

Praying in the Fear of God

David Kubal

As I talk with many of our intercessors, one thing is clear: there is a sense of urgency for prayer today. The Book of Revelation is a fabulous guide for us at this time. With so much focus on the news, the economy, and politics let us consider the words in Revelation, chapter 4: "... there before me was a throne in heaven ... the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian. A rainbow, resembling an emerald encircled the throne ... the throne had twenty-four other thrones ... from the throne there came flashes of lightening, rumblings and peals of thunder ... there were four living creatures ... [who] had six wings and [were] covered with eyes all around ... day and night they never stop saying: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come." (Revelation 4:1-8 NIV)

In the midst of such a great time of need for prayer in America, we need to be reminded that what we see is, in many ways, a "mirage" compared to the ultimate divine reality that is going on. God is upon his throne. He is still all powerful and mighty. In the next chapter John's vision continues, "the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb. Each had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints." (Revelation 5:8) This is where you fit in. Let me explain.

In the first few weeks of my new role with Intercessors for America, I was eagerly anticipating a prayer meeting in the Capitol hosted by Dr. Barry Black, the U.S. Senate Chaplain. A relatively small group of about 60 met on the Senate side to pray for this country. Dr. Black's words were realistic, yet encouraging. He recounted many examples of how God is upon the throne, His feet upon the earth as on a "footstool," and still quite capable of handling the present day situations. (Isaiah 66:1)

Dr. Black stressed that we dishonor God if, in intercession, we express anxiety and sound like

God has a problem. It is important to enter the throne room and approach God with gratitude and confidence.

We added to the "bowls of incense" as we prayed in small groups. Our group prayed much about the "fear of the Lord." Would it not be incredible if all across our nation's capital there would be an overwhelming fear of the Lord?

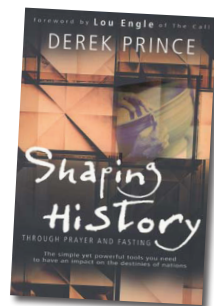
Let's be reminded what the scriptures say about the "fear of the Lord."

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." (Psalms 111:10)

"The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, turning a man from the snares of death." (Proverbs 14:27)

This is profound and yet simple enough for the youngest intercessor. My family and I had just sat down for dinner on a typical evening and, as usual, we were going to offer thanks for the food. I asked who wanted to pray and my daughter, then about four years old, offered. She prayed a simple prayer thanking God for the food and then she prayed for me, asking God to bless her daddy. She said, "Amen" and then she looked at me and said words I will never forget: "Daddy, I just 'Jesused' you." My little daughter had just interceded with incredible depth and insight.

As we grow and learn, we understand that interceding for this nation is a tremendous responsibility and hard work. After all, we are waging war—batling evil, sinister forces of darkness. Would you join with me as we fight on our knees for our nation and its leadership that there might be an overwhelming "fear of the Lord?" As lawmakers consider their votes and policymakers type on their computers, let us pray that there would be a caution to do what is right; that there would be a concern to demonstrate and legislate righteousness and justice. Can you envision that? Let us pray!



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FIRST FRIDAY

June 5

PRAYER FOCUS

STATISM / PROGRESSIVE SOCIALISM

Read and reflect upon "Statism: Rendering to Caesar the Things that are God's." (See Page 3) Intercede that the Lord show mercy, raise up, anoint and protect spiritual statesmen who will boldly proclaim and awaken the nation to the truth that a "sharp left turn" into European-style "progressive" socialism and statism has occurred during the initial months of the Obama / Biden administration. (See Page 4) Intercede that the Lord will preserve the United States as a Judeo-Christian Constitutional Republic. (Mt 22:15-22)

TERRORISM / FOREIGN POLICY

Intercede that the Lord intervene to prevent covert Islamic or Marxist terrorists from being hired into U.S. agencies. Pray that He expose sleeper cells and networks, and thwart any planned terrorist attacks. Intercede that the "shift in values" being initiated by President Obama in foreign policy be exposed and rejected. (See Page 2—from the U.S. being founded on Judeo-Christian / Greco-Roman principles, to an all-inclusive multi-faith, Moslem and blurred globalist political philosophy.) Intercede for the Lord to protect the borders and preserve the sovereignty of these United States and its Territories. (Ps 33:12, Acts 17:24-28)

