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Editor's Note: The following article is Chapter Five from a new book by Pastor Jackson Morro, called The Kingdom at Hand. If you'd like to order a copy of the book in its entirety, free of charge (donations accepted, but not necessary), write and request from Christ's Chapel, PO Box 3182, Fall River, MA 02722, or email pastormorro@faithontheearth.com.

Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the Gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." So writes the evangelist Mark in the first chapter of his gospel.

We cannot understand the ministry of Jesus and what God the Father was trying to say to mankind unless we understand the Kingdom of God. Jesus' passion was to proclaim and incorporate the rule of God among men. Jesus paid with His own life of obedience, even unto death on the cross, to establish this Kingdom where anyone could enter if they would repent and believe.

In The Kingdom at Hand, Jackson Morro explores the meaning and the reality of this Kingdom where Jesus now rules.

THE KINGDOM PRAYER **by Pastor Jackson Morro**

We read in the Gospels that at one point the disciples of Jesus came to Him and said, “Lord, teach us how to pray.” It’s interesting that they didn’t say, “Teach us how to preach” or “Teach us how to minister.” They had seen Jesus pray often; many times He would leave them and go apart to pray. Many mornings they would wake up and see that Jesus was already awake praying. Many times He had spent the whole night in prayer. The disciples instinctively knew that Jesus’ rich prayer life with the Father was what made things happen. Everything Jesus did seemed to flow out of His prayer life and the disciples wanted to learn about this power of prayer. Jesus responded by giving them the “Kingdom pattern” for effective prayer.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 6, we see a pattern of prayer that Jesus taught His disciples. It’s traditionally called the Lord’s Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13). Perhaps it should be more appropriately called the Lord’s pattern for prayer, or even better, the Kingdom Prayer. He told His disciples to pray “in this manner” or “in this way.” I don’t think Jesus ever meant this prayer to become just a repetition or formula. In John’s Gospel, Chapter 17, we see Jesus in personal prayer, in what’s known as the High Priestly Prayer where He went to the Father and defined the New Covenant benefits He was purchasing for us as He was about to go to the cross. Some preachers feel this prayer in John 17 would more appropriately be called “the Lord’s Prayer.”

However one may feel about the proper place of John 17, we do see in Matthew 6 a defined pattern for effective praying in the Kingdom of God. The prayer is not meant to be a repetitious formula, because all effective prayer must go from our heart to God. But Jesus obviously meant for us to be aware of His own pattern of Kingdom praying. The prayer is part of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus’ charter for the Kingdom of God.

Let’s look at the Kingdom Prayer:

1) Jesus starts out by addressing Almighty God: “*Our Father Who Art In Heaven.*” Jesus calls the Almighty Creator and Source of all life by a special title—“Father” or “Abba” (actually a “dad” or “papa”). Jesus was saying that we in the Kingdom of God are in a very special relationship with the Almighty Creator. We are not “just another part of creation,” but through Jesus Christ we are children of the Almighty Creator. He is our Father—the Source of life, protection, provision and wisdom.

Some years back on Father’s Day, I was speaking to a Sunday School, a Children’s Church, that Christ’s Chapel used to conduct at one of our city housing projects. Most of the young people were teenaged boys—only a few girls used to attend. Some of these young men had already had tough lives. Most were from single parent families. For some, their earthly fathers had already died. I told them that whether or not they still had an earthly father, they have the security of having a Heavenly Father, a perfect Father who will never make a mistake in their life. They have a Father who knows the number of hairs on our head, and a Father who will make sure we have what we need every day.

2) Jesus then said of God, “*Hallowed (or “Holy”) Be Your Name.*” Jesus shows us that when we come to God in prayer, we don’t just rush in and start asking for things, but we take time to show Him honor, thanks, appreciation and fellowship. We honor

Him and treat His name as holy. There are three characteristics of holiness: a) that which is holy is infinitely separated from and superior to any limitations of created things; b) that which is holy is totally untouched by sin or evil; c) that which is holy is driven and compelled to exercise redeeming love toward that which has been broken by sin. So first of all, in the Kingdom of God, we acknowledge that Our Father is *the Holy One*.

