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Between the Living and the Dead

David Kubal

It was quite a scene. The Israelites were at it again. Despite the patient leadership of Moses, the Israelites were on the verge of destroying themselves, forgetting the covenant relationship that Israel entered into with the Lord at Sinai. (Numbers 16) A rebellious majority formed a leadership alliance of 250 men and approached Moses and Aaron telling them that they had gone too far, that no one should have so much authority.

Fast forward to a similar situation in America today and voices would be raised, heads would roll. Moses' response was one of absolute humility. He fell face down and instructed the people to show up the following day with their incense and incense holders and see who God would accept. The next day the glory of the Lord appeared to everyone and God told Moses and Aaron to get back so He could, "put an end to them."

Again, Moses' response was incredible. He fell face down and cried out to God to save the people, but the damage was done. God caused an earthquake to occur and swallowed up the leaders of the rebellious alliance, their families, and all their belongings. Then fire came out from the Lord and consumed the remaining 250.

You would think that this would have been enough to convince even the worst skeptics, but just a few verses later the Israelites are back at it, and this time it was worse. Not just a few, but the entire assembly of the Israelites revolted. As they gathered in front of the Tent of Meeting the same thing happened . . . only with a twist.

God instructed Moses and Aaron to get back so that He could destroy the entire nation, and with that a plague spread out from the Tent of Meeting and began to destroy the Israelites. With no recorded directive from God, Moses told Aaron to take his censer, incense, and fire from the altar

"and hurry to the assembly to make atonement."

Aaron sprinted from the front of the crowd toward the back as the deadly plague was released over the congregation. In front of him people were gasping, moaning, and dying. Chaos ensued as fear gripped the crowd, and the people began to stampede. As Aaron gained ground toward the edge of death, the scriptures say, "He stood between the living and the dead, and the plague stopped."

There is a plague of death sweeping America today. A rebellious people desire to do only what is right in their own eyes. Congressional leaders have put forth a Hate Crimes Bill that will limit the freedom of God-fearing citizens to address human sexuality and behavior from a biblical point of view. Denominational leaders are ordaining practicing homosexuals. A push to repeal the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act is being orchestrated by the White House and homosexual activists. President Obama has removed ethical restraints and the ban on tax-funded embryonic stem cell research. This encourages the harvesting of stem cells by destroying conceived human life. Unless language is adjusted in any final version of Health Care Reform, the bill would federally fund the practices of abortion, rationing, assisted suicide, and euthanasia.

Will you unite with us in our effort to Get America Praying by mobilizing thousands of additional intercessors to stand in the GAP between life and death, to help avert judgment and bring Christ's atonement to this country? The plague of death is quickly progressing over virtually every area of our culture. Now is the time to pray and act with humility and concern for every American.

Please visit GetAmericaPraying.com to learn how to join this nationwide intercessory effort.

—Dave Kubal serves as President / CEO of IEA

FIRST FRIDAY

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PRAYER FOCUS

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Use IFA's "Top 130 U.S. Officials" bookmark to intercede for President Obama, Vice President Biden, the Cabinet, staff, and families. Affirm the sovereignty of Christ over the Obama administration, the 111th Congress, the Supreme Court, and all U.S. agencies. Intercede for your U.S. Senators and Representative and all top officials. Intercede that the sanctity of human life, biblical morality and ethics, constitutional principles and sound fiscal policy be upheld in legislation regarding health care and immigration reform, abortion, marriage and family, homosexuality, taxation, the federal deficit and national debt.

TRADITIONAL AMERICAN VALUES

Offer thanksgiving for the grass roots national awakening and outcry against statism, big government, excessive taxation, and the loss of personal freedoms. Intercede for it to continue and intensify without violence and bloodshed. Cry out that the Lord will thwart the move into European-style socialism and preserve the U.S. as a Judeo-Christian Constitutional Republic. Intercede for a restoration of constitutional governance in each of the areas outlined in the Declaration of American Values. (See Page 2)

CHURCH AND CLERGY

This month is clergy appreciation month. (See Page 4) Offer thanksgiving for the pastors and leadership serving you in local congregations. (1 Tim 5:17-19) Offer thanksgiving for effective evangelism and church planting efforts. Intercede for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. (See Page 3) Intercede for the healing of any broken and strained relationships, and for harmony in your church and among local pastors, ministries, and believers. Intercede for ordained and lay leadership in your church, city, state, and the nation.

