

As I listened to the president speak last Friday morning, my thoughts were pretty varied and even scattered. Many times I have heard a president or other politician speak and listened with the hope that what they were saying would really make a difference. Many times, looking back, I see that the rhetoric was just that and nothing more. It made no difference at all. Things didn't change, and oftentimes things got worse. Maybe now I'm like a lot of other folks in that now when they speak, I listen with that "We'll see" or "Yeah, right" attitude, and wait for the results without a lot of hope in the promises that are made.

The fact is now, and has been for a long time, that one person in government cannot change much in this country because of all the other people in government who have their own agendas and have made their own "special interest" promises to get elected. I used to think that what we needed was an honest person in government to really make a difference. But the reality is that even the most honest person in the world would make very little difference because of all the other people in government who have their own agendas and place their emphasis on being "politically correct".

So what is to be done? What can be done? What will change anything in this country for the better? There is only one thing... Return this country to the godly principles that it was built upon and turn back to God. There is a verse in 2 Chronicles that says it all.

*"If My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land."* 2 Chron. 7:14).

Despite what anyone may say, this is a Christian nation. It was founded on godly, Christian principles and by men who considered themselves to be lead and governed by God's Holy Word. All of our founding documents contain references to the Creator, His will, His governance, His benevolence and His providence. They knew that without God's blessings on this nation it would not, could not, prosper or succeed. So why have we drifted so far away from Him? How have we come to a place where God has been forced to take a back seat while the nation at large "rises up to play and make merry" against all common sense and decency? The only answer to that question is that we have been complacent and silent for too long. We have accepted the will of the minority and allowed our Christianity to be walked upon time and time again. We have not stood strong for the truths that made this country great. We haven't even stood strong for the truths of God's word for fear that we might offend someone or be seen as "religious zealots". After all, we need folks to like us. We need to "fit in". We must get along with everybody. And, because of that attitude the cause of Christ has suffered greatly.

The Scriptures tell us that Jesus came here to "*seek and to save that which was lost*", (Luke 19:10). In doing so, Jesus was compassionate, kind, loving, true to the truth, steadfast, and strong. He was evidently not worried about getting along with everybody, worried about being seen as a zealot, or fitting in. He made promises, too. Not promises that made Him popular, but promises based on truth and eternal salvation.

Politicians can make all the promises they want, and we can believe them or ignore them as we choose. The fact is that in the end result, the only promises that are real and true and that will make a difference are the promises of God and His Son. One person did make a difference over 2000 years ago. Jesus gave Himself as a sacrifice in your place. That changed everything... eternally.