

WHERE ARE WE HEADED?

Unless you have completely isolated yourself from TV, the Internet, newspapers and news magazines, you have surely asked yourself many times, “Where are we headed?” The media makes us painfully aware that we live in troubled, or even “perilous times” (2 Timothy 3:1). Muslim nations, looking upon Israel as “little Satan” and the U.S. as the “great Satan” have expressed desire to wipe both off the map. ISIS is expressing its Islamic hatred of those claiming the Christian faith by subjecting them to beheading, torture, and the burning of their church buildings. In our own country there is a growing threat of terrorism, while cities burn supposedly due to racial tensions. Spiritually and morally, our nation has largely marginalized God. We have put Him out of our schools and public buildings, while we have ignored His laws, relying upon the Supreme Court of the USA to decide in favor of the torturous death of infants in their mothers’ wombs, and redefining marriage to include same-sex marriage.. And that includes Christians. Some openly declare that Christians “must” change their teachings on sexual morality, one even claiming that Christians prioritize what he calls “scattered messages of ancient texts over all that has been learned since—as if time had stood still, as if advances of science and knowledge meant nothing.” Furniture tycoon Mitchell Gold reportedly said, believes Christians must be made “to take homosexuality off the sin list,” adding, Politicians, have made similar assertions. As former Reagan-administration-adviser Pat Buchanan observed, “The LGBT militants are not asking to be left alone. They are demanding that we accept the morality of homosexuality and same sex marriages and manifest that acceptance under pain of law and sanctions, in our daily lives.” Bakers, photographers, floral shops, etc. are already being sued and fined for refusing to join celebrations of same-sex weddings.

All of the above is distressful, but most of all it is most troubling when those who call themselves Christians surrender to the world’s demands,, not only condoning same-sex “marriage,” but even celebrating it. Others simply are standing by, hoping the nightmare we are having will simply vanish. As our national moral conscience weakens, so do “Christians’.” It is as Jesus said, relative to the time of His return, “Because iniquity abounds, the love of many shall wax cold” (Matt. 24:12). Churches water down their teachings to make them more palatable to the sensuous public, but still find church-membership and attendance still declining. Only about 20% of Americans are thought to attend worship services on a regular basis, WHILE 80%find other activities more pleasurable. It is understandable when Bible-believers desert unbelieving churches, but, sadly, they remain “unchurched.” All the while, Islam is growing, and atheism continues to advance in numbers, especially among the young, largely due to the imposed doctrine of evolution as explanation for creation. Even some ministers, still in pulpits, deny the reality of the God they pretend to serve.

Where are we headed if we continue on the present course? Let God’s word’ tell us: “The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God” (Psa. 9:17). Only repentance, and a return to the God of our fathers, will prevent the inevitable. Change will not come from the secular society until change first comes from the nominal church. God made a promise to His people, and I believe it still holds true,

when He said, “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land” (2 Chronicles 7:14). We are responsible for where we are headed. Which way are YOU headed? --Ron