3) Jesus continued, *“Thy Kingdom Come; Thy Will Be Done On Earth As It Is In Heaven.”* Jesus taught a basic principle of the Kingdom in Matthew 6:33: “Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these other things will be added to you.” Jesus shows us that when we pray, we should *always, always, always* desire God’s will first and foremost in any and every situation. When we go to God in prayer, we should always pray for God’s perfect will in our lives and the lives of others, and even that God’s perfect will be done in every situation on earth, for that is truly when God’s Kingdom will come on earth. 1 John 5:14-15 tells us God guarantees a “Yes” to every prayer that we pray that’s in His will. We must always remember that it is also always God’s perfect will to save, redeem, heal and make whole because in Heaven wholeness, provision, peace, and health are the “state of affairs.” God’s Kingdom touches earth with the very quality of salvation and healing that is fulfilled in Heaven.

4) Then Jesus says, *“Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread.”* If we seek God’s Kingdom first, He promises to meet all our needs. If we’ve prayed for God’s will and Kingdom to come, then we can *confidently* expect our needs to be met. Jesus also said we ask for our daily needs because God wants us to take one day at a time. He made us in a way that we are best when we focus on today and trust Him *now*. We handle one day at a time best. Implicit in the word “daily” is that in the Kingdom, it will be an ongoing, unending provision even though we receive it one day at a time. God is faithful today, and when tomorrow becomes today, we’ll find out He’s still faithful.

5) *“Forgive Us Our Debts (or Trespasses) As We Forgive Our Debtors (or Those Who Trespass Against Us).”* We have all sinned against God—and sin can block our prayers from being answered. But other people have sinned against us. So, another block to getting prayer answered is hatred, unforgiveness, or the holding of grudges. Prayer produces a spiritual pipeline between God and ourselves. Our prayers go through that pipeline and God’s answer come back through that same pipeline. Jesus tells us that our unforgiveness or the grudges we hold are like corrosion that narrows or even blocks the pipeline. Forgiving our enemies cleans out the pipeline and God promises to keep His end of the pipeline clear by forgiving us when we forgive others.

6) *“Lead Us Not Into Temptation, But Deliver Us From Evil.”* Of course, we know from scripture God will never tempt us or lead us into evil. James 1:13 tells us God cannot be tempted and He cannot tempt anyone. The proper translation is more “Do not let us be put to the test,” or “Do not let us choose a path that will turn out evil, but stop us.” If we’re going to go down a road that’s bad, dear God, slam the door in our face to stop us, so we’ll not make a mistake.” In other words, protect us and guide us as we travel the roads of life, and don’t ever let us “get in over our head” so to speak.

7) Finally, *“For Thine Is The Kingdom And The Power And The Glory Now And Forever. Amen.”* We acknowledge the Kingdom belongs to God (though He has

given it to us). We acknowledge to God that He really rules everything (the *Kingdom*); He is the One who really makes things happen (the *Power*); and all life and creation comes from Him (the *Glory*), both right now and for all eternity. So be it.

The Lord's Prayer, really the Kingdom Prayer, is the pattern for successful prayer. It is a model, not a repetitious formula. It was how Jesus Himself exercised Kingdom Power on earth. It is how Jesus invites and instructs us to exercise Kingdom Power also.

Editor's Note: The following is excerpts from an email written by Christopher Dart of Connecticut, who, in prayer, is presently pursuing a worldwide prayer chain both for pastors in these end times and for a great revival to take place among God's people. He has been a friend to me for several months, as we pray for one another and share our burdens. I like to share some of what he writes in his emails.

A CALL TO PRAYER by Christopher Dart

(Email #1)

I have a prayer request I wish for you to attend to. In view of my own humanness and that of the other wonderful saints in the church I request we pray one for another. My request is not just to pray for our infirm relatives to be healed but to pray for our Church to be victorious.

In our seeking God for victory, I ask that you also pray for me to be victorious. I must be victorious as I pray for you to be victorious. Satan will throw everything at us to cause us to stumble.

It has come in startling clarity the victory our small flocks will have with simple consecration to Christ along with an abiding, loving relationship in prayer and communion. We pray, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as in heaven."