BEARING FALSE WITNESS

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor." (Ex 20:16) Repent for the rise of relativism and decline of truth-telling in the U.S. (Some analysts say that up to 90 percent of Americans now casually lie.) Repent for any personal acts of gossip, slander, derogatory speech, flattery, exaggeration, deception, or insinuation. Intercede for the restoration of sincerity, radical truthfulness and absolute truth in the Church, our institutions, and culture. Intercede for the preservation of the taking of sacred oaths—many municipalities, judges, and courtrooms no longer require a public official, defendant or witness to swear "so help me God" on the Bible.



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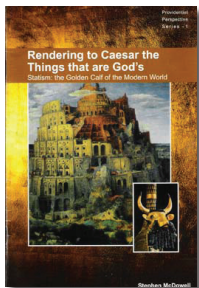
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Declaration of American Values

We the people of the United States of America, at this crucial time in history, do hereby affirm the core consensus values which form the basis of America's greatness, that all men and women from every race and ethnicity are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We adhere to the rule of law embodied in the Constitution of the United States and to the principles of liberty on which America was founded. In order to maintain the blessings of liberty and justice for ourselves and our posterity, and recognizing that personal responsibility is the basis of our self-governing Nation, we declare our allegiance –

1. To secure the sanctity of human life by affirming the dignity of and right to life for the disabled, the ill, the aged, the poor, the disadvantaged, and for the unborn from the moment of conception. Every person is made in the image of God, and it is the responsibility and duty of all individuals and communities of faith to extend the hand of loving compassion to care for those in poverty and distress.
2. To secure our national interest in the institution of marriage and family by embracing the union of one man and one woman as the sole form of legitimate marriage and the proper basis of family.
3. To secure the fundamental rights of parents to the care, custody, and control of their children regarding their upbringing and education.
4. To secure the free exercise of religion for all people, including the freedom to acknowledge God through our public institutions and other modes of public expression and the freedom of religious conscience without coercion by penalty or force of law.
5. To secure the moral dignity of each person, acknowledging that obscenity, pornography, and indecency debase our communities, harm our families, and undermine morality and respect. Therefore, we promote enactment and enforcement of laws to protect decency and morality.
6. To secure the right to own, possess, and manage private property without arbitrary interference from government, while acknowledging the necessity of maintaining a proper and balanced care and stewardship of the environment and natural resources for the health and safety of our families.
7. To secure the individual right to own, possess, and use firearms as central to the preservation of peace and liberty.
8. To secure a system of checks and balances between the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches within both state and federal governments, so that no one branch—particularly the judiciary—usurps the authority of the other two, and to maintain the constitutional principles of federalism which divide power between the state and federal governments.
9. To secure our national sovereignty and domestic tranquility by maintaining a strong military; establishing and maintaining secure national borders; participating in international and diplomatic affairs without ceding authority to foreign powers that diminish or interfere with our unalienable rights; and being mindful of our history as a nation of immigrants, promoting immigration policies that observe the rule of law and are just, fair, swift, and foster national unity.
10. To secure a system of fair taxes that are not punitive against the institution of marriage or family and are not progressive in nature, and within a limited government framework, to encourage economic opportunity, free enterprise, and free market competition.

—The above Declaration of American Values, published by the Freedom Federation, can be downloaded at "Resources/Prayer Guides" at www.ifapray.org.



STATISM: RENDERING TO CAESAR THE THINGS THAT ARE GOD'S Stephen McDowell

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"So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it..." —Ezekiel 22:30

GET IN THE GAP

You are invited to visit IFA's new home page and the G.A.P. web site launched last month. These are the fruits of a busy summer evaluating all programs and operations and launching the G.A.P. campaign to **inform, connect and mobilize** multitudes of additional intercessors across America. We trust you will find the new sites relevant, strategically informative, easy to navigate, useful in connecting with partners-in-prayer in your communities and providing tools you can use to form prayer groups and regional prayer networks.

