



# BIBLE NUGGETS

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### America: Your Canary is Dying

#### The Canary in the Mine:

Coal miners of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and early 20<sup>th</sup> century would traditionally take canaries in cages down into the mine with them. The birds would act as an early warning system for carbon monoxide gas. When the canary singing the miner would know that he has to escape the chamber he was in. The gas is odorless, colorless, and tends to replace the vital oxygen molecules in the bloodstream, which keeps actual oxygen molecules from reaching organs and tissues. However, canaries react quickly to the gas, warning miners visually by fainting and audibly by no longer chirping. The "canary in the coalmine" is now a well-known phrase, used to refer to early indicators of potential hazards. America, are you listening?

#### The Jews: The Canary in the Mine:

The Liberty Bell is inscribed with a quote from Jewish Scripture (Lev. 25:10). "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto the inhabitants thereof." All doctrines of the sanctity of human life, of justice, equality and freedom, all have their origin in Jewish Scriptures. Tyrants have overwhelmingly been aware of the uniqueness of Jewish history this is the root cause of anti-Semitism around the world. We must recognize that, throughout history, the Jews have served as God's "Canary in the Coal Mine", providing early warnings of extreme dangers for the rest of the world. We can ignore the odorless and colorless gases to our peril. Supporting the Jewish people worldwide against this new anti-Semitism, be it Islamist, Antifa, Marxism, BLM, C.R.T., Socialism, far-rightist or leftist groups is a matter of ensuring our own survival. The survival of the Jew is one of the best testimonies of God keeping His Word (Jer. 31:31-36).

#### The Torah & Slavery:

Even in the matter of slavery, the Torah teaches us the natural and ideal condition of each and every individual person, which is freedom. In the Torah system, if a master strikes his slave and wounds him, the slave goes free. If a master has enough food for only one, he is obligated to give it to the slave. If he has only one blanket, the slave sleeps under it, not the master. This precisely why the Western ruling classes have always persecuted the Jews and taught gentiles to hate them, lest ordinary people learn from the Jews that everyone has a right to live in freedom and equality. The statement that man being "endowed by his Creator with certain unalienable rights" comes from the Jewish Scriptures, certainly not from Greek or Roman political philosophy. When the tyrants target the Jews, the real target is everyone's freedom. Jews have been called the "canary in the coalmine." This is an apt metaphor for the Jews. Underlying the metaphor is the realization what happens to the Jews will befall everyone. Therefore, its incumbent America and Christians churches to pray for and support the Jewish people and the State of Israel ( Ex. 21:26-27; Ps. 122:6).

## **The Evangelical Church Is Dying:**

Evangelism isn't dying; it's practically dead. The last two years have seen a rapid decline in Christianity in America. In a recent Pew Research Center telephone survey indicated that the religious landscape in the United States continues to change at a rapid clip. Surveys fall in line with a Gallup poll regarding the decline in church membership. For the first time in Gallup's 80 year history of polling, fewer than 50% of Americans say they belong to a church or synagogue. Fewer and fewer evangelical churches evangelize their own neighbors. Fewer and fewer professing Christians have any interest in "door to door witnessing." Fewer and few professing Christians have any interest in personal evangelism. Fewer and fewer professing Christians have any interest in Sunday school, prayer meetings or Bible study. Covid-19 has separated the weed from the chaff.

## **The Foundations Are Not Being Renewed:**

**"And the things that thou has heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2:2). "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do? (Ps. 11:3). The reference is to the destruction of those foundations spoken of by Jeremiah, "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" (Jer. 6:16). These are the first foundations to ensure that the spiritual, moral and political superstructure of the church remains stable so that morality and justice is practiced in the nation and where fraud and violence cannot become an acceptable way of life. What shall the righteousness do? "Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness" (Eph. 6:14).**

## **Prophetic Utterances:**

George Barna, director of research for Arizona Christian University's Cultural Research Center, said in a news release, "From a nationwide perspective, the Christian church has done shocking little to push back (against abortion, same sex marriages, etc.) The result is a culture in which core institutions - including churches - and basic ways of life are continually being radically redefined." Survey after survey indicates that more millennials follow horoscopes than believe in an all-knowing, all-loving God. Michael Spencer was a pastor and a member of a Southern Baptist Church, but he was also known for making a splash. He stated in early 2009: "I believe that we are on the verge - within 10 years of a major collapse of evangelical Christianity; a collapse that will follow the deterioration of the mainline Protestant world and ... alter the religious and cultural environment in the West. I believe that within two generations of where we are now the professing church will be deserted of half its current occupants, leaving in its wake nothing that can revitalize evangelicals to their former glory." The Lord Jesus said in Luke 18:8: "When the Son of man cometh, shall He find the faith on the earth?" Regrettably the answer is NO! Let the remnant be found "faithful unto death that we might receive a crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).