We can expect no less than revival, which involves joy and maturity in believers and the salvation of unbelievers. We can expect men being drawn to our fellowships as to a fire. Certainly, nothing less can happen when we all become consecrated, walking in the Spirit, having the mind of Christ, realizing each other as the temple of the Holy Ghost.

Along with our vibrant life in Christ, we can expect the onslaught of the enemy for he wants nothing less than to destroy our testimony. It is true, he has helped many ministries appear hypocritical and irrelevant with no valid testimony. It is our testimony that destroys the works of the devil. Yes, the blood of the Lamb destroys the works of the devil. The blood of the Lamb enables our testimony. The devil will stop at nothing to destroy our testimony.

We need to pray, individually, in secret to be consecrated; for the will of God to be done in us, individually; for the kingdom of God to come in us, individually.

Here's my main pitch: May we please pray, corporately, to uphold one another to be consecrated, prayerful, loving of our Lord and doing what He says? May we pray in such a way that our goal must be our transfiguration from glory to glory by the Holy Ghost as we behold the glory of the Lord in prayer. May we please pray that we make our love relationship with Jesus primary?

It should be no secret that Satan wants us to do many things apart from loving Jesus as we behold His glory. The more we behold His glory, the more we will

become like Him. The result will be the most dynamic display of truth in our very lives.

Please make the above prayer request no secret but manifest in all of our fellowships so that we may exhort one another and of others save with fear, pulling [them] out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

(Email #2)

I try to put myself in every Christian's position: To empathize with their worldly state. Recall the sketch of the child being offered an ice cream cone by the devil. The ice cream cone is compromise. I'm not too far from that, as I must, to the fount, fly. Shall I consider myself fortunate that I have a secret place, by the wood stove, in the basement, where I can retreat at this early hour to seek the face of God? The fact that I'm motivated and disciplined to fasting and prayer is simply the grace of God.

Due to various offenses of the Church, I believed, 14 years ago, I was wrong and became complacent, myself. It takes the devil little time to lead an uncommitted Christian into a life of sin. That happens to be the condition of the Church. As you grieve, so should all other Christians grieve over the state of the Church,

So many Christians have not read the Bible and know not what is entailed in gazing into the glory of God, as in a glass, being thereby transfigured into that very glorious image as by the Holy Spirit. The fact is, they must be taught. Many are truly desirous of being with Jesus, yet don't know how to overcome the flesh. Certainly, that is not taught in the higher teaching institutions and thus, not in the Church.

I believe I am the fragrance of Christ, I have the mind of Christ and am the temple of the Holy Ghost. That's true by theory. I must consecrate myself to God for that to be realized. I must embrace brokenness. I must keep my body under for the Spirit of God to triumph in my life (this is my prayer, this morning). Jesus is irresistible to those He calls. As I intercede for the Church, He puts me into the position of enticing the spiritual appetite of those He calls. They must find me to be nothing of my pathetic self but Jesus Christ. I need give no laborious sermon but just a statement to encourage, exhort and compel them to prayer and consecration (this is my request to the Father).

Editor's Note: This article was found in The Good News Today (Rhode Island) and on a few website publications.

THE EVANGELICAL SUBCULTURE **by Jim Baumgaertel**

Two Different Conversions

When I became a follower of Jesus Christ I underwent two different conversions, although I didn't realize it at the time. First, I was converted from my old life into the Body of Christ by reconciliation with God through Jesus. Hallelujah! At about the same time I bought into the Evangelical Subculture under the false impression that it WAS the Body of Christ. It took me years to realize the difference between the two.

I had been aware of "Christendom": that worldly religious structure consisting of political and economic empires and bureaucracies, both Protestant and Catholic, that had fought religious wars and undertaken crusades to retake the "Holy Land", that had burned people at the stake, that continued to preach false Christs and false

gospels of works, and that continues to talk about the counterfeit unity called Ecumenicalism.

But I had not understood the nature of the Evangelical Subculture, that is a part of the worldly structure of "Christendom". This subculture has its own organizations and institutions, denominations, parachurch organizations; its own magazines and radio stations and TV networks; its own schools and colleges and universities; its own celebrities; its own music industry and book stores; its own marketing and advertising worlds.