Take a little time to click on and explore the drop-down tabs across the top, inform yourself on the G.A.P. campaign, navigate through the program buttons and "Crucial Prayer Topics" compilation in the right menu area. Listen to Dave Kubal's one-minute Radio Spots and pray in agreement. Please pray for the spread of these, and prayerfully consider sponsoring some on stations in your area.

"In the News for Prayer" postings will help you intercede with understanding and present developments on key issues in Washington and across the nation. Many are incorporated into the weekly "On Watch in Washington" E-mail alerts which you can sign up to receive, even into your iPhone or other smart phones.

If interested, you can now follow IFA/GAP on Twitter and sign up to be a Facebook fan.

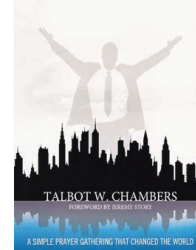
Please join in prayer that all God is appointing to help Get America Praying will respond to His prompting and direction. We stand ready to serve you as we co-labor to build a spiritual wall of intercession and protection on behalf of America.

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We Need An Outpouring of the Holy Spirit

Johannes Facius

In times of divine intervention and revival the Holy Spirit creates a spiritual hunger and thirst within men and women, an emptiness in their souls and a longing for peace and forgiveness. This was evidenced in the Welsh Revival of 1904-05 and in all historic revivals. When the Holy Spirit was poured out in Wales, within five weeks more than one hundred thousand people entered into the Kingdom of God. When multitudes seek out redemption and come to Christ, it is a work of the Holy Spirit. It's not something that can be produced by a good organization, by putting all the energy we have together, all the wisdom, or all the funds we have. Revival is something extraordinary and is evidence of an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It's beyond what we can even hope, think and imagine.

The key, of course, is prayer. Concerted, prevailing prayer is the force that will produce this spiritual breakthrough and outpouring. A Pentecost-type outpouring is necessary to empower believers to be "witnesses unto the ends of the earth" and fulfill the Great Commission. You can come up with all the dollars you have. You can produce all the literature you can produce. You can have all the satellites operating and videos, DVDs, CDs and MP3s, and I don't know what else, but we're not going to make it without the Holy Spirit.

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Isn't it amazing that the 12 apostles and 70 disciples had nothing of what we have today? They had no money. Jesus even said to them, "don't take your purse with you." (Luke 10:4) Interesting, they had no funds. They didn't have a New Testament to preach from; they only had Old Testament scrolls. They had no planes. They had no video cameras. They had no satellite television. They had nothing but the Holy Spirit and yet, within the first hundred years, the early church evangelized the whole known world! That's what we need. We need an intervention by God. We need the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

I'm not saying that technology and all these other things are not good; I'm just saying we're not go-

"Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those also who hate Him flee before Him. As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God. But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God; yes, let them rejoice exceedingly." —Psalm 68:1-3

ing to make it unless we have an intervention by God and an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. These can only be brought about through the prayers of the Church. Psalm 68 (above) shows what we really need—that God will arise!

Some years ago I was invited to visit Wales. I had a wonderful time there with young people who were being trained to reach Muslims. I didn't realize I was in the city where the Holy Spirit was poured out in 1904. In a certain quarter of the city there is a little chapel where Evan Roberts and about 50 other Welsh coal miners had prayer meetings. Then at a particular time, the Holy Spirit fell, and the great Welsh revival started.

We visited the tiny chapel and were accompanied by a 96-year-old lady who was a young girl when the Welsh revivalists experienced the outpouring and went forth preaching the gospel. I had difficulty believing that the little chapel was the birthplace of one of the greatest revivals, at least in the 20th century. Later, I came to understand that this was a primary lesson the Lord was trying to bring home to me. Don't look for big places and big works when you are looking for revival.

This truth was so interesting that I went back and restudied the whole history of revival. I found out that almost every revival in the history of the church has started in a small and obscure place. I would have thought that God might have poured out the Holy Spirit on the Charles Spurgeon tabernacle in London, a glorious building, but He didn't.

And over here in Los Angeles, He poured out the Holy Spirit on a little house on Azusa Street, not a big cathedral. In 1956 the Indonesian

revival began in an obscure bible school on an obscure island. The Lord spoke to me that day in Wales that if we want to see Him work, we should not just go to the big places, we should not just go to the big conferences. He might very well initiate an outpouring in a small and nondescript place.

