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“They did not keep the covenant of God; they refused to walk in His law.” (Psalm 78:10)

“The two episodes of rioting in Ferguson, Missouri shows how far we’ve sunk morally as a nation. Without revival or at least a spiritual refreshing, our nation is on the path of great evil and unrest. If we are to turn this around, we must turn to Jesus.”
 –Dave



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The Flames of Ferguson are merely a symptom of America’s deeper-

rooted problem. Our nation is adrift down Relativism River headed to Finale Falls.

Excuse the metaphorical language, however I use it to illustrate both the problem and its solution.

The only way to stop the path we’re on is to either row against the current or come to shore and walk back towards the Land of Morality.

We’ve exhausted ourselves using the GOP’s oars. It is time to come to the river’s edge, fall on our faces before God, and seek His healing hand. So how do we do that?

It’s always good to go back to where we started as a nation to revisit our founding principles.

John Adams, in his famous closing speech on the eve of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, speaking of the future of American stated:

“I see hope. I see a new nation ready to take its place in the world. Not an empire, but a republic...a republic of laws not men.”

Adams knew that we would have to be a self-governing people. He famously said later of our Constitution that it was “wholly inadequate to the government of any other. The citizens of the new nation would have to be made up of “a moral and religious people.”

We are no longer that people. Morality is what the individual decides and the founding religion, Christianity, has been removed from the public sphere.

The results of the choices we’ve made as a nation are being played out in Ferguson and other cities across America. And these results could have been predicted. In fact, they have been.

FROM THE FOUNDERS



John Adams knew that lawlessness was at the heart of tyranny. Adams had seen firsthand how King George III, his Parliament, and the colonial Loyalists violated the law in order to restrict Americans' liberties. He wanted his nation to be a nation of laws and not men. What would he think of America today?

“Suppose a nation in some distant region should take the Bible for their only law book, and every member should regulate his conduct by the precepts there exhibited! Every member would be obliged in conscience, to temperance, frugality, and industry; to justice, kindness, and charity, toward his fellow men; and to piety, love, and reverence toward Almighty God...What a Eutopia, what a Paradise would this region be.” John Adams, February 2, 1756, diary entry.

Suppose indeed! During the 18th Century, only the lawless despised biblical principles. Those who did not follow Christ as Lord but were socially moral people, respectful of the rights of others, were guided by biblical principles. Living the Golden Rule was central to the conduct of a gentleman and a lady. Brutish and rude behavior was socially unacceptable. One was to conduct him and herself with decorum and reserve.

Today we have no boundaries and very little expectation of traditional behavior. WE the People have become accustomed to bad behavior, going to great lengths justifying it instead of ostracizing it. As has been stated here dozens of time, and as I wrote of in the opinion piece linked to in “Unshackled,” the fault lies at the feet of America’s pulpits.

As the late, great lion of Christian faith, Dr. Adrian Rogers, once said, “We’ve lost our ability as a nation to blush.” We may momentarily be shocked by violence or vulgarity, but life gets in the way of taken any steps to curb such behavior.

If we are to return to being a nation of laws, we have to return to the Lawgiver. The Bible is indeed the best set of laws ever recorded for how a nation must conduct itself if it is to survive and thrive. Violate these laws and reap the whirlwind, as America is now.

FROM THE PULPIT

“The images coming out of Ferguson also remind us of the fact that the kind of reform that is needed in our society cannot be brought about by flouting the justice system with the kind of injustice that was seen on the streets. The rule of law cannot be improved, nor corrected—much less reformed—by lawlessness.” Dr. R. Albert Mohler Jr., “The Ferguson Moment—A Moral Test for the Nation” [essay](#), November 26, 2014.

Far be it from me to disagree with one of my spiritual mentors, however I do not agree with Dr. Mohler that Barack Obama took appropriate actions nor stated words to calm the rioting in Ferguson. Obama should have asked the rioters to go home and allow the raw feelings of anger and hatred to subside. Obama also laced his comments with moral equivalency and he (and Dr. Mohler) ignored the inflammatory words of Michael Brown’s step-father to “Burn this b**ch down!”

Nevertheless, I do agree with the above quotation from Dr. Mohler’s essay. Any society that decides it can dismiss its laws and become driven by raw anger and passions is a people on the edge of anarchy. I would propose that was indeed the intent of Obama, Attorney General Eric Holder, “reverends” Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson, the Black Panthers, and Muslim agitators.

Regardless Obama’s public words, his actions and those of the Attorney General’s were those of agitation. Dr. Mohler rightly points out:

“In almost any jurisdiction, this kind of police shooting would have led to an internal affairs investigation—not to a grand jury consideration.”

The Flames of Ferguson were fanned by the very people who have the responsibility to extinguish the burning of our society by extolling the respect of law. As Dr. Mohler writes, we cannot change laws or judicial rulings with which we disagree by lawlessness.

Would to God pastors across America denounce from their pulpits such lawlessness. Additionally, they must point out the responsibility of civic leaders at all levels, including themselves, to step into the gap and stop the lawlessness, putting themselves in “the line of fire” if need be.

That would be the type of correction many of the protestors sought. Nothing else will work.

TO THE STREETS

How do WE the People get our leaders to understand that lawlessness can never be excused or justified? How do WE the People change society's indifference towards the scenes coming from America's cities in response to the Ferguson grand jury's ruling? It has to begin with each of us and then spread to our churches and out into our communities. Here are suggestions of how to begin this movement.

1. Discuss with your friends, relatives, associates, and neighbors (not during Christmas visits!) the ramifications of the Ferguson riots. Find out their stance on the lawlessness. Be sure to point out what Dr. Mohler states about how we are to react to laws and judicial ruling with which we disagree. Let us help each other critically think through every societal issue we face.
2. [Contact](#) Attorney General Eric Holder and voice your displeasure with his federal interference with a local issue. We are a nation that governs itself at the lowest level possible. Federal intervention is required in rare occasions, and usually results in fanning instead of extinguishing the flames.
3. [Contact](#) the White House and let Barack Obama know you did not approve of his handling of the Ferguson riots. The President is the Chief Executive Officer of the nation and it is his job to enforce the rule of law, not to excuse lawlessness or draw any moral equivalency to it.
4. [Contact](#) your congressional representatives and let them know that you want the federal government to stay out of local issues. Remind them that we have a federalist form of government purposely to prevent federal intervention as much as possible.
5. Encourage your pastor to either begin or continue preaching on the importance of obeying the law and how important it is to elect godly representatives to government positions. We have to realize that we will continue to have a godless government if we keep electing godless people to represent us.

Revival is how we save our nation. It begins in each of our hearts. It means being willing to go to whatever length we can to do our part to stop the lawlessness that has overtaken America. Our time is short. Let us not tarry another day!

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