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THE SEVEN PRAYER MOUNTAINS – LESSON 7

RELIGION – PART 1

Religious freedom is under attack in this country. Christians whose convictions are based on the bible are the real target. Our “conscience rights” have often been taken away by activist federal judges. Left-wing groups boycott and have even vandalized Christian-owned businesses that exercised their rights to convictions contrary to liberal agendas and that have stood up against local ordinances that violate their religious convictions. On a side note, the so-called “separation of church and state” is a grossly misunderstood “theme”, which we will examine tomorrow. It is too deep for day’s purpose in writing.

There is a fight for truth. It is a fight of good versus evil. Jesus is The Truth, and He is revealed through the Word of Truth, the Holy Bible. Satan is evil and he subverts truth, twists it, and supplants it with deception and lies. He has succeeded in making the largest part of the established churches complacent and indifferent to the purposes of God. Only a small portion of the “whole body” of the church actually preaches, teaches, and practices biblical truth. The “church” as a whole has become weak, even impotent.

Most of society now believes that there are many ways to reach the afterlife paradise (heaven). They feel that any religion you may choose is a path to get you there. Some believe there is no heaven or hell, only the physical life and nothing more. Others believe there is a heaven but no hell; everyone goes to heaven. Our country needs Jesus. Jesus said in John 14:6, ***“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No man cometh unto the Father (God), but by (through) me.”*** There is no other way.

We need two major things to happen: 1. Revival. 2. Evangelism. Revival is to wake up the sleeping church, and stir up believers, and set their heart’s afire. Then comes the most important part: Evangelism. The awakened believers must then get out of their comfort zone and go win the lost. A “revival” that does not result in many people being saved through Jesus is not a real revival at all; it is just a “feel good” event or time period.

Prayer Points:

1. Pray for the greatest revival ever seen
2. Pray for an explosion of witnessing and soul wining by the believers
3. Pray for Christ-centered sermons in all pulpits across the nation.
4. Pray for protection for our rights to speak the gospel freely.
5. Pray that we become “the salt of the earth” and a “beacon of hope and light” to a hurting world.

Tune in tomorrow as we discuss proper relationship between the government and religion, often called “separation of the church and state.” You might learn something.