This changed my ministry so that I do not want to go to the big events. I am more and more convinced that the big events may not be the place where God will send forth his Spirit because of this one principle—when we are big and powerful and many, there is always the risk that we will steal God's glory. And His glory is something God is jealous about. I believe that if there is any danger that we will steal His glory, God keeps away.

I asked the 96-year-old Welsh lady what happened, what the secret was. What did they pray? She looked at me and said that when she had asked them the same question, they really didn't want to tell her. I questioned her again, and she repeated that they didn't sense to talk about it.

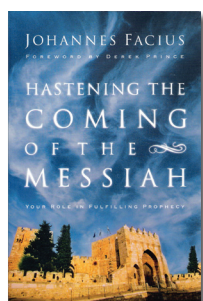
I commented to the lady that they must have shared something. "Yes," she said, "they did say one thing: 'We were a group of miserable men in there and we had come to the very end of ourselves. So we just opened our hearts and cried out to God for mercy.'"

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I stood there and asked her if that was all? "Yes," she said, "that's it."

Traveling home in the car, the truth began to dawn upon me. I don't know what you think the prerequisite for revival is. I believe it is exactly this: until we become desperate after God, nothing much will happen. Until we become so desperate that we're willing, like those poor Welsh coal miners, to assemble in an obscure place and repent and pray until there is an outpouring, nothing much will happen.

It is significant that the history of revival shows that it is very seldom that rich communities experience dramatic interventions and outpourings of the Holy Spirit. The reason is that if we want to see God move we must need and desire it very, very badly.

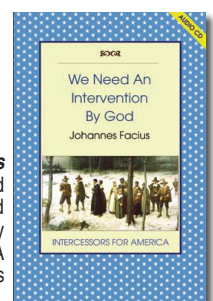


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FIRST-EVER HUMAN STEM CELL CLINICAL TRIAL HALTED BY FDA

★ MENLO PARK, CA – The Geron Corporation announced in mid-August that the first-ever clinical trial using human embryonic stem cell-based therapy has been put on hold by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) pending the review of newly submitted data. The clinical trial would have injected Geron produced hESC-derived progenitors of neural support tissue into the spinal cords of selected patients. (G 8/18/09)

STEM CELL FUNDING RULES CHALLENGED

★ WASHINGTON, DC – A legal challenge filed in DC federal court says that Obama's National Institutes of Health's (NIH) decision to fund embryonic stem cell research is "unethical, scientifically unnecessary, fiscally irresponsible and counterproductive." The suit also contends the guidelines violate a 13-year-old congressional ban on funds for research that destroys embryos, and claims the NIH failed to follow procedures required by law before issuing the guidelines. (BP 8/28/09)

HEALTH CARE REFORM AND ABORTION: WHICH SIDE IS FABRICATING?

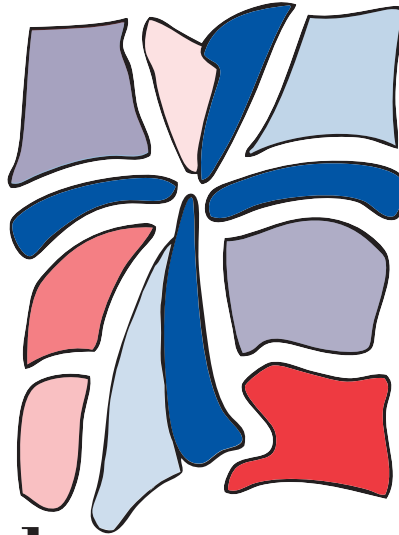
★ WASHINGTON, DC – President Obama engaged in a conference call with supporters in August charging that it is a "fabrication" to say that the health care legislation he backs would result in "government funding of abortion." Pro-life leaders countered by stating that Obama apparently seeks to hide behind a technical distinction between "tax funds" and "government-collected premiums." The Obama-backed legislation as amended by the House Energy and Commerce Committee (the Capps-Waxman amendment) makes it explicit that no citizen would be allowed to enroll in the government public option plan unless he or she is willing to give the federal agency an extra amount calculated to cover the cost of all elective abortions. (NRL 8/19/09)

