Fullers Field

Start message with a question: For God's people what is God's sword?

Psalm 17:13 Arise, O LORD, disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, which is thy sword:

God will use wicked people and nations to cut down his people when they walk in disobedience.

Prov 16:4 The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.

There are many examples of this in the Bible. The most prominent would be when the nation of Israel was taken captive by the Asyrians.

- 2 Kings 17:6 In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.
- 7 For so it was, that the children of Israel had <u>sinned</u> against the LORD their God, which had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods,
- 8 And <u>walked in the statutes of the heathen</u>, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made.

Isa 10:5 O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation.

2 Kings 18:19 Also Judah kept not the commandments of the LORD their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made.
20 And the LORD rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight.

Another time was when Israel was taken captive by the Babylonians. The Bible says they hung their harps upon the willows.

Psalm 137:1 By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we **remembered Zion**.

- 2 We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof.
- 3 For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion.

When the wind blew from the direction of Jeruselem, the wind moved the long willow branches againt the hanging harps like wind chimes and would carry the sound to their ears.

One would be working in the field and hear the sound of harp strings in the distance. He would lift his head and say "Where is that music coming from?" He would look in the direction of Jeruselem and the Bible says they wept. I'll bet he beat upon his breast and said "Why did I ever sin against God? If I had just obeyed I would not be in this predicament. I would not be in captivity"

How many Christians find themselves in captivity because of their sin?

Why is America ruled by wicked leaders?

The answer is always the same...SIN!

The problem has always been SIN!

Just as there is an example of why this is so, there is an example of what to do about it.

Around 730 B.C.

Isa <u>7</u>:1 And it came to pass in the days of **Ahaz** the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, **king of Judah**, that **Rezin the king of Syria**, and **Pekah** the son of Remaliah, **king of Israel**, went up toward **Jerusalem to war against it**, but could not prevail against it.

2 And it was told the house of David, saying, <u>Syria is confederate</u> with Ephraim. And his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, <u>as the trees of the wood are moved with the wind.</u>

3 Then said the LORD unto Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou, and Shearjashub thy son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field;

There was a place Isaiah had to go. He found good King Ahaz there. 4 And say unto him, Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither be fainthearted for the two tails of these smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin with Syria, and of the son of Remaliah.

Now in case you don't know what a fuller is or what a fullers field is..

Eastons bible dictionary

The word "full" is from the Anglo-saxon fullian, meaning "to whiten." To full is to press or scour cloth in a mill.

Mention is made of "fuller's soap" in Mal 3:2 2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:

Mark 9:3 At his transfiguration our Lord's rainment is said to have been white so as no fuller on earth could white them.

A Fullers Field is like a laundymat where you go to get your garments washed. Get those stains removed.

So when you find yourself in the posision of being layed seige by the Assyrians here is the place you need to go...

Go through the narrow way into the King's highway and go down to the fullers field at the end of the conduit leading from an upper pool.

Let me demonstrate. (Go to an isle and sit down) Pