The Unshakable Kingdom #14

I. Introduction

A. A Prophetic Perspective on the Current Crisis

- 1. My life span of 76 years is 1/3 of the length of the entire history of our nation. I have under 14 of the 45 U.S. Presidents.
- a. I have been alive for WWII, the Korean War, Cold War, the Vietnam War and the War in the Middle East. But war didn't destroy us.
- b. I have lived through the polio and Asian flu epidemics of the 1950's, the HIV/AIDS epidemic of the 1980's, and the current COVID 19 virus. But pandemics have not destroyed us.
- 2. But the current crisis is different. And here's how; all the previous threats to destroy America have come from the outside; *for the first since the Civil War*, we are facing destruction from the inside; as Abraham Lincoln warned us in his day...

Abraham Lincoln

"If danger ever reaches us, it must spring up amongst us. It cannot be from abroad. If destruction be our lot, we must ourselves be its author and finisher. As a nation of free men, we must either live through all time or die by suicide."

- 3. Once again, America is on the verge of 'national suicide' from an enemy that has 'sprung up amongst us'.
- a. This enemy is not threatening the roof of our house or the walls and windows of our house; it is a demonic assault upon our national identity.
- b. This enemy is not flesh and blood. It is not the Democrats or then Republicans; it is...

Theme

The spirit of antichrist, operating through those who would turn America into a socialist nation, is attacking the very foundations of our country.

4. Our text is taken from Psalm 11:3.

Psalm 11:3

If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?

a. If a roof is destroyed you can replace it; or a wall; or floor; but this speaks of the destruction of the very foundations of a house.

Albert Barnes

The word "foundations," here, refers to those things on which society rests, or by which social order is sustained—the great principles of truth and righteousness that uphold society, as the foundations on which an edifice rests uphold the building.

Albert Barnes:

"The reference is to a destruction of these things in a community: when truth is no longer respected; when justice is no longer practiced; when fraud and violence have taken the place of honesty and honor; when error prevails; when a character of integrity and virtue no longer affords any security."

- 5. In a righteous nation, a righteous person of integrity and virtue would have no fear of danger! But when the *foundations* of a righteous nation are destroyed, what can a righteous person do?
- a. Did you notice the word is *plural*? The Psalmist did not say "if the foundation is destroyed", he said if "the foundations are destroyed" Why plural?

Thomas Fuller. (1608-1661)

"It is possible that a building settled on several foundations or pillars, if one of them fall, yet the structure may still stand by virtue of the support it receives from the foundations which still stand secure. But in case there be a total rout, and an utter ruin of all the foundations, none can fancy the possibility of that building's subsistence."

6. So what are the 'foundations' (plural) that are in danger of destruction? There are 3:

Theme

The spirit of antichrist, which is hiding behind the mask of 'Democratic Socialism', has come to destroy the <u>foundations</u> of our nation, which is Godordained government: in the home, the Church, and the nation.

- 7. All this is an attack on the God-ordained structures of government at every level: the <u>family</u>, the <u>church</u>, as well as on our founding documents, especially <u>our constitutional form of civil government</u>.
- 8. The church needs a crash course on the Government of God; when people hear the word 'government' today most of them think 'Federal government'; but God has ordained THREE spheres of government that are the foundations of any godly nation:

God Ordained Government

- Family
- Church
 - Civil

II. The Foundations of God's Government

A. The Destruction of the Foundation of Family Government

1. The first and most important God-ordained foundation of human society is the family: specifically, the family **as God defines it;** the father is the key!

Jerry Newcombe

"Much of the mayhem we see today is linked to fatherlessness. As the family goes, so goes the society. For instance, the majority of prison inmates come from broken families."

2. This 'father famine' knows no racial bounds; but fatherlessness has hit the black community the hardest.

Jack Brewer, Former NFL Player

71% of high school dropouts don't have functioning fathers. 80% of teen suicides happen in homes without functioning fathers. The family unit is the real oppression. Let's have a conversation about the family unit coming back in black America. That's the real conversation but they don't want to have

that confirmation. They want to talk about symbolisms, flags, and whose side you're on. Oppression ought not to be a political debate."

- a. Of course he's referring to the socialist politicians who pretend to be the champions of civil rights when actually they work to keep African-Americans suppressed as a permanent
 - Socialists don't deal with the real issue of fatherlessness in the black community; they actually perpetuate it by offering food stamps and welfare programs to buy votes.