Like Joining a Club

The tragedy of the Evangelical Subculture is that people who have a sincere desire to follow Jesus get side tracked into a zeal for being a part of this worldly system. It is like joining a club. The club member begins to wear the clothes and trinkets bought at the "Christian" book stores; watch "Christian" TV and listen to "Christian" radio; buy the latest fad books that sweep the "Christian media"; subscribe to the "Christian" magazines; worship the "Christian" celebrities; use all the latest jargon promoted in the latest books by the celebrity authors.

A cult-like mentality develops among people who see this Evangelical system as identical to the Body of Christ. Their zeal is for the trappings of the subculture. It is its own religion. If someone tries to point out the unbiblical nature of some aspect of this subculture people will take offense because you are criticizing their religion. The subculture becomes the message. The "gospel" that people preach is for conversion to the system, not really to Jesus Christ.

The Subculture, Institutionalism, and Deception

The pop culture of Evangelicalism feeds on institutionalism, denominationalism, "non-denominational" institutional church organizations, and the professional clergy system. The professional clergy and their church organizations, in turn, find an indoctrinated constituency to fill their pews and programs. Both the subculture and the institutional churches turn a relationship with Jesus and his people into a participation in a religion and a lifestyle.

This Evangelical Subculture has played a major role in setting professing Christians up for deception. It seduces people to think and act like the subculture instead of reading the Bible for themselves and deriving their understanding from the Bible. It has been this subculture that has infected the Evangelicals with psychology, self-esteem, political action and social activism, unity at the expense of sound doctrine, mysticism, and cult attachments to gurus, movements, and organizations. Ultimately, the end of this deception is a merging of the Evangelical Subculture with the global counterfeit religious vision.

We ought to be content with the simplicity of following Jesus and being the Body of Christ together with those the Lord provides for fellowship, according to the teachings of the Apostles in the New Testament.

Editor's Note: Evan Schaible's sermons can be found on youtube.com and sermonindex.com. You can do a search for his name.

THEOLOGY AND UNITY **by Evan Schaible**

In recent times I have seen amongst dear brothers and friends a very tragic scenario played out, something of which we read in the first epistle to the Corinthian church when Paul makes a staggering accusation calling the brethren there carnal.

Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul? (1Corinthians 1:12-13)

Recently there has been a resurgence of the study of theology. This in and of itself is not a bad thing and is actually a sign that a near revival may in fact be on the horizon as a hunger for the apostolic faith always precedes and results in historical revival. So the hunger for a return to the apostolic way is actually a sign of the times as we can expect a great reviving of the church of God before the return of Christ to set up His millennial kingdom. However, the saddening thing is that we have not just witnessed a hunger for truth; we have also seen a sharp division, if not actual and vivid, hidden and vague. The division may not be in causing visible sects and groups; the division may very well be a sectarian mindset that leaves us mentally divided and maybe even unconsciously anathematizing certain brethren simply because their view of this or that thing differs slightly than ours.

The saddening thing is that we have many people who are strikingly similar to aspiring cult leaders. The classic mindset of unity in the essentials has been lost in our uncanny ability to major on the minors. The forest has been lost in our microscopic examination of why certain birds prefer to nest in birch tree rather than willows. I think it is time we take a step back in retrospect and find out where exactly we lost our love for the forest and the other observers, even if they may disagree with our limited knowledge of the intricacies of each point of study.

I have said before that the modern church is like the ancient Greek Areopagus, always searching for that new idea. Sadly the new idea, and each modern theological development is in actuality a step away from true apostolicity. Rather than seeking the new, we need the old. Jesus said, "No man having tasted the old wine straightway desires the new." So the question has to be asked whether or not the ones we see constantly seeking the newest strain of popular thought have actually tasted of the old time apostolic reality. When we cut through the hazy fog of complicated theology and regain the simplicity that is in Christ, returning to a sense of the vital reality of God, division disappears with our insatiable appetite for the newest doctrinal development.

