

We must stand in the gap for Terri Schiavo! We were there with her in October 2003, when they removed her feeding and hydration tubes for five days. We were all ready to go to jail on her behalf as we held Styrofoam cups filled with water to take to her. Pastor Sam Green was leading the way.

Almighty God worked a miracle through the Florida State legislature as it passed "Terri's Law." This law moved through both houses of the Florida State Congress and was signed by Governor Jeb Bush. It protected all who are handicapped like Terri from being starved to death by those who are "more enlightened" than everyone else.

Unfortunately for Terri Schiavo, and the rest of us, the "enlightened ones" wear black robes and sit in judgment on everyone else. They are accountable to no one. These renegade judges, with no fear of God, no regard for the Law of the land, and no adherence to the Constitution of the United States of America, have come to the conclusion that they are gods themselves with a capital "G." Yes, they are convinced that they are the final arbiters in determining who lives and who dies in America.

This should come as no surprise to you. Judges in America have been making it up as they go for a long time. They have abandoned the Biblical standard of justice and righteousness. How about January 22, 1973? The "enlightened ones" found a constitutional right for a mother to kill her unborn child. How about June 26, 2003? The "Supremes" found, somewhere in the penumbra of the Constitution, the right to homosexual sodomy. And you can bet that these gods, who sit on the bench, are going to find a way to continue the killing – the aged, the lame, the blind, the handicapped, and finally – you and me. That's right! We Christians will have to go.

Why are they like this? Why has the killing of the innocent, the weak, and the aged become a

preoccupation for those dressed in black robes? **Proverbs 8:36** give us a pretty good answer, "*...all who hate me love death.*" They hate God. When one hates God he becomes enamored with death. The easiest to kill, of course, are those who cannot speak for themselves.

The "enlightened ones" have forgotten who they are, and who they are judging for. The Bible tells us that judges must, "*...not show partiality in judging; hear both small and great alike. Do not be afraid of any man, for judgment belongs to God.*" **Deuteronomy 1:17**. If Almighty God is the bedrock of all judicial decisions, then those decisions will most assuredly bring life. When He is not, there is only death.

How then shall we live? By standing upon the truth that is set forth in God's Word. We shall defend those created in the image of God – no matter how small, no matter how weak, no matter how handicapped, no matter how old. We will resist all laws that would cause us to violate the clear commands of God's Word, "*Those who forsake the law praise the wicked, but those who keep the law resist them.*" **Proverbs 28:4**. We are law keepers. The courts of our land have become law breakers.

Terri—God's gift to Us

Terri Schiavo is God's gift to us. We are not God's gift to her. She has been given to us to love. Will we really love her? The weak, the unlovely, and all who cannot speak for themselves, are God's gift to us to care for - not to kill and discard. Yes, without them none of us can be complete. Real life – real biblical love – is found by laying our own lives down to care for the lives of others.

We have become a nation of murderers. The weak have become a prey in America because truth has stumbled in the streets and justice has been driven back (**Isaiah 59:14-15**). As truth and justice have been removed from the courts in our land, an

enemy has come in and bloodshed is filling the corridors of our schools, workplaces, and streets. The weak, like Terri Schiavo, have become a prey. But long before this enemy entered through the gates of the courts of our land, he was first allowed to enter through the gates of the Church of Jesus Christ. The prophet Jeremiah says it best when he laments over the fall of the great city of Jerusalem, "*The kings of the earth did not believe, nor did any of the world's people, that enemies could enter through the gates of Jerusalem . But it happened because of the sins of her prophets and the iniquities of her priests, who shed within her the blood of the righteous.*" **Lam 4:12-13**.

Removing the Log

We would all certainly be correct to point out the speck that exists in the eye of the American judiciary. It has certainly been the vehicle used by the devil himself to usher us into a culture of death. But long before January 22, 1973, the lie that fostered Roe v. Wade was allowed through the gates of the Church of Jesus Christ. Yes indeed!

There are other men who wear black robes – hundreds of thousands of them. They stand behind pulpits every Sunday morning and open the Word of God, yet they somehow miss the log in their own eye. They rightly find the speck in their brother's eye, but they can't see clearly to remove it. Why? Because the log is blocking their vision. In order to get to the speck, they first have to remove the log.

We, the Church of Jesus Christ in America, have failed to protect the "*least of these My brethren*" and because we have, an enemy has come in and he is savaging us. Until we confess the egregious sin of abortion (**the least of these My brethren**) and turn from our own wicked ways, help from God will be withheld. What's worse, precious friends like Terri Schiavo will be starved to death and murdered with increasing ferocity.

Are you surprised that it would all come back to abortion? So were the people in Jeremiah's time. They felt that they could worship Almighty God while sacrificing their children at the same time (**Jeremiah 7:31**).

God said, "No way!" *"They have built the high places of Topheth in the Valley of Ben Hinnom to burn their sons and daughters in the fire – something I did not command nor did it ever enter my mind."* **Jeremiah 7:31.**

God told Jeremiah three times (**Jeremiah 7:16; 11:14; 14:11**) not to pray for the well-being of this people. God had determined to bring an end to Jerusalem. No amount of prayer would change His mind.

We can't save the Terry Schiavo's of our day if we don't bring an end to the slaughter of our unborn children. We cannot worship God while the killing of innocent children is going on in an abortion mill a mile down the road from our church. God simply will not tolerate this. He doesn't change. What He did in Jeremiah's time to His chosen people, He will do to us.

Why are the men in black robes that stand behind the pulpits of America not preaching this message? Probably for the very same reasons the prophets and priests of Jeremiah's time were not preaching it. It's too judgmental. It's too negative. It's not loving. Let's just *dress the wound of the people as though it were not serious. Peace, peace they say when there is no peace.*

When the men of God fail in rightly representing the truth and justice of Almighty God, it isn't long before our murderous enemy makes his serpentine way through the government of a land. Instead of us making him a footstool under the feet of Jesus, we become a footstool under his. This is why Terri Schiavo has no real defense. The men of God have failed and an enemy is savaging us. We Christians have failed. We are the wicked ones.

But God did leave us a promise, didn't He? *"If My people who are called by My Name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and forgive their sin and will heal their land."* **2 Chronicles 7:14.**

God Himself has got us into a fix that we can't fix so that He can fix us! Makes sense to me. Let us remove the log from our own eye and then we will be able to see clearly (judge correctly) to remove the speck from our brother's eye.

Abortion will come to an end in America when the Church of Jesus Christ makes up her mind it will come to an end - not one second sooner.

God promises that He will help us. If we want to save Terri and those like her, we must first restore truth and justice in the churches of our land.

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