Even FactCheck.org deemed that Obama went too far in calling the abortion funding readouts "fabrications." They noted that he has often said "reproductive services" would be covered in any public option plan. "Reproductive services" to pro-choice advocates always include abortion. [Note: Intercessors are encouraged to "track" all health care measures. Watch for postings at "Obama/Biden" and "Sanctity of Life" at ifapray.org] (FC 8/25/09)

FREEDOM FEDERATION LAUNCHED

★ WASHINGTON, DC – A federation of more than two dozen groups committed to traditional values are working together to strategize around moral values which are under attack across the U.S. The federation has published a Declaration of American Values. (See Page 2) (RNS 7/1/09)

In America Today...



clergy appreciation month

★ COLORADO SPRINGS, CO – October is Clergy Appreciation Month (CAM), a special time that congregations set aside each year to honor their pastors, church leaders, and pastoral families for the hard work, sacrificial dedication, and multiple blessings they provide.

The nature of the service provided by pastors, church leaders, and their families is unique. God has entrusted to them one of the most precious of assignments—the spiritual well-being of His flock. Pastors and their families live under incredible pressures. Their lives are lived in a fishbowl. Even the secular media scrutinize them. They are expected to have ideal families, to be perfect people, to always be available, to never be down, and to have all the answers we need to keep our own lives stable and moving forward. Those are unrealistic expectations to place on anyone, yet we are disappointed when a pastor is overwhelmed.

That's why God has instructed us to pray for and affirm these servants of His. "The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching." (1 Tim 5:17)

A CAM Planning Guide is available from Focus on the Family at www.parsonage.org.

SYNTHETIC LIFE BY END-OF-YEAR?

ROCKVILLE, MD – Human genome mapping pioneer J. Craig Venter and his team have devised a way of smuggling an "alien" genome into unwitting bacterial cells. The new technique brings scientists one step closer to their goal of creating "synthetic life," novel microorganisms with entirely synthetic genomes. Venter is at the forefront of the new field of "synthetic biology" and is pressing ahead with plans to create totally new organisms out of their component genetic parts. "We're moving from reading the genetic code to writing it," Venter proclaimed and predicted that 2009 could be the year of "Mycoplasma laboratorium," the first synthetic life. (D 8/24/09)

OMB PROJECTS \$9 TRILLION DEFICIT

WASHINGTON, DC – The White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has issued a chilling mid-session review of budget projections. While war spending and high national debt were inherited, under President Obama's direction, the government will accumulate more debt than it did under every previous president combined. The projected 10-year deficit could be greater than the sum of all previous deficits since America's founding. U.S. national debt will equal three-quarters of the entire U.S. economy. By just 2019, the government will be spending nearly \$800 billion yearly just to pay the interest on the debt, and its annual spending will equal more than \$33,000 per household. (AP 8/25/09 W 9/12/09)

COURT RULES "SEXUAL ORIENTATION" LAWS INCLUDE EX-GAYS

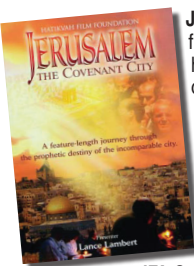
★ WASHINGTON, DC – In a precedent setting case, the Superior Court of the District of Columbia has ruled that former homosexuals are a protected class that must be recognized under sexual orientation non-discrimination laws. The Court held that, under the DC Human Rights Act, sexual orientation does not require immutable characteristics.

A discrimination complaint was filed by Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays & Gays (PFOX) against the National Education Association (NEA) for refusing to provide public accommodations to ex-gays. The DC Office of Human Rights (OHR) had agreed with the NEA that sexual orientation protection did not extend to former homosexuals. NEA's gay caucus protested the presence of PFOX's ex-gay exhibit at the NEA's annual conference. "Gay activists demand equality while denying it to others," said Regina Griggs, executive director of (PFOX). "We are gratified that the ex-gay community in Washington DC now has the same civil rights that gays enjoy," Griggs continued. PFOX.org leads the nation in providing outreach and public awareness in support of families and the ex-gay community. (CN 8/25/09)

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