

## IT DOES MATTER, OR DOESN'T IT?



Ruins of a Once Great Society

### THE ACCEPTABLE CONDITIONS?

The present conditions make for unacceptable problems which are finding greater acceptance. We are living in an **ever-expanding mental, moral, and social swamp**. We are being led deeper and deeper into the murky darkness by much of the media. What we ought to know is **not rightly reported**. The well-entrenched power structure **has great control**. It is determined to take even greater control in the immediate future, *in the name of "caring."* It will mean the loss of *a healthy American Constitutional Supreme Court*, the **devaluation of human life**, confusion as to what it means to be **God's**

**man or woman**, the failure to rightly prosecute criminal acts of those in power, our vanishing influence for good to other nations, neglecting to rightly care for **our military, our veterans, our local police**, and the continuation of our **open and insecure borders**, to name just some of the issues. Add to this the contamination of morality which makes for the *approving* of that which is wrong, *attacking* that which is right, and *abandoning* historic ethical common sense. Public laxity and apathy about the religious, educational, sexual, governmental realities do not encourage correcting our course. Such leads to the deterioration and loss of our good foundation on which we can build. "This know also, **that in the last days perilous times shall come**. For **men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy...**" (2 Timothy 3:1-2).

### THE ASSURED CONSEQUENCES!

These are the ingredients for troubled people in troubling times. "Woe unto them **that call evil good**, and good evil; that put darkness for light,

and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter" (Isaiah 5:20). "We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of health, and behold trouble" (Jeremiah 8:15). The absence of **TRUTH**, the presence of **ERROR**, the absence of **LIGHT**, the power of **DARKNESS**: "He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the Name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and **men loved darkness** rather than light, because their deeds were evil" (John 3:18-19). "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for **whatsoever a man soweth**, that shall he also reap" (Galatians 6:7). Those who mock will someday be shocked.

### THE APPROVED CHOICE

What should a person do? Follow God's Word which is meant to bring you to the only God and only Saviour (Isaiah 43:11; 45:21-23). He alone can **save** your soul and **satisfy** your heart: "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be

as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18). "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. But they said, We will not walk therein" (Jeremiah 6:16). "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore **CHOOSE LIFE**, that both thou and thy seed may live: that thou mayest love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest obey His voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto Him: for **HE IS THY LIFE**, and the length of thy days" (Deuteronomy 30:19-20). "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the LIFE: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me" (John 14:6). "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name" (John 1:12).

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