through they did not know who shed the innocent blood, was required to purge the city from the guilt of shedding innocent blood.

America is Guilty

We Christians in America have innocent blood on our hands and we know it not! Yes, the responsibility for the blood of these children rests squarely upon us. This truth, as you can imagine, would be difficult for any pastor to apply to his congregation.

Does this mean that we are not saved by the blood of Christ? Of course not! The blood of Christ saves us, just as it saved righteous Lot (1Pt 2:25), but a sorrier husband, father, and citizen of his city never lived. Oh yes, Lot was himself saved but he lost his wife, his children raised up enemies of God, and Sodom was totally destroyed with the help of his pathetic, tolerant, compromising witness.

America is guilty of the shedding of innocent blood because God’s Church in America is leaving a Lot like witness which will turn no one from sin. Individually we are saved -we’ve got the doctrine of personal salvation down well – but, as a nation, we are suffering under the wrath of Almighty God by signs and judgments because of our failure to clear ourselves of innocent blood. Jer 26:15.

In Numbers 35:23-34 we see that blooded pollutes and defiles the land, “…atonement cannot be made for the land on which blood has been shed, except by the blood of the one who shed it.” America is defiled by the innocent blood of pre-born children, and there is nothing we can do to remedy the problem. Until we confess this truth and acknowledge our guilt, justice will never be done, and without justice there can be no mercy.

The blood of Christ speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. Abel’s blood cries for vengeance, Christ’s blood cries for pardon. Jesus has taken our place and was executed for this heinous sin, but His blood does us no good if we don’t apply it. In order to do this, we must first admit that we are the ones responsible for innocent blood and repent. The pulpits of our land must thunder the message of repentance once again!

Isa 1:11-17 gives us a very graphic description of what God thinks of those who are offering correct sacrifices but are ignoring the weightier matters of worship, like the shedding of innocent blood. We can win people to Christ, sing praise songs, preach great sermons, pray authentic prayers, have great and growing churches, elect the right men to office, but God will not overlook the Blood that cries out to Him. In Isaiah’s description of typical worship in his day, God will not even hear prayer until the innocent Blood is atoned for: “When you spread out your hands in prayer, I will hide my eyes from you; even if you offer many prayers, I will not listen. Your hands are full of blood…” Isa 1:15-16.

As a matter of fact, God hates “…hands that shed innocent blood…” Pr 6:16-19. What happens when a nation sheds innocent blood? Ps 106:37-42 tells us that one of the many judgments that will manifest itself is that foes will rule over you and enemies will oppress you. Can anyone doubt today that God has turned our Church in America over to sworn enemies who are ruling over it - the abortion industry, the radical homosexual agenda, the federal government, the national ruling party – We aren’t even allowed to speak His name in public schools or public forums. His Law has been stripped off the walls of our schools, courts, and public squares. The blatant attacks against John Ashcroft by the enemies of God in the Senate Judiciary Committee are a sign and a judgment upon a nation that has abandoned God’s Word and principles. Judgments such as these are meant to bring us to repentance. Why do we need to repent? Because the innocent blood of more than 4 million children is crying from the ground to Him for vengeance. But the blood of Christ is speaking an even better word, so that justice will be done and God may have mercy on us, forgive our sin, and heal our land.

No Justice—No Mercy

Why is it imperative for us to confess the sin of shedding innocent blood? So that justice will be done, for without justice there can be no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment to be sure, but mercy cannot be extended apart from judgment. We must acknowledge our sin, claim the blood of Christ, and receive his mercy and grace. “The law was added so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more…” Rom 5:20. When we confess our sin, God’s grace increases all the more. Where sin is concealed, God’s mercy is hindered and justice will be brought to our land.

In 2 Ki 21:6, King Manasseh sacrificed his own son in the fire. In 2 Ki 21:16, this same king shed so much innocent blood that he filled Jerusalem from end to end. But it is not executed for that which was the ultimate punishment for this sin. The reason for this punishment? “…For he had filled Jerusalem with innocent blood, and the Lord was not willing to forgive.” 2 Ki 24:4.

There were signs, judgments, and prophetic witnesses sent to the nation under four different kings after Manasseh to turn the nation back to God, but they went unheeded. Oh, the people continued their religious worship of God, but many gods were now tolerated. They had the false sense that God’s delay in His final judgment meant God’s approval of their behavior. Nothing could have been further from the truth! God’s delay in final judgment was meant to bring them to repentance (Rom 2:4). The ultimate judgment was visited upon the fourth generation from Manasseh: “Surely these things happened to Judah … because of the sins of Manasseh and all he had done, including the shedding of innocent blood. For he shed so much innocent blood that the Lord was not willing to forgive.” 2 Ki 24:3-4.

Four generations passed and then the final judgment of the nation. Is this the heritage and legacy we want to leave the generations that follow us? Is God calling us to repent of the sin of shedding innocent blood today, not tomorrow. How much more blood have we shed in America compared to that of King Manasseh?

Repentance—A Gift from God

Repentance is a marvelous gift from God that does remarkable things - it even saves nations from His wrath and final judgment! The Apostle Paul wrote a letter to the Corinthian Church that hurt them deeply, to bring them to repentance (the wounds of a friend bring healing). His second letter explains his dilemma and ultimate joy:

“Even if I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it. Though I did regret it – I see that my letter hurt you, but only for a little while – yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us. Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. See what this Godly sorrow has brought to you — what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what regret, what sorrow, what anguish, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done. At every point you have proved yourselves to be inconstant in this matter.” 2 Cor 7:8-11.