SECULAR MEDIA BIAS

Read and reflect upon "America's Voluntary State-Controlled Media." (See Page 2) Intercede that the Lord intervene and break the grip and influence of the "tongue of secular media." Intercede that the biased showcasing of selected events, personalities and philosophies be halted. Intercede for a restoration of unbiased, objective journalism and news coverage. Pray that attempts to manufacture or manipulate "crises" for political control be exposed and stopped. Intercede for additional and more effective Judeo-Christian media. (Ps 5:1-10)

HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER

"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land. ..." (Ex 20:12) The New Testament terms this "the first commandment with a promise—that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." (Eph 6:2) Reflect upon Jesus' submission to His earthly parents and His perfect obedience to His heavenly Father. (Lk 2:51; Jn 4:34; Heb 12:2) Repent for ways you have not honored your father or mother; forgive and release them to God regardless of any failure or misconduct toward you. Pray for a restoration of honor toward parents in your area.

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"What I say to you, I say to all: Watch!" —Mk 13:37

"But the end (final limits) of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers." —1 Pet 4:7

Star Parker

Middle East Policy = A Shift in Values

It should be clear to anyone conscious and watching that central to President Obama's Middle East strategy is to disabuse the long held notion that there exists a "special relationship" between the United States and Israel. The sense of unique kinship between our country and the democratic Jewish state has existed since Israel's founding just 60 years ago.

The Arab world has always resented the U.S.-Israel connection and has felt that because of this, Americans would never be an honest broker in Arab-Israeli negotiations.

Obama is out to change this. His first hundred days, from his very first television interview—given to an Arab television network—have focused on warming up our relations with Islamic nations and cooling down our Israeli ones.

We should appreciate that this shift is more than a technical change in diplomatic strategy. It reflects a change in values.

The "special" American-Israeli relationship has always reflected the shared values and traditions of the two countries. A commitment to freedom sustained by traditional Judeo-Christian core values.

Freedom House (www.freedomhouse.org) is a widely respected non-partisan organization that publishes annual reports on the state of freedom around the world.

They rate the state of freedom on a scale of 1-7, with 1 being most free.

According to the latest Freedom House data, released this past January, in the area of "political rights," Israel rates a 1. On "civil liberties," Israel gets a 2.

And Israel's Arab neighbors? On "political rights," Egypt ranks 6, Jordan 5, Syria 7, and Lebanon 5. On "civil liberties," Egypt ranks 5, Jordan 5, Syria 6, and Lebanon 4.

Oil rich Saudi Arabia, to whose king the President of the United States bowed deeply at the waist, ranks 7 in "political rights" and 6 in "civil liberties."

Freedom House also reports on freedom of the press. Of 18 countries in the Middle Eastern/North African area, they report only one country with a free press, Israel. Eleven of these countries have no free press, including Jordan, Syria, and Saudi Arabia. Egypt and Lebanon are rated partly free.

Despite being the youngest country in the region, Israel's per capita gross domestic product is five times higher than the average of all its neighbors. Also, despite having no great endowment of natural resources, its GDP per capita, at \$24,097, is higher than Saudi Arabia's, \$22, 296, which has, by far, the world's largest oil production and reserves.

The great American writer Mark Twain visited the Holy Land in 1867 before Jews made their miraculous return to their ancient homeland. He reported that there was nothing there. "Palestine is desolate and unlovely."

You have to be either blind or have a political agenda to refuse to see the incredible miracle that has occurred in the re-birth of the Jewish nation.

Of course, there is a special relationship between the United States and Israel. The same values and traditions have produced in both places freedom and prosperity from nothing.

Should we denigrate Arabs and Muslims? Certainly not. But anyone who thinks that peace and prosperity will come from abandoning those very Judeo-Christian values that got us to where we are, and along with this our friends who share those values, is deeply misguided.

Unfortunately, today we have an American president who is set on doing just that. Principled Americans and Israelis should tighten their seatbelts and prepare to defend the truths we hold dear.

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AMERICA'S VOLUNTARILY STATE-CONTROLLED MEDIA

Gary Bauer

To say that the media is biased in favor of President Obama is not just hyperbole. It is a fact proven by three separate studies that looked at how the president has been treated in nightly news broadcasts during his 100 days.

