no chance this year. They train hard but know that they can't beat 'Lia'."

Calling yourself a woman, and even taking testosterone suppressants, doesn't undo the biological differences between male and female bodies. Men have greater lung capacity, muscle mass, and longer arms to name just a few of the advantages men have when competing against women in athletics.

Of course, the genetic differences between men and women doesn't mean one is superior to the other, but it does demonstrate that being a woman is more than just wearing female clothes and makeup. There are physical, mental, and biological distinctives in the way God designed each gender: from a woman's nurturing impulses to a man's protective instincts – right down to a woman's softer, more delicate skin compared to a man's thicker, rougher skin. Remember back to your school days; did you ever notice the difference in how boys and girls carried their books? Girls typically carried them in their arm against their chest, as they would a baby; boys would carry them down by their side, swinging their arm. We are different in design, but equal in worth. The notion of transgenderism is an attempt to deny the authority of our Creator. ***"But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, 'Why have you made me like this?'"*** Romans 9:20

Yet those who've succumbed to this rebellious delusion desperately need our love and

compassion. The current cultural narrative equates love with affirmation of their chosen identity; however, the Word of God says love and truth go hand in hand. II Timothy 2:25 tells us that "the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, ... correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth." We must be kind without compromising.

In December we hosted speaker Laura Perry from First Stone Ministries. Laura rebelled against God and her Christian upbringing and began living as a transgender "man." Laura shared the testimony of her praying mom who never stopped loving her, but also never affirmed her "male" identity. God worked through her mother and the prayers of others to draw Laura to Him and she de-transitioned back to living as the woman God created her to be. [On the enclosed response card you can order a DVD of Laura's powerful testimony.] Laura and the others at First Stone Ministries work to lead those caught in LGBT lifestyles to freedom in Jesus Christ. You can find out more about their great work at FirstStone.org.

Research is now demonstrating what Laura and all Christians already know – living in rebellion against God and His purpose for us will not lead to contentment. Studies show that years after surgically altering their bodies to look like the opposite sex, the suicide rate is 20 times higher than average. The website SexChangeRegret.com has drawn thousands of people who regret having attempted to alter their biology. Our polite silence is not doing the lost any favors; we need to witness to the true transformation which comes only through the saving work of Christ.

