

Daily Devotional, January 27, 2021

“Divided”, (Matthew 12:25, NKJV)

“Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.” (Matthew 12:25)

We continue to see great division in this country, and it is getting worse. One week, one month, and one year ago, we were having unity problems in America, but today, in the past week, it has grown substantially worse. The new administration has begun its term with record numbers of progressive executive orders that are supported by only half of the electorate, the continuation of a ‘trumped up’ impeachment proceeding, and a ‘my way or the highway’ cancel culture approach to anyone who disagrees with the new overlords. Now there is not going to be perfect unity in any government until Jesus Christ returns. But we can do better than this, if we have a society that values free speech for all. That, my friends, is something that is needed if we are going to continue to have the right to freely preach the gospel, and “the whole counsel of God” (Acts 20:27). I choose to be courteous and respectful to those who disagree with me, although I will not compromise plain Bible truth. America “will not stand” for long on the trajectory that we are on. “See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil” (Ephesians 5:15-16). I fear that it may be too late, but yet I shall continue to pray the politically incorrect prayer, “God bless America.” Church, let us seek revival! Whether revival may come in times of earthly calm or times of soft or hard persecution we do not know, but perhaps we will see the mighty hand of God at work in our days. Now if you have a job, a church, or a home, consider our text in a more personal sense. Endeavor for unity, not in the way of ungodly compromise, but according the peace, love, and precepts of Christ. It is only according to the divine standard of truth, and in relation to true discipleship of Christ, that unity can truly be achieved (See John Chapter 17, especially verse 17). You may have to live in a divided country where disunity is being preached or practiced from the top, but as much as it depends on you, there need not be that spirit closer to home. Finally, I urge you to take our text closest to home, and resolve to follow Jesus with unwavering and undivided faith and purpose. Unity with God the Holy Spirit Who lives in you will bring you the greatest blessing and peace no matter what else transpires in your world.