

World without Restraint

Part 4

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I Reminder

A) **Isaiah 40:3 (NIV)** A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

- 1) This scripture tells us who we are and what we are to do
- 2) During this time, we need to develop a servant's heart
- 3) We are not to prepare a way for us; we are to prepare the way for Jesus
- 4) What needs to be done cannot be done without each one of us becoming involved

B) We wait not for the wilderness to disappear. We wait for the vision to make a highway in that wilderness

- 1) Methodist church: not friendly - does not matter what we think; it only matters what new people think
- 2) Fellowship time

II God's Wrath

A) **SLIDE Romans 1:18 (NIV)** ¹⁸ The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness,

- 1) Wrath: Anger, indignation, divine judgement
- 2) Revealed from heaven
 - a) To remove a veil or covering
 - b) To expose what was before hidden
- 3) Godlessness: "a state or condition where people live without God"
- 4) Wickedness
 - a) Anything that does not conform with God's justice
 - b) Unjust

B) **SLIDE** God's wrath is being revealed because this godlessness and wickedness are suppressing (hiding, stamping out, overpowering) the Truth

- 1) We are in a world that is suppressing the truth because of godlessness and wickedness
- 2) By embracing or excusing such behavior, we bury the Truth; we bury the only Gospel that can save us

C) Examples

- a) *Goonies* star 46-year-old Martha Plimpton at a #ShoutYourAbortion rally in Seattle
- b) "Seattle has some particular significance for me for lots of reasons," the actress said at the Town Hall event. "I've got a lot of family here, some of whom are here in the audience tonight. I also had my first abortion here at the Seattle Planned Parenthood!"
- c) She added, "Notice I said 'first'...and I don't want Seattle — I don't want you guys to feel insecure, it was my best one."
- d) The audience laughed and cheered her on
- 2) Sex traffickers have legal protection
 - a) When Mrs. Pride's 14-year-old daughter went missing, she searched for weeks in "adult" sections of online market places for sex
 - b) She found her daughter's picture and asked that it be removed
 - c) The website told her that only the person posting the picture could remove it
 - d) Child sex trafficking has increased 846% in the last 5 years because of online sites
 - e) The site with Mrs. Pride's daughter's picture is responsible for 73% of all child trafficking
 - f) But they are protected because of the 1996 Communications Decency Act which says companies like this website are protected from liability for crimes committed through their website because they are only publishing ads from third parties

3) Jennifer Lawrence

- a) She has a theory about hurricanes
- b) The devastating hurricanes in Texas and approaching Florida were signs of "Mother Nature's rage and wrath" at America for electing Donald Trump and not believing in man-made climate change.
- c) She added: "You know, I've heard things and seen things on TV in my own country that devastate me and make me sick, and it's just really confusing."
- d) Well, so have I!

III Why is God angry?

A) Because we have no excuse

- 1) ¹⁹ since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.
- 2) This nation's wickedness and godlessness are suppressing the truth

B) What truth? That God exists and has made His presence plain to all people for all time in all places