## **Time to Stand**

## Victory Life Church — Pastor Duane Sheriff

Part 3: "The Battle is the Lord's" - Sunday, January 17, 2021

Ephesians 2:1-6 (NKJ)

- The spirit that now works in children of disobedience
- A spiritual battle for the souls of men
- A spiritual battle for the soul of a nation

Charles Finney – (Presbyterian minister and leader in the 2<sup>nd</sup> great awakening 1825-1835)

"Brethren, our preaching will bear its legitimate fruits. If immorality prevails in the land, the fault is ours in a great degree. If there is a decay of conscience, the pulpit is responsible for it. If the public press lacks moral discrimination, the pulpit is responsible for it. If the church is degenerate and worldly, the pulpit is responsible for it. If Satan rules in our halls of legislation the pulpit is responsible for it. If our politics become so corrupt that the very foundations of our government are ready to fall away, the pulpit is responsible for it. Let us not ignore this fact, my dear brethren; but let us lay it to heart, and be thoroughly awake to our responsibility in respect to the morals of this nation."

John Adams – (Founder/2<sup>nd</sup> President 1787-1801)

"Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

1 May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble; May the name of the God of Jacob [a]defend you; 2 May He send you help from the sanctuary, And strengthen you out of Zion;

Psalm 64 Psalm 82

"The battle is the Lords" – David – 1 Samuel 17 / Jehoshaphat – 2 Chronicles 20

We must engage in righteousness and truth

Judges 5 - Song of Deborah

- "Why did you stay among the sheep pens?"
- Some stayed beyond Jordan
- Some stayed with the ships
- Some on the shoreline in coves

Numbers 32:23 NKJ – "Your sin shall find you out"

- Some refused to fight
- Cost them their inheritance
- 40 years sentence in the wilderness

## Ephesians 6:10-18 NKJ –

- 1. Loins girt about with truth
- 2. Breastplate of righteousness
- 3. Feet shod with gospel of peace
- 4. Shield of faith
- 5. Helmet of salvation
- 6. Sword of the Spirit (God's Word)