

Dunklin Campfire Blessing



"I wish there was some wonderful place, called The Land of Beginning again! Where all of our heartaches, and all of our poor selfish grief and all of our pain could be dropped like a shabby old coat at the door and never put on again."

The simple poem on the left, reflects the deep desires of most Americans that 2009 would be a new beginning from the economic meltdown that created a global TSUNAMI of fear and insecurity. Rich and poor alike are effected and few people have faith that our political leaders can change the moral mess and massive indebtedness that has turned our country from the greatest lender to the greatest debtor nation in the world.

"Political Promises" are only wishful thinking that our government is going to "bail us out" and solve all of our problems with massive "stimulus" spending. We have to face the grim reality that we, as a nation, must eat the bitter harvest of the seeds of greed, dishonesty, and immorality that we have so bountifully sown. The Bible says, ***"Be not deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap."*** (Gal 6:5) Every night the newscasters provide their audiences a smorgasbord of political scandals and bankruptcies. The numbers of jobless and homeless are growing at astronomical numbers as politicians argue over "Pork Projects" to build "fast trains to Las Vegas and digital TV changers. Like their political predecessor, Nero, "they fiddle while Rome burns"!

But is there hope? Is there any "Good News"? Yes, Praise God, there is! It was spoken by God himself to King Solomon when he was dedicating the beautiful temple in Jerusalem. His glorious presence filled the temple with an eternal promise: ***"If my people, who 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 heal their land."*** (II Chron. 7:14)

This wonderful promise of God's merciful forgiveness was followed by a stern warning that if the people turned away from following His ordinance and worship idols that his protective presence and blessings would be replaced with severe judgment until they repented and returned to their commitment to Him. He reminded them that He had delivered them from Egyptian slavery and gave them a land of prosperity, but their prosperity was by the provision of His presence in their hearts.

History books tell the sad stories of the rise and fall of many nations. In many ways America has followed the path of the ancient Roman Empire that fell from world domination because of the greed and moral corruption of its political leaders who exalted themselves into positions that claimed deity. When people think that they can be their own "Higher Power" they fall into Satan's snare that ***"you can be as god"*** (Gen 3:5). Secular humanism has become Americas largest "religion" by claiming "that we are masters of our fate and captains of our souls."



Billy Graham preached a Crusade in New Orleans in 1955 where I was privileged to serve as a counselor and I vividly remember that he said that, "America faces two options; Revival or Ruin"! He said the same thing after the attack on the World Trade Center on 9/11. I write these words with a sincere prayer in my heart that we will, as a nation, return to the spiritual foundations that our forefathers laid for us and that we will "humble ourselves and pray" until a spiritual awakening sweeps through our whole world and we will experience the Lord's promise that , *"And it shall come to pass, in the last days, saith God, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh: And your sons and your daughters shall prophecy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. And on my servants and handmaidens I will pour out in these days of my Spirit and they shall prophecy"* (Acts 2: 17-18).



Forty-seven years ago the Lord intrusted a vision to build a wilderness Camp for alcoholics to recover from their addictions. Now, as an "old man" He has imparted a dream in my heart of hearts to write curriculum and develop distant learning courses on Christian recovery and to help plant new International Staff Training Centers to train the next generation of young leaders that the Lord is calling into full time Faith based recovery ministries. The dream is as real in my heart as the vision was in 1962.

I want to personally thank our many friends who have prayed for us and have helped us financially. Your sacrificial gifts have helped us buy food and pay our operational expenses. Our staff counselors and families in our program owe a deep debt of gratitude to all of our Campfire readers that contribute to our ministry every month. Please continue to hold us in your prayers and please come and visit us when you can.



Lots of Love,



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"And I will cause wonders in the heavens above, blood and fire and clouds of smoke. The sun will be turned into darkness, and the moon will turn bloodred, before that great and glorious day of the Lord arrives. And anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."
(Acts 2: 19-21)

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