Jerry Newcombe, D. James Kennedy Ministries

"The poverty rate for African-Americans fell by 40 percent from 1940 to 1960—just before the "Great Society" welfare programs. Today, the illegitimacy rate is over 75%, which is devastating—by virtually all accounts."

b. Socialist politicians pretend to care; but in reality they use the welfare system to curry favor with the very people the welfare system enslaves.

Thomas Sowell

"Many successful political careers have been built on giving blacks 'favors' that look good on the surface, but do lasting damage in the long run. One of these 'favors' was the welfare state. A vastly expanded welfare state in the 1960's destroyed the black family, which had survived centuries of slavery and generations of racial oppression."

Thomas Sowell

"The black family survived centuries of slavery and generations of Jim Crow, but it has disintegrated in the wake of the liberal's expansion of the welfare state."

c. Sad to say that Socialist politicians have used the breakdown of African American families for their own advancement. This is not a new tactic for socialists; one of my great American heroes was African-American educator Booker T. Washington; he said this 100 years ago...

Booker T. Washington, "My Larger Education", 1911

"There is another class of colored people who make a business of keeping the troubles, the wrongs and the hardships of the Negro race before the public. Having learned that they are able to make a living out of their troubles, they have grown into the settled habit of advertising their wrongs – partly because they want sympathy and partly because it pays."

Booker T. Washington

"These people do not want the Negro to lose their grievances because they do not want to lose their jobs."

d. Gary DeMar identifies 2 of these men...

Gary DeMar

"A number of black 'leaders', such as Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton, have made their living by promoting black victimhood and white guilt. Jesse Jackson has been shaking down corporations with the scam for decades."

- e. Oddly enough, both these men call themselves 'Reverend'; but neither one of them is a Pastor of a church.
- f. But does the so called 'Reverend' Al Sharpton shows up to sound like a Christian minister when he says...

Al Sharpton

"Tear down this white supremacist nation that is built on the backs of slave labor."

3. There IS racism in America; but America is NOT a racist nation; socialist politicians stir up racial division while supporting policies that break down families; the foundation of the nation.

B. The Destruction of the Foundation of Church Government

- 1. After the family, the second foundation of God's government the socialists have marked for destruction is the Church, the people of God.
- 2. Socialists may pretend to be Christian; but socialism is inherently atheistic to the core.

Fyodor Dostoevsky

"Atheism is inconceivable without socialism and socialism is inconceivable without atheism."

a. This is why socialism will always be connected with lawlessness.

Fyodor Dostoevsky

"If there is no God, everything is permitted."

(Mass murder, abortion, homosexuality)

- b. This is why socialists in power seek to destroy Christianity.
- 3. In his book, "Dark Agenda", Jewish author David Horowitz refers to the socialists as...

David Horowitz, "Dark Agenda"

"The liberal establishment and their radical allies envision a new millennium where Christianity is banished. Judeo-Christian values are at the very root of America's democracy. Kill off such values and all of our freedoms could perish."

4. In 2019, Vice President Mike Pence addressed the graduating class at Liberty University. The press ignored the speech, which contained a warning...

Mike Pence

"Some of the loudest voices for tolerance today have little tolerance for traditional Christian beliefs. The day may come when you will be asked to bow down to the idols of the popular culture."

Mike Pence

"You're going to be asked not just to tolerate things that violate your faith; you're going to be asked to endorse them."

a. Last year Democrat socialists in the House of Representatives passed the so-called Equality Act that would expand the Civil Rights Act to include sexual orientation and gender identity.

Todd Starnes, "Cultural Jihad"

"Christian churches would be forced to host events that are contrary to the Bible's teachings on marriage and sexuality. Christian schools would be required to accommodate the preferences of transgender students and many Christian owned businesses would be forced to violate their deeply held religious beliefs."

5. Churches that preach the truth will come under fire because of the pressures of 'political correctness'.

TheTwentyishConservative.com

"Truth is the new hate speech. Political correctness is destroying the very fabric of our society. Never before in history have people been so afraid to stand up against absurdity for fear of being labeled a racist, a homophobe or a bigot. Get rid of political correctness. Let's get people talking again."

- 6. The latest attack on the Church comes from the misguided souls who support the Black Lives Matter movement.
- a. This is the socialist driven hate group that now enjoys the support of 2/3 of the American people!
- b. This is the socialist driven hate group that openly embraces the principles of Marxist terrorism.

BLM Member"We are trained Marxists."