We Christians are the only ones who can call upon God and move His heart. But it is only upon our active repentance (turning from our wicked ways) that He will hear from heaven. We are the ones called by God to repent and lead our nation to a national repentance for shedding the innocent blood of His children. The blood of Christ speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. The pulpits of our land must thunder the message of repentance once again! We are faced with a choice: to live under God’s favor or His wrath. The pulpit is the means by which someone’s heart is changed. The pulpit is the avenue for the shed blood of Jesus Christ. It speaks a better word!}

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Who is most responsible for the killing of our unborn children? Who will give an account for the shedding of innocent blood in our nation? Over 40 million children, dead! One third of America's generation 28 years old and younger, forever gone! What single entity is most responsible for this senseless, brutal slaughter?

It is not the abortionists, nor abortion industry employees. It isn’t the politicians and the party that seek their career. Now each one of these bears its own responsibility for participating in the gross sin of child killing, but they are not the root cause of the slaughter. No, the one most responsible for the abortion holocaust is the one that is sure that God is not mocked. Bloodshed is pursuing us, and there is no federal program or number of policemen that can stop it. It is a judgment from God. It is a spiritual principle that is as sure as the law of gravity.

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Repentance is our Call

Let’s get one thing straight right now. Until there is a national repentance from the shedding of innocent blood in this land, the mercy from God will be withheld. He has issued judgment after judgment to confront us with our sin, yet we continued in our wicked ways. Until we humble ourselves, we will continue to die. Proverbs 28:9, “Happy is the man that fears the Lord, that chooses to obey His commandments.”

Our God is a God of justice. “The hope for our nation lies in the repentance from our national sin - the killing of our preborn children. We must claim the innocent blood of Christ to atone for our utter guilt. The shedding of innocent blood results in serious judgments from God Himself to cause His people to deal with the sin - to repent. Look at Acts 2:1-47. For the shedding of innocent blood to be shed as an atonement for our own sin that we have committed, the Sanhedrin confronted Peter and the apostles, and Peter, having been anointed to preach that the Sanhedrin was guilty of the shedding of innocent blood, said, “You, of the elders of that particular city would take a heifer and break its neck and then wash their hands over the heifer and demand an accounting. And for your lifeblood I will surely demand an accounting. I will demand an accounting from every animal. And from each man, too. I will demand an accounting for the life of his fellow man.” Gen 9:5. Oh yes, innocent blood has a voice - it will speak and be avenged. It is crying to God, to the Lord, and to the Lord, the God of justice. "When the people heard this, they were cut to heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, ‘Brethren, what shall we do?’ Peter began his answer with the word “repent.” Peter had heard that those who were guilty of the shedding of innocent blood would be guilty of a heinous crime? Because it cried for justice, and without justice there can be no mercy (Micah 6:8).”

Life comes from God, so it is only natural that the blood (without which there could be no life) be regarded with great reverence. “For the life of a creature is in the blood; and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood’s making atonement for the soul.” (Lev 17:11)

There will be justice. In case you think God will overlook the shedding of one drop of this innocent blood, we are on a collision course with Him. He never has in history, and He never will in the future. So, what hope do we have?

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Amos 5:24. Innocent blood cries out to God from Genesis to Revelation for vengeance (Gen 4:14-15; 21:2; Rev 6:9-11). God will not allow the spilled blood of innocent life to go unrequited (Deut 32:43; Ezek 35:6; “...Since you did not hate bloodshed, bloodshed will pursue you.” Ezek 5:24).

Perhaps we can understand better now why the people who heard Peter’s first sermon were cut to the heart. They realized that they were guilty before God of shedding innocent blood and that there was no hope for them apart from death. This is the reason Judas hanged himself (Mt 27:3-5). This is one of the reasons the Sanhedrin could not countenance this kind of preaching. Everyone was declared guilty of shedding the innocent blood of Christ. What good work can one do to make up for this? Our only hope is to repent of our sin and believe on the one God sent to redeem us from the curse of the law (Acts 2:38-39). There is no other way!

The blood of more than 40 million children is crying out to Almighty God for judgment. If we Christians in America these days would repent of the shedding of one drop of innocent blood, we are on a collision course with Him. He never has in history, and He never will in the future. So, what hope do we have?

We are the Answer

It is only as we, who are called by His Name, humble ourselves, and pray, and seek His face, and turn from our wicked ways, that He will hear from heaven, forgive our sin, and heal our land. We do not believe that we are the wicked ones. We do not believe that we are the ones guilty of this heinous crime. We do not believe that we are the ones sin in. We do not believe we are the ones who need to repent.

Because of this we are fighting the right battles, not with God’s help. Not that He hasn’t been blessed us in many of our undertakings - He has! But the Emanicipation Proclamation for the Innocents has not been signed by the one most responsible for their deaths. We, God’s Church, must accept the responsibility for the slaughter of over 40 million children if we desire God’s help. We must cry out for God to forgive our sin. Then we must stand steadfastly upon His Word and proclaim liberty to the captives without compromise, without apology, and without exception. The gates of hell cannot prevail against God’s prevailing church!

With the shedding of our newest children, crimes of indescribable violence have filled our work places, schools, and streets. God is not mocking. Bloodshed is pursuing us, and there is no federal program or number of policemen that can stop it. It is a judgment from God. It is a spiritual principle that is as sure as the law of gravity. “...bloodshed follows bloodshed.” Hos 4:2. God has more disaster than our federal government has relief.

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