The first study, conducted by the Center for Media and Public Affairs, found that ABC, CBS, and NBC devoted 28 hours of coverage to President Obama during his first 50 days in office. The same networks gave Democrat Bill Clinton 15 hours and 7 hours and 42 minutes to George W. Bush. But more is not always better, unless you are "The One." For example, of Bill Clinton's 15 hours, 44% contained positive evaluations. Not surprisingly, George W. Bush only got 33% favorable coverage in his 7 hours and 42 minutes. But the Center found that 58% of Obama's 28 hours were favorable!

The Pew Research Center's Project for Excellence in Journalism surveyed seven national media outlets for two months and found that "Positive stories about Obama outweighed negative ones by a two-to-one margin (42 percent vs. 20 percent)." Pew found that Bill Clinton got 27% positive coverage, while Mr. Bush got 22%.

Our friends at the Media Research Center surveyed 852 news stories that aired between January 20th and April 15th. They found that the media studiously avoided labeling any of President Obama's policies as liberal or socialist. Not the bank bailouts or the auto bailouts, not even "universal health care." In fact, they went even further, "The networks never had a single sound bite from a conservative or a free market expert." In other words, the media willingly silenced Obama's critics.

Amazing. America's Big Media networks have voluntarily done what most dictators have to force journalists in their countries to do: provide hours and hours of fawning, uncritical, and unquestioning coverage of the "dear leader."

—Excerpted from *End of Day Report*, 4/30/09, Campaign for Working Families; www.cwfbac.com

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Statism: Rendering to Caesar the Things that are God's

Stephen McDowell

Statism is the belief that the civil government (or man via civil government) is the ultimate authority in the earth and as such is the source of law and morality. The state defines what is right and wrong, what is lawful and unlawful, what is moral and immoral. The state becomes the de facto god of the society, or in the words of Roscoe Pound, President of Harvard Law School in the 1920s, "the state takes the place of Jehovah."

Statist nations do not want and cannot afford to have parallel societies. All those who believe and act contrary to the statist philosophy will find themselves gradually restricted in their rights and freedoms. A society cannot serve two gods. It cannot have two sources of authority, law, and morality. One will ultimately prevail.

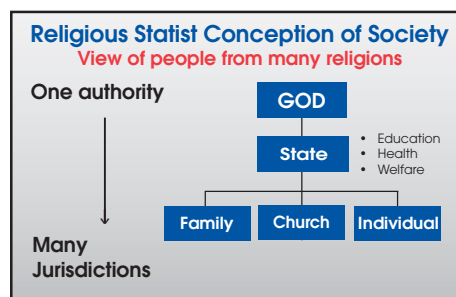
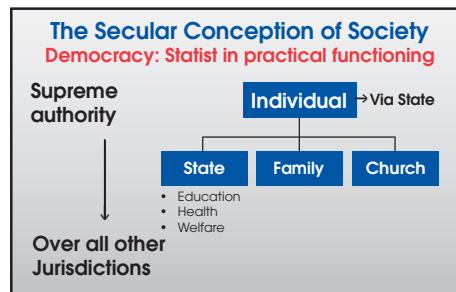
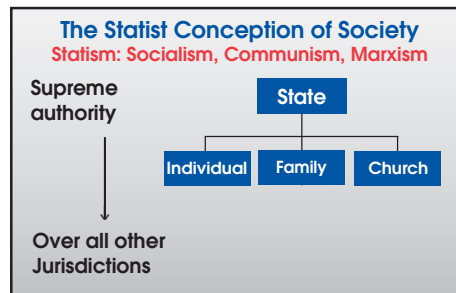
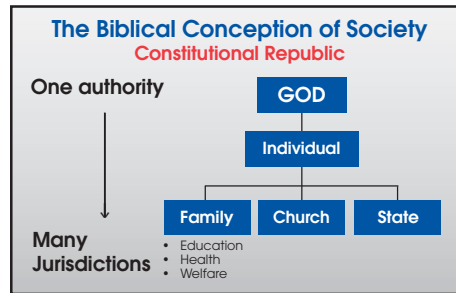
Jesus taught that we are to render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's. In attempting to trap Jesus, the Pharisees sent their disciples to ask Him whether it was lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not. (Matthew 22:15-21) Knowing their malice, Jesus responded by having them show a coin and asking them whose image was inscribed upon it. When they replied, "Caesar's," he said, "Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's."

