FINALLY—THE ELECTION IS OVER; AND....

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...though not everybody was satisfied with the candidate of choice, I can't help but to be reminded of the old Rolling Stone's song—"You Can't Always Get What You Want, but if you try some time, you might find, you get what you need!" And perhaps, when considering the direction of the United States and it's downward spiral into the morass of unmitigated open borders, transgender dysphoria, which affords trans-males to enter female bathrooms, locker rooms and compete against them in female sports; along with multiple billions of dollars given away to foreign wars, which exacerbates an "inflation riddled economy" and ignores America's decaying infrastructure throughout the country—perhaps—...no, not perhaps, but actually; this mandate from the American people is exactly what our nation needs!

Admittedly, there is no doubt the voting results spoke emphatically, unambiguously, and very plainly that an enormous change was desired and needed—the <u>American people</u> have screamed very loudly! Former House Representative, Jody Hice, clearly emotionally affected by the election results, passionately said: "We can't squander this moment. Underneath all of this, God is giving America a **window of mercy.** This has to be a moment that the body of Christ responds with gratitude and repentance. We cannot throw away this time of grace that <u>God has given us.</u> ...but, may we respond humbly and steward this moment appropriately going forward—and in greater reliance upon Him."

This admission of God's involvement is very cogent and presents a compelling consideration that some Americans ignore. However, at this time in our nations history, we cannot afford to ignore God and leave Him out of our culture anymore. The majority of the American population asserted their rejection to the "woke **POLICIES**" that were being advanced and forced upon the country. They made it clear they are tired of all the nonsense about gender, Public Schools violating parents rights, vaccine mandates, out-of-control crime, a horrible economy, and what appears to be a general lack of just good ole common sense. It's like our leaders were suffering from a severe case of "reprobate mindlessness;" which allowed this lack of sound judgment to disrupt the country and put it into a tail spin of confusion—we were all being "gaslit to death!" We were lead to believe what was happening, was not really what was happening.

In Isaiah 5:20-24 we are given reasons why God would look upon a nation with disfavor. And essentially it 's because the leaders are "gaslighting" the people into believing evil is good, wrong is right, bitter is sweet, and darkness is light. Woe unto them, God says to those that do this and are wise in their own eyes, justifying the wicked for reward, they will be as stubble for His fire to consume. Notice: "...because they have cast away the law of the Lord ...and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel. Therefore is the anger of the Lord kindled against his people, and he has stretched forth his hand against them" (Isa. 5:25).

What most don't recognize is the United States, as well as the United Kingdom are *responsible* to the God of Israel for the blessings they have been endowed with. The wealth and prosperity our *Commonwealth nations* share **are God given**, embedded within the promise given to Jacob [a.k.a. Israel] who <u>bequeathed his name and wealth</u> to his grandsons, Ephraim and Manasseh, who were the sons of Joesph (Gen. 48:16-22).

This understanding *amounts to a major responsibility* we as a nation have—to be God fearing and obedient to His laws and words, as presented in both Old and New Testaments of our Bibles. The trajectory the United States was on, *immersed up to it's eye-balls in woke-ness*

policies, was leading us into an arena of unnatural affections and a ridiculously illogical reality that was being underscored by the lack of the rule of law—thereby, accelerating the devolution of our culture into a untenable absurdity of senseless and silly nonsense—void of common sense!

And so, it appears God has intervened and placed a "speed bump" into our "culture" to slow us down a bit; ...to see just what we will do with this "WINDOW OF MERCY." How will our leaders use this time? Will they use it appropriately as Mr. Hice passionately appealed for, when he said: "We can't squander this moment. ...This has to be a moment that the body of Christ responds with gratitude and repentance. We cannot throw away this time of grace that God has given us."

Will we, the people, respond with gratitude and repentance? Will we use this "Window of Mercy" wisely, not wasting it away—but rather, investing this time with sound mindedness, anchored securely in His law, word, and humility, for the benefit of those around us in the course of our lives? It's time we realize, all of us have a GOD GIVEN responsibility to edify those in our network of family, friends, and acquaintances.

God is watching our nation now, much more closely! Clearly, He has allotted some additional time to us. The question is, will we take it seriously and be grateful for what we have by validating our faith by our behaviors (Jas. 2:17-26)? Will we protect and provide our country with a positive effectual contribution, rooted in solid Christian citizenship? Will we stand in the gap, pick a lane, and as one called of God, lawfully carry on with our civic responsibilities, representing the <u>true God</u>—eschewing those things we know not to be true—and staying the course, regardless of our critics, or disfavor others may manifest toward us?

This election was not about party politics. If you think it was about two political parties competing for a position of power—<u>then your missing the "spiritual" lesson.</u> This has always been about right and wrong; but, according to God's standards and values. Clearly, it's about what we're seeing in these last days—it's much more <u>"spiritual"</u> than most realize! Notice: "This know also, **that in the last days,** perilous (dangerous, threatening) times shall come. For men shall be"... **Go ahead—read it;** 2 Tim. 3:1-7. We are witnessing the manifestation of the SPIRITUAL reality God wants us to see, recognize, and understand: <u>this is **NOT** what He wants!</u>

It's up to us now—the people. As they say; GAME ON!! We have an opportunity to change the course of our country. If we use our time right and correctly, we might change the direction of the nation for generations to come. But, the challenge is staying on course with the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—building our lives on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ as the Chief cornerstone (Eph. 2:19-22)! Are you up for that? Then be that!

It's time for a revival in the Church of God!! It's time for God's people <u>to get real;</u> to be more engaged and less passive in our lives. God does not want us to be lukewarm. Frankly, He would prefer us to be either hot, or cold—pick a lane, take a stand (Rev. 3:14-16) and "be" the asset God wants you to "be." Remember, we are not taken out of the world, but rather, don't let the world take us in. Stay away from the evil and instead, influence the world with the Spirit God gave us when we were baptized (John 17:14-19).

Our mission is to be influencers for God—ambassadors for Christ. You have the anointing (the unction) [1 John 2:20-29] and God is expecting you to exercise that "Gift" (Grk: Charisma). Many of us are gifted in ways that sometimes we don't even know. However, you will come to "know" when you actively become a participant—a "practitioner" of your faith. So, let's "be"

the ambassadors we should "be" and $\underline{\text{"do"}}$ what we can to help save those that are lost (1 Cor. 9:19-23).

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