

Daily Devotional, July 29, 2020

'Lawlessness and Inhumanity to Man', (Matthew 24:12)

“And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.” (Matthew 24:12, NKJV)

The context of this verse is that of the Olivet Discourse, in which Jesus taught His disciples many things concerning the end times. Lawlessness and inhumanity to man come together, and they become a vicious cycle. Today in American cities, we see both of these. And these times, as bad as they are, are not nearly as bad as things are going to be in the Great Tribulation. The riots are intensifying, and the rioters continue to demonize the men and women of law enforcement, attacking them with potentially lethal weapons, with no regard for the fact that most of them have families of their own. Violent crime is through the roof, even as the lawlessness is allowed and even encouraged by many of those in local authority.

“But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!” (2 Timothy 3:1-5).

We have painted a very stark picture of our days. There is no shortage of anarchists and domestic terrorists acting out in anger. But there is always a shortage of Christians and peacemakers acting out in love. *“The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest”* (Matthew 9:37-38). *“Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God”* (Matthew 5:9). Certainly we shall pray for God to raise up workers, but you and I, Christian friend, must go into the fields and lead by example. The only thing that is going to solve these problems is for many people to turn to God through Jesus Christ. *“And how shall they hear without a preacher?”* (Romans 10:14). There are lost souls among us, multitudes on the side of evil, and they know not what they do. How shall we survive without a revival in this country? There are more who hate our heritage than have peace through the God of the heritage of this country. The deck is stacked against us, but we are not without recourse. We can and we must continually redouble our efforts to pray and promote the Gospel of Jesus Christ as the only thing that will restore law and humanity in our land.