Jesus was teaching an extremely important concept here—that of jurisdictional authority. Jesus used a coin with Caesar's image upon it to illustrate that civil government does indeed have certain jurisdictional authority, such as in the area of taxation. However, Christ went on to pronounce that the state's jurisdiction is limited when He said

"Statism is the belief that the civil government is the ultimate authority."

that we are to render "to God the things that are God's." The inference is that there is a sphere of life where civil government (i.e. Caesar) has no jurisdiction at all. That sphere is implied here as involving the soul and mind of men, being made, not in Caesar's image, but in the image of God. Jesus was affirming that religious worship and opinions, and any endeavor relating to thoughts or speech, must remain completely free from government control.

This is the Biblical idea of the separation of church and state. It is not like the modern idea, which says we must remove God from public life. The principle of separation of church and state, the separation of school and state, and the separation of the press and speech from the control of the state, which are articulated in the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, are rooted in this historic political teaching of Christ. Before Christianity, the pagan world always



included religion and education under the jurisdiction of the state. It was a radical political concept for Christ to declare that Caesar's power should be limited and, therefore, was used against Jesus when He was convicted of treason and crucified under Roman law. Christ's teaching has since changed the western world.

Caesar thought he was Lord, but Christians declared that "Jesus is Lord." Caesar saw this declaration by early believers as a threat to the state and to his reign and, hence, persecuted and killed many Christians.

The responsibilities of the state are to be distinguished from that of the individual, family, and church. Usurpation of authority occurs when

one jurisdiction encroaches upon another jurisdiction. The result is tyranny. Usurpation is exercising authority or power that belongs to another. It is "the act of seizing or occupying and enjoying the property of another, without right."

The charts included here give a brief comparison of the Biblical conception of society (and the role of civil government) with various man-made views of how societies should be governmentally structured. The fruit of socialism – or the Caesar or Babel mentality – is loss of liberty, loss of prosperity, and loss of the ability for the Church to disciple the nations. A statist government will suppress Christian involvement in government, education, and social life.

While civil government is a divine institution with an important purpose, it is very limited in what it is supposed to do. It basically is to protect the life, liberty, and property of its citizens. (Rom 13:4; 1 Pet 2:14) But we have made it like Babel, thinking the state (something of our own creation)

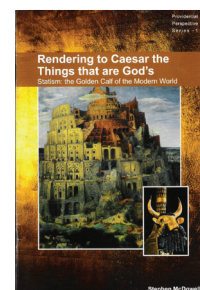
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will do much more than God says it is to do, where it takes on the role of God, the family, the church, and business. Many people look to the state to meet their needs from cradle to grave, to bring peace and utopia on earth, to help them in times of trouble, to solve all their problems, to care for them when they are sick, and to control and regulate all things. We as a nation have given over to the state many of the responsibilities that God says belong to individuals, the family, or the church.

Earthly authorities are not intended to control us. We are to govern ourselves under God and His standard of truth. We should seek to change the mentality of letting others govern us.

Freedom to choose is one key way we are like God. As we choose in a way that pleases Him, we bring Him glory. When we are deprived of this ability to make free choice by evil governments, then part of our God-likeness is suppressed. Liberty is freedom to do God's will.

RENDERING TO CAESAR THE THINGS THAT ARE GOD'S
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SUPPORT FOR ABORTION DOWN

★ WASHINGTON, DC – Research by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press has shown a decline in support for abortion in most or all cases from 54 percent last August to 46 percent in May. By contrast, opposition to abortion in most or all cases has risen from 41 to 44 percent. Pew’s poll reached 1,521 adults between March 31 and April 21. Only 40 percent of men over 50 now say that abortion should be legal in most or all cases, down from 53 percent last summer. The greatest drop, 15 percentage points, was observed among mainline Protestants, considered a “problematic” group, from 69 percent favoring abortion last August to only 54 percent by April. (NRL 5/4/09)

INTEREST IN SECURITY ISSUES UP

★ WASHINGTON, DC – A Rasmussen poll in early May shows that policies and actions by the Obama / Biden Administration regarding national security issues and the international “war on terror,” now termed “overseas contingency operations,” shows that more American people are paying more attention to “national security/war on terror” issues. According to Rasmussen, 70% of Americans now say that those issues are very important to them—up ten points from February and “the highest level found since September 2007.” Concern over “change” being brought to this area is rising. (CWF 5/5/09)