Never in history have we seen such a shift in the doctrinal winds; and never in history have we seen such a large number of influential men and women get blown

away with the winds. It seems that as the westerlies of heresy begin to blow, we are hearing in greater number the snap of sails blown taught as the spinnakers of man's wisdom cause many an immature believer to crash into the rocks of confusion and division. We must learn again to rightly divide the truth so that we don't wrongly divide the church.

So we must be careful to heed the words of scripture rather than reasoning with them. In our systematizing we have become hearers of the word, but not doers. We have lost the preciousness of the words of Christ. Jesus said that the doctrine is known to be true if we are doers of the word. So let us concentrate on the classic words of the hymn, "Trust and obey for there is no other way." One day someone will pick up the Bible and simply believe, and when they do, all of our perceived intelligence and presumption will be squashed by a demonstration of power, rather than simply a dry and powerless logical progression.

So often we can fall into the error on the left hand of leaving all theological and doctrinal study behind us, and we can just as easily fall into error on the right hand and develop an elitist attitude thinking that we have it right, and because of our sound hermeneutic and solid exegesis, we have to prove to everyone else that our theology is the correct system.

Romans chapter 1 is a searing chapter that pronounces its woes upon every single man and woman that has ever lived, as Paul later in the same epistle tells us "all have sinned." While we often expound upon the more prevalent sins mentioned in this chapter, very rarely will anyone mention one particular sin, and when it is mentioned, the cry of legalist, and misinterpretation are quickly used as a pacifier for a pricked conscience.

After pronouncing many piercing anathemas, Paul goes on to point out some specific sins when he says that these people are "Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers..." Tragically most Christians confidently proclaim this as a description of a unregenerate man, but when the tiny little word "debate" is brought forth as a characteristic of unregeneracy, heels become bruised as many formerly confident Christians lean back on them seeking for some way to justify their insatiable appetite to be right.

The reason, I believe, that debate is herein mentioned is solely this: debate is an utterly selfish practice that seeks to prove itself right, and often holds no regard for the other, with the occasional exception of a mention of "Boy, I am glad we can debate this and still have unity at the end, even though we disagree." This, to me, is a ludicrous justification for an otherwise sinful practice. Coming from one who used to constantly debate theology, and every time was grieved, in the back of every mind after a debate concludes is one of two things:

1. Boy I sure wish so-and-so could see that his theology is wrong.
2. Boy I sure wish that so-and-so could see that my point of view is right.

Oh dear brethren, this anti-Christ mindset is the hindrance to a heaven born revival. Do you seek proof for that statement? The Moravian revival came when a group of squabbling men came together in unity. I think rather than ruffle our feathers at each other, we should seek God and soar like eagles.

It must be mentioned that reasoning is much different than debate. I can reason with a sinner about the existence of God, or the cross of Christ, but if I find myself debating with them, I stop myself, backtrack to pick up the pieces and start over.

Reasoning can often be another mask to endeavor to cover up a sinful contentious spirit, and this too must be guarded against. We have to surrender our intellects to God, and allow Him to shape our understanding, and when this is practiced, then no longer will we have divisiveness, but we will be shown to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

If we claim to follow a triune God, then we should, as the body of Christ, be united one to another. Is it not strange to you that many who profess to follow a God that is three and yet one, perfect in unity, are divided? This is not an accurate portrayal of the God we profess to follow, and if it is not soon stopped than the world will continue to scoff and see us as merely a Sunday morning cultural phenomenon, rather than the culture shaping organism that the church is meant to be.

The following appeared in an email to Andrew Strom's subscribers. Information on how to be on the list follow the article.

HOW TO SURVIVE THE DEPRESSION **by Andrew Strom**

For many years we have been warning of a coming economic crash in America. And since 2006 we have been warning specifically of the HOUSING crisis - and the recession and depression that would follow. You will notice that everything we have been predicting is now coming true. In fact, a number of the most respected economists now state that the USA is already in Recession - beginning in December 2007. Sadly it is going to get much, much worse.

I remember one place that I preached in 2006, predicting that there would be a housing crash followed by an economic depression. There was a man smirking and laughing down the back of the room. I guess that smirk may be missing now.

