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## ***Please Join Us As We Pray For:***

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## ***The Pastors Message:***

### **Trusting God and His Word in Times of Persecution.**

*"Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;"* 2 Timothy 3:12 – 14

Paul is speaking to this young Minister named Timothy, Paul is also speaking to all ministers through-out time. It is not that Ministers are the only ones to be persecuted, but as leaders of the Christian faith, echoers of the gospel of Christ, as church leaders, Ministers are the prime target. You kill the general and the troops will retreat, because the strength of the church is Christ Jesus her head, then the Pastor, Christ's overseer and under-shepherd of the church. It is your Pastors job to be the backbone of the local church, they are in the bloodline of strength of the churches that runs from Christ Jesus through the Pastor then through the church. This is the reason you see so many churches starting to deteriorate when they are without a Pastor. As Christians God tells us how to arm ourselves for battle's in this world, Eph. 6:10 – 20. In this passage God tells us how to fight, verses (16) *Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.* (17) *And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:"* our defense begins with faith, faith in God our Father, our Saviour Jesus Christ, and our strengthener and enabler the Holy Spirit. We must trust God, the entire Godhead because God is more powerful than Satan and his army of demons who seek our destruction. As Christians we do not just fight the evils we cannot see, we also fight the evils disguised as Christians. These so-called Christians are not out to love us as fellow Christians, they are out to destroy us because we are Sovereign Grace believers. The battles have been blooming for hundreds if not thousands of years, I believe soon there will be another uprising of Satan's army of evils, and we very well may see what we did in the "Dark Age" years when Catholicism and Reformers persecuted the Lord's churches and Christians alike that some fifty-million were slaughtered. These times have been forgotten by many, never taught to others, and hid from others, but they are true in every letter of the word. Dr. Clark (who started the first Baptist Church in America) and others escaped England to escape persecution, coming to a free new world. Dr. John Clark and other Christian leaders worked with the founders of our constitution to make America a persecution free land where Christians and Churches could worship free from tyranny. Therefore, every Christian should fight for the best America, in hopes we can to keep it free from becoming another England under tyranny. The Devil is our adversary, he is seeking whom he may devour (that is to swallow up or destroy) so powerful in his endeavor the Lord called him *"a roaring lion"* 1 Peter 5:8. We all know how powerful the lion is in the jungle, he is king, and Satan is the king of the earth, seeking to destroy Christians and churches. God said in Revelation 12:12 *"Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he*

*hath but a short time.*” Satan knows, he has fallen from heaven as one who seek to overpower God, so his powers are great. I believe as Christians and Churches we must be prepared for a war, I believe Satan is about ready to move again with his persecutions, His army is greater and his strength has not weakened, I believe American persecution is about to reach a higher level. I also believe this persecution will spread worldwide as many parts of the world already still kill Christians. As Christians we must put on our “Armor of faith” our sword must continue to be God’s word, and we must continue to be, “... *be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.*” Ephesians 6:10 We must remember those believers and churches that were slaughtered in this faith and trusting God, and we must allow their faith to be our faith in Jesus Christ and God. We must stand in the power of God and never lose faith no matter what happens, even to our death. Our life is not about this world, it is about the world that awaits us. We must be like Jesus, who went to His death trusting (as the Son of man) the Holy Spirit to raise Him. Our strength, our faith, our survival all starts with our walk in the word of God, that is in the truth of it. “...*all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.... But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;*” As the deceivers continue to deceive each other to bring it to the climax of Satan’s prepared war machine, we need to be on our knees everyday praying to God for the war that is about to be. While we watch and pray for the Second Coming of Jesus, we need to be prepared to die for Jesus, the time is ours and the time is getting shorter. We do not know how much God will allow us to suffer, how much we may suffer, or how many will die, therefore be prepared.

*Revival #2 "Reasons for Revival 2 Chronicles 7:14*

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This morning we will be looking at some reasons for Revival. But, first let us establish what is Revival. Webster's Dictionary from 1828 gives these definitions: “REVI'VAL, noun [from revive.] 1. Return, recall or recovery to life from death or apparent death; as the revival of a drowned person. 2. Return or recall to activity from a state of languor; as the revival of spirits. 3. Recall, return or recovery from a state of neglect, oblivion, obscurity or depression; as the revival of letters or learning. 4. Renewed and more active attention to religion; an awakening of men to their spiritual concerns. “Keeping with our text verse we will concern ourselves with 4th definition. We hear this verse quoted and misquoted a lot today. With the events that have taken place this year in particular. The Lord's people have witnessed persecution like we have not seen in several generations in our nation. The very foundations of our Republic are under attack. Our God and our families. Americans have gloried in the fact we are protected by our Constitution to worship when, how, and who we want. No other country in the world has had this protection for God's people. Not only are our places of worship under attack, but our families are suffering greatly from the changes that are coming about in our society. For over 50years there has been a movement in place to destroy the family base in our country. Largely through the public education system. Also, in the entertainment industry, sports, the press, and yes, even religion itself (Proverbs 22:6). Once the perpetrators of this movement were able to “free” the youth of our nation from the clutches of the “churches” they could began to corrupt them into anything they wanted and have done a marvelous job of that very thing. And what is that thing? It is a society totally void of any godly values and any reference to God and His Son. The Word of God has been under attack for some time also. Just look at how watered down many of the modern perversions of God's Word are. Many removing the very Sovereignty and Majesty of the Creator of all things (2 Timothy 3:1-5). The corruption we are seeing today has come about because of the destruction of the family, but it has been because the “churches” gave up in an area they needed to stand strong (2 Timothy 4:3-4). Landmark Sovereign Grace Baptist Churches are no exception. We have followed after the world and they are currently winning. However, Praise God, we know who wins in the end. But, what of the “Now”? Why do we quote verses like 2 Chronicles 7:14 but not follow through with the very meaning of the verse? We pray for revival in our land and in our churches and in our families, but do we follow the instruction of God's Word? We say we want healing for our land. We say we want peace and prosperity. But have we humbled ourselves and prayed and sought the face of God and repented of our evil ways? If not, then how can we expect God to hear our prayers for revival in our land and in our churches and in our families (Psalm 51:10)? What must we do before we can expect revival? 1. Humble ourselves before the Lord. 2. Seek His face. 3. Repentance of our sins. Then and only then can we expect revival. What are some reasons we should have for desiring revival? 1. The state of our Nation. 2. The state of our Church. 3. The state of our Families. We will end this morning with James 4:7-10. “Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.” If we truly want revival we must, first, humble ourselves before the Lord. In many ways a forgotten teaching in our land. Praise ye the Lord!!!