SUPREME COURT NOMINEE BATTLE

★ WASHINGTON, DC – Justice David Souter’s announcement that he will retire from the U.S. Supreme Court this month has “galvanized” the pro-life movement. The sentiments of most pro-life leaders was summarized by American Life League’s Judie Brown in the following statement: “As the most extreme pro-abortion president in the history of the U.S., President Obama spent nearly all of his first hundred days in office destroying any protection for innocent preborn children.... We hope and pray President Obama will nominate someone dedicated to the noble vision of our founding fathers—a vision that embraces life and personhood for all human beings. However, we are prepared to fight the appointment of any nominee whose opinions are consistent with President Obama’s track record of overt hostility toward the human personhood of those weakest of Americans—the preborn child.” (ALL 5/1/09)

WHITE HOUSE CONFIRMS RECEIVING OVER 2 MILLION RED “LIFE” ENVELOPES

★ WASHINGTON, DC – White House mail office worker “Steve” confirmed that the Obama administration has received a “deluge” of as many as 2.25 million red envelopes symbolizing the empty promise of lives snuffed out in abortion. Asked if he has seen a flood of red envelopes bound for the White House, Steve chuckled and told reporters, “I’ve been here 35 years, so I’ve seen presidents come and go... this campaign ranks up there with the big ones.” Thousands of red envelopes are still arriving.

The Red Envelope Project is an idea sparked in the mind and prayers of a Massachusetts man, Christ Otto, who envisioned in January thousands of red envelopes sent to the White House, a visual expression of moral outrage over President Obama’s position on abortion. Otto’s email to a few friends sparked a wildfire on the Internet. On the backs of the envelopes, senders wrote a message Otto composed: “This envelope represents one child who died in abortion. It is empty because that life was unable to offer anything to the world. Responsibility begins with conception.” (WND 5/4/09)

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NATIONAL REPENTANCE SUNDAY JULY 5

★ WASHINGTON, DC – IFA has joined with The Family Research Council and other ministries in issuing a nationwide “Call to Fall” on our knees before the Lord on July 5th, 2009, urging a day of humility and repentance for America. We are asking pastors and churches to engage in a singular act of corporate humility, taking at a minimum 3 to 5 minutes during the Sunday morning worship for the entire congregation to fall to their knees, calling upon God to forgive our sins and heal our land. (2 Chronicles 7:14; Joel 2)

The “Call to Fall” is nothing new for America. The First Continental Congress called for a day of public humiliation, fasting, and prayer, on July 20th, 1775. James Warren wrote Samuel Adams saying, “Three millions of people on their knees at once, supplicating the aid of Heaven, is a striking circumstance.... May the blessings of Heaven follow in answer to our prayers...”

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PRESIDENT PACKED 12 TELEPROMPTERS

WASHINGTON, DC – President Obama, who was accompanied by an immediate entourage of 200 on his March G20 Summit trip, has become the “most protected president in U.S. history. As many as 200 secret service agents were on duty to create a “sterile area” around the President. All 76 seats on Air Force One were filled by aides and support staff, including his chef. Accompanying the party were a total of 500 officials including kitchen staff, 35 vehicles in all, four speech writers, and 12 teleprompters. The President’s “dependence” on teleprompters is becoming more obvious and widely reported. (FN 3/30/09)

DC PASSES SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

WASHINGTON, DC – A resolution passed in the DC Council on May 5 by 12 votes to one. Fellow council member, and former Washington, DC Mayor, Marion Barry, was the only member to vote against the proposal. The law was sent to DC Mayor Adrian Fenty—a supporter of gay marriage—for approval, before being placed before Congress. Because Washington, DC is not a state, the measure will need congressional approval before it can become law. (BBC 5/5/09)

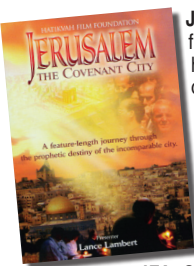
“NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND” UNDER REVIEW

★ WASHINGTON, DC – Education Secretary Arne Duncan is a man on a mission: to hear what teachers, students, and parents in at least 15 states think about “No Child Left Behind,” the education law championed by former President George W. Bush. President Barack Obama has pledged to overhaul the law, but he has been vague about how far he would go, or whether he would scrap it altogether. “I don’t know if ‘scrap’ is the word,” Duncan told reporters. “Where things make sense, we’re going to keep them. Where things didn’t make sense, we’re going to change them.” Duncan gives the law credit for shining a spotlight on kids who need the most help. Whatever the administration decides to do, it needs the approval of Congress, which passed the law with broad bipartisan support in 2001, but deadlocked over a rewrite in 2007. (AP ONN 5/5/09)

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