I want to get into "How to Survive" the coming Depression in a moment, but firstly I need to paint a picture of some of what is ahead. My strong belief is that, particularly in America, this crisis is going to be WORSE than the GREAT DEPRESSION. And it is going to last for YEARS. Other developed nations such as England, Ireland, Spain, Canada, Germany and even Australasia are going to be very hard-hit also. China, India and much of Asia will be pounded at first, but I believe will recover faster. All of this is already underway.

How bad is it going to get? I believe that Christians in America need to face the fact that they are about to live through one of the WORST 5 - 7 year periods that this country has ever seen by far. And they need to be preparing NOW. We have not even seen the beginning of the worst of this crisis yet.

I know that there are people who have heavy mortgages – some who did not listen to me months ago when I started warning about the housing crisis. Sadly some of these people are already staring down the barrel of losing everything they own. In fact, millions of American Christians are about to become utterly destitute. A lot of "innocent" and not-so-innocent people are going to get caught out by this. And many ministries that rely on "big money" are going to get crushed.

At the end of the day, this entire thing is a judgment on the great idol of Mammon in this country. God is going to bring that idol down. He is going to smash it to pieces, and separate His true gospel from that of the Mammonites in the church. And woe unto those who get caught under that avalanche when it falls.

Sadly, many poor and underprivileged people in this country are already being affected. We need to have a heart of compassion and be reaching out to these as

things grow worse. (By the way, speaking of avalanches, you may remember my warnings about “Derivatives” and the need to watch the “Insurers” of the markets. Already these areas are extremely shaky, and the danger of an “economic tsunami” is high).

HOW to SURVIVE and EVEN THRIVE

There is only one type of Christian that I believe will survive – and maybe even thrive - during the coming Depression - and that is the Christian who is ministering actively to the POOR. It does not matter how much gold or US T-bills you store up. It is only “heavenly treasure” that will do. Do not expect to do well if you only selfishly consider yourself and your own family. Those who are ministering to the poor and needy I believe have a chance to literally THRIVE in this situation, while those who “hoard to themselves” can expect God’s great displeasure. He is simply not going to put up with it any more.

The other thing that will make all the difference is a strong linking of arms with several others of LIKE MIND. This too is very important. If you are part of a home group, then this may be fairly easy to do. Talk to them about it. Come together in a strong bond of unity between, say, four families or individuals. But watch carefully how you choose. These relationships need to be able to survive a prolonged crisis. You may end up LIVING with these people (very likely). And they need to be a good fit ministry-wise also.

These two things - 1) Linking arms with a small close-knit group of Christian believers, and 2) Ministering actively amongst the poor and needy - these two things will make all the difference. And we need to start doing this NOW. Don’t wait until the crisis suddenly worsens. That may be too late. Start a “free meal” in your town. Do something! The hour is late.

I believe this is an opportunity for the true Church to come forth and display the Glory of Jesus in this nation - like a beacon set upon a hill. This crisis could be the Church’s finest hour - if only we will heed His call. Let the true Church be the one to shine - not the Red Cross, not FEMA. May God’s true remnant come forth in this hour to display His compassion and glory to all the earth. It could be the making of the American Church - it really could.

Everything I am telling you in this email is so critical, I literally do not know how to stress it enough - it is that vital. There are going to be people who ignore what I am saying here who will literally regret it for the rest of their lives. No joke. You can mark it down.

Some ignored my warnings about the housing market to their great cost. Others are going to ignore the two things that I am stressing most strongly here - (1) Banding together in small close-knit groups, and (2) Ministering to the poor. And it is going to cost them almost everything.

But this is all I can do - cry aloud and hope that some will listen.

Please pass this on to other Christians who hope to survive the coming crisis, my friends.

God bless you all,
Andrew Strom

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1. The T.V. is my shepherd, my spiritual growth shall want.
2. It makes me sit down and do nothing for the cause of Christ because it requireth all my spare time.
3. It keepeth me from doing my duty as a Christian because it presents so many good programs that I must see.
4. It restoreth my knowledge of the things of the world. It keepeth me from studying God's Word.
5. It leadeth me into the paths of failure to attend the worship services and doings of the Kingdom of God. Yea! though I live to be a hundred, I shall keep on viewing my T.V. as long as it will work. For my T.V. is my close companion, its sound and pictures, they comfort me.
6. It preserveth entertainment before me and keepeth me from doing important things with my family. It filleth my head with ideas that differ from those set forth in the Word of God.
7. Surely no good thing will come of my life because my T.V. offers me no time to do the will of God and I will dwell in my spiritual poverty forever.

