

# WHERE IS THE CHRISTIAN OUTCRY?

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**Should Christians be involved in politics? Should we be concerned about laws, about wars, and about history, or should we be concerned only about the Kingdom of God?**

**My daughter asked me, "Where were you when prayer was taken out of our schools and Roe vs. Wade legalized abortions for women who made that choice?" I had to admit that I was preoccupied with "urgent" things like getting married and raising a family. We all have an excuse for not becoming involved in the political issues of our day.**

**Some people don't read a newspaper or watch TV news because it is depressing, slanted, or even worldly and evil. Granted, much of it is all of those things, but as Christians we need to know what is happening in the world in order to be "watchmen on the wall," to pray from an informed understanding, and to be aware of how we can be proactive as Christians in our world. We need to know when our Christian values are being twisted and attacked by the devil through media spin or political correctness so that spiritually, through prayer, and politically, through expressing our opinions to our political leaders, we are a light in this world. We cannot afford to be deceived and ignorantly led astray.**

**America's founding Fathers believed that a widespread faith in God was the true source of America's greatness. They would be appalled at the assault on our nation's Christian heritage by our courts and educational institutions. Now that our schools have been "cleared" of Christian influence - even to the point of not allowing a teacher to wear a cross on a chain around her neck - efforts are now being made to "sanitize" our nation by:**

**Removing "In God We Trust" from our currency.**

**Taking "under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.**

**Ending Christmas as a national holiday, and**

**Eliminating the rank of military chaplain from our armed services.**

**I believe one of the greatest things we can do for our families is to be aware of what is going on and teaching our children truth. My 4-year-old grandson, Nicholas, carried a "Free Iraq" sign at a War on Terror - Support our Troops rally here in Denver. A reporter for one of our newspapers interviewed him and his mother. Nicholas knew what it was all about. My daughter stays informed.**

**We should not stand by, lacking an understanding of history, and allow evil to repeat its self. Most Christians were either uninformed or brainwashed concerning the slaughter of 6 million Jews and over a million others during the Holocaust of WW II. General MacArthur called for missionaries to go to Japan when the Japanese people were open to the gospel after their defeat in 1945. Sadly, few answered that call and the doors to evangelism slowly closed.**

**Are we going to stand by and watch anarchy or Islam take over governments in**

**Afghanistan and Iraq? Many Christians are unaware of the oppression and evil of Islam. Although many Muslims, especially in America, are peace-loving people, Islam is a "very evil and wicked religion." Franklin Graham made that statement after 9/11 and has received several death sentences from radical Muslim clerics in the Middle East. He was also criticized for asking God's blessing in Jesus' Name at the inauguration of George W. Bush. In his recent book, "The Name," which I highly recommend, he discusses why the name of Jesus is so offensive to many people. Where is the outcry of the church supporting those who publicly pray in the name of Jesus and speak the truth about Islam? Are we crying out for the salvation of Muslims?**

**Let's take a look at Israel. One of the reasons I send e-mails to those who are interested, giving up-to-date information regarding this tiny nation, is to keep people informed of the truth. Since the PLO, under Yassar Arafat has had an ongoing intifada or jihad (Holy War) against Israel, one area of the country after another has been either turned over to the PLO or seized by them. These areas are either no longer safe to visit or have been made off-limits to non-Muslims. Beginning in 1984, we had to start eliminating some tour sites. Our tour groups no longer visit Shechem and Jacob's well, Hebron and the Tomb of the Patriarchs, or Bethany, the home of Mary and Martha and Lazarus' tomb. We no longer go to Jericho and to Bethlehem. We are not allowed on the Temple Mount where Solomon's Temple and the temple where Jesus worshipped once stood.**

**Even Nazareth and Cana with large Arab populations are troubled places. Suppose Israel is forced to give east Jerusalem to the Palestinians in accordance with the so-called "Road Map to Peace." East Jerusalem has more Christian sites that might be off-limits. The Mount of Olives where Jesus ascended into heaven and the place He will return, the Garden of Gethsemane where he prayed, and the Garden Tomb might all be affected. At this time, lack of tours to Israel has caused the Garden Tomb to be closed except by appointment. British Christians who operate it have struggled with upkeep and now have a staff of only two.**

**Where is the outcry of the church? Is your church praying for and supporting Israel? Where is the outcry of individual Christians? Are you writing to your congressmen or to the State Department on behalf of God's chosen land? Are you concerned about the anti-Christian decisions of the Federal Court system and the U.S. Supreme Court? Should we be crying out to preserve our freedom to pursue the Kingdom of God in this country?**

**Praise God we have Christians in high places now. President Bush, John Ashcroft, Attorney General, and Condoleezza Rice, the national security advisor, are all born again Christians. Many Americans have forsaken their spiritual roots and not been involved in government, but it is time to hear the outcry of God's faithful throughout this land—the outcry for revival and return to Godly principles—the outcry against the erosion of our Christian heritage and the rejection of Christianity in public life.**

**Let's become informed and pray. We need to leave a Christian legacy for our children and grandchildren.**

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