

CORPORATE REPENTANCE

Statements Regarding Repentance and the Nature of God

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The primary address of the church regarding any issue of national, pervasive sin and consequential unrest is to approach God in confession and humility asking Him to remember the blood of His Son and turn the tide of wickedness by releasing His power to his people and into the civic and governmental strata of society. In this hour a Christianity of emotional reactivity must endeavor to become a Christianity of biblical responsiveness.

- Acts and prayers of repentance are an open acknowledgement that the activity of the Spirit is being released to address particular arenas of personal and corporate life where God is desiring change unto reconciliation and restoration.
- The scripture teaches that it is God and not man that initiates repentance, for it is God who both stirs the human condition to acknowledge sin and empowers mankind to turn inwardly and to walk free of its grasp.
- The justice of God demands a mediator between a holy God and sinful man
- The mercy of God has provided a Mediator in the person of Jesus and now invites those born of the Spirit into cooperation with this mediatorial role in the form of the priestly ministry of intercession.
- Scripture boldly declares God's willingness to restrain the sentence of judgment against a sinful people for the sake of those righteous who cry out to Him day and night.
- The foundation for intercession is simply the mercy and kindness of God looking for even one who would stand on behalf of those blinded by the evil one and ask Him to release the power and activity of the Spirit in response unto liberation, salvation and glorification.
- The extravagant willingness of God to forgive, heal and restore is central to the invitation to repent and turn to Him by loving and obeying Him.
- When a nation begins to turn to the Lord by acknowledging its sin and correcting its behavior God has promised to initiate healing, correction and restoration at a national level.

"The instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom to pluck it up, to pull it down, and to destroy it, if that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it. And the instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it, if it does evil in My sight so that it does not obey My voice, then I will relent concerning the good with which I said I would benefit it." -Jer.18:7-10