QUOTES FROM DAVID WILKERSON'S BOOK AMERICA'S LAST CALL

Note: This book came out in 1998 and it is just as pertinent, if not more so, today.

"I tell you, the American dream is going to turn into the American nightmare! It will happen suddenly, without warning – and no one will be able to explain how or why it happened. There will be sellers only, with no buyers in sight!"

"Many Americans – including Christians – see our country as an island of abundant prosperity and endless security. They firmly believe America can't be affected by the economic turmoil and disasters we see falling on other nations around the world."

"The fact is, God's ways are absolutely unchangeable when it comes to his dealings with sinful nations. There is no shadow of turning in his ways; he works the same way in every generation – because he is just. In short, he will deal with our generation in the same way he has dealt with every other generation that sinned as we are sinning."

"I have a question for you: What ails our American society? How can our whole nation party, dance, drink and be saturated with entertainment, while thousands of babies are being aborted? What kind of disease has so blinded our nation that the president could veto a bill outlawing doctors from sucking out the brains of babies just weeks before they're born? What horrible sickness allows our society to continue merrily in its sordid pleasure-seeking, while the elderly are being assisted in suicide? America is under siege by an army of abortionists, pornographers, drug pushers, murderers of the elderly, coming at us from all corners of the earth. And yet, only a few prophetic voices can be heard!"

“There is one thing that’s as certain as night and day: When stately nations, populous societies or booming cities shed the blood of the just and the innocent, God turns them into ruinous heaps.”

“We know of Sodom’s terrible end – and scripture shows us that America is fast becoming another Sodom. In ancient Sodom, homosexuals came out of their closets and became activists, casting a demonic spell over an entire generation of men and boys. They grew politically powerful, controlling everything. And Sodom became the world’s gay capital – a society so vile, wicked and crazed with violence that its sins thundered throughout the heavens, filling God’s holy environment with a hellish cry.”

“But, like Sodom, America will not change. Militant homosexuality is going to keep advancing unchallenged, and sin will reign.”

“At this time in America’s history, many Christians have become liberal and loose in their moral values. They indulge in behavior that just a few years ago would have made them blush.”

“Today God sees prosperity and abundance pulling his bride away from him. She’s growing more and more earthbound – richer, more comfortable, less mindful of Christ. And now the Lord must move quickly to wean her back to himself.”

“The fact is, God alone controls the economies of this world. Contrary to all modern thinking, our financial well-being isn’t ruled by the wisdom of humans. Only the Lord, who upholds all of creation by the word of his mouth, determines the destinies of nations – economic and otherwise! And he commands: ‘Thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee the power to get wealth...’ (Deuteronomy 8:18)”

“Yet, suppose our government does all these things. Suppose it passes such laws of godliness – and suddenly America possesses a form of godliness. Suppose the land is purged of casinos and porn shops, the murder rate is reduced, abortion is no longer allowed. Homosexuals aren’t granted special privileges, and the Ten Commandments are allowed back into our courtrooms, schools and prisons. I ask you – would that stop the judgment of God? No! Unless there is an awakening of the heart – unless Americans call upon God because we’re convicted of grieving him by our wickedness – our judgment will merely be delayed!”

“Just before the Great Depression of the 1930s, America went through a period called the “roaring twenties.” It was a loud, sensuous, wicked time in our nation, when people wined and dined profligately, bought fur coats in excess, and spent the modern equivalent of \$200,000 on automobiles. America’s leaders assured everyone our future was going to be glorious. They said, ‘We see fifty years of prosperity ahead – with two chickens in every pot, and two cars in every garage!’ But overnight, the dream ended. Everything crumbled into dust. Why? We misread the times! We said, ‘God must be with us, because we’re blessed and prosperous.’ But America’s boom days ended suddenly. And, beloved, today we are misreading our times of blessing as well!”