(And what do Marxists believe?)

Mao Zedong

"There may be thousands of principles of Marxism, but in the final analysis they can be summed up in one sentence: Rebellion is justified."

c. This is the socialist driven hate group that is burning cities, looting stores, and pulling down historical statues all over the nation and is now advocating vandalism of Christian churches because they are racist!

Shaun King

"Yes, I think the statues of the White European they claim is Jesus should also come down. They are a form of white supremacy. Always have been. Tear them down."

Shaun King

"All murals and stained glass windows of white Jesus, and his European mother and their white friends should also come down. They are a gross form of white supremacy, created as tools of oppression. Racist propaganda. They should all come down."

d. This is the same socialist driven hate group that is raking in hundreds of millions of dollars in donations with no one asking where the money goes! It even has the University of Tennessee football team raising money for it!

Tennessean 6/20/20

The University of Tennessee football team will wear black jerseys and raise funds to support the "Black Lives Matter" movement.

Jeremy Pruitt, UT Head Football Coach

"In my lifetime, this is the first time I can remember...conversation on how to put measures in to create change. Absolutely, I want to be an advocate of that...and use our platform to create change."

- e. Note: If you want to create change use your platform for Christ and preach God's love for all people!
- 7. How did this movement get so big so fast? They begin with a name that no reasonable person would disagree with: BLACK LIVES MATTER!

Michael Knowles

"This is what they always do. They give you a slogan that you think you can agree with and buy into, but that slogan is a gateway to premises that would completely destroy your civilization."

Michael Knowles

"So 'Black Lives Matter'. As I've said, nobody disagrees with the phrase 'black lives matter'. But 'black lives matter' doesn't mean 'black lives

matter'. 'Black lives matter' means 'Marxism', as the Founders of 'Black Lives Matter' have told us over the last few days."

- a. They disguise their real agenda, which is to destroy the foundations of America as founded.
 - 8. Review:

Theme

The spirit of antichrist, operating through those who would turn America into a socialist nation, is attacking the very foundations of our country.

- a. The foundation of the family; of the church; and now of the nation.
- b. Once again, the mask came off how the spirit of antichrist is working through the BLM hate group when a leader said this on national TV:

Hawk Newsom, BLM Leader

"If the country doesn't give us what we want we will burn down the system and replace it. And I could be speaking figuratively or literally."

C. The Destruction of the Foundation of Civil Government

1. This is nothing less than a threat to destroy the foundations of America as we have known it; the function of law and order.

Charles Spurgeon

"The civil foundation of a nation or people, is their laws and constitutions. The order and power that's among them, that is the foundation of a people; and when once this foundation is destroyed, 'What can the righteous do?"

a. Another translation of Psalm 11:3

Psalm 11:3

The foundations of law and order have collapsed. What can the righteous do?

2. A sure sign of the spirit of antichrist is lawlessness and rebellion that results in social chaos; this from a master Marxist...

Mao Zedong

"Everything under heaven is in utter chaos. The situation is excellent."

- 3. Socialists thrive on chaos and crisis; if it doesn't come they will create it.
- 4. We under the most serious assault against the foundations of our nation since the Civil War. The family, the Church and the Constitution are being destroyed.

III. Close: What CAN the Righteous Do? (4 Things)

- 1. Educate yourself!
 - a. God said "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."

Psalm 82:5

They know not, neither do they understand; they walk on in darkness; therefore all the foundations of the earth are out of course.

2. Return to God!

Gary DeMar

"The first commandment must be our starting point for the proper ordering of ourselves, our families, our churches, and our nation. We must never put any of man's laws before the first commandment: 'I am the Lord your God...you shall have no other gods before Me'.

3. Let not your hearts be troubled; don't be overwhelmed by the fake news media or the polling data. The future is in the hands of the righteous!

2 Chronicles 7:13-14

When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, if My people who are called by My name will (1) humble themselves, and (2) pray and (3) seek My face, and (4) turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

a. The majority is always wrong! God's hand is not limited!

1 Samuel 14:6 NLT

"Let's go across to the outpost of those pagans," Jonathan said to his armor bearer. "Perhaps the Lord will help us, for nothing can hinder the Lord. He can win a battle whether he has many warriors or only a few!"

4. God always has a faithful remnant! I will close with a promise from the passage on fasting in Isaiah 58...

Isaiah 58:12

Those from among you shall build the old waste places; You shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In.

CLOSING PRAYER