

then overnight this great Kingdom nation will become a holy and righteous nation. No, my friend, this cleansing takes time, and we are in a period of cleansing at the present time. All that is out of line with the Word of God is breaking down on every hand. Some Christians believe that this nation is getting ready to be taken over by some Antichrist, but that is a deception. All our enemies will get is about six feet of earth.

In *Isaiah 61:11* we read, "*For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.*"

This is identically the same symbol used by the Christ in His kingdom parable which we just quoted (*Mark 4:26-29*). When a seed is planted in the ground, it does not spring forth in an instant. The growing process takes time, as both *Isaiah* and the Christ taught. Note, too, the phrase "*before all the nations,*" not "*before all the churches.*" The coming forth of the Kingdom will be manifest in one particular nation.

The next verse (*Isaiah 62:1*) tells us what nation this is:

"*For Zion's sake (Zion is the United States of America) will I not hold my peace, and for Jeru-*

*salem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth.*"

Let us not believe all of the propaganda that blames, shames and condemns the United States for all of the woes and the ills of the earth. That is from the Enemy. As far as national righteousness is concerned, history shows that our nation has been more righteous in civil administration than any other nation in the last 2500 years. We have been the salvation of nation after nation. How many nations in Europe and Asia would be free from the dominion of world communism today had it not been for the United States of America? We truly have been a lamp to millions of people in other nations.

*Micah 4:9* is our next verse for consideration: "*Now why dost thou cry out aloud? is there no king in thee? is thy counsellor perished? for pangs have taken thee as a woman in travail.*"

There are four very interesting, significant things in this verse. First of all, as the prophet saw our nation today, he asked, "*Why dost thou cry out aloud?*" What better description could he give of our time than this very question, for it seems that everybody in our nation is crying out. The youth of this generation are crying out, some with reason and some without

reason. Senior citizens are crying out, and they certainly do have reasons. Labor, too, is crying out; and they have basis for their outcry. Business is crying out — they are being harassed, regimented, and restricted. Taxpayers are among those who are crying out, as are minority groups, educators, mothers and even civil authorities.

What is everybody crying out about? Whether they know it or not, they are crying out against our pagan, debt money system that is cursing and restricting every good thing in the nation and causing every evil, unscriptural thing to flourish.

Then Micah asked, "*Is there no king in thee?*" Was the prophet looking for a monarch or a dictator to take over the nation? No, certainly not; a king in the scriptural sense means one who administers the national laws of the Bible. Micah was simply asking, "Don't you have men in your midst who are familiar with the national laws set forth in the Scripture for the solution to all of your problems? Haven't you read the Old Scriptures, where book after book is devoted to giving counsel, wisdom, and instruction on how to solve these problems which you're all crying out about?"

"Is there no political party that can administer these wise and God-inspired laws for the solution

to your problems?" The answer, apparently, is "No." We have gone so far away from the Gospel of the Kingdom and the national message of the Scripture; and so far away from the gospel preaching of such men as Luther, Wesley, Finney, Edwards, and a great host of others, that civil authorities have no counsel, light or revelation from God's Word.

Biblical law is the only solution to our national problems. Let me give you an example of this from *II Chronicles 15:3-6*:

"*Now for a long season Israel hath been without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law. (This was God's law for the nation.) But when they in their trouble did turn unto the LORD God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them.*"

Note the condition when there were no teaching priests setting forth the law and the national message of the Scripture: "*And in those times there was no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations were upon all the inhabitants of the countries. And nation was destroyed of nation, and city of city: for God did vex them with all adversity.*"

What happened at this time? There was a preacher by the name of Oded who prophesied and preached the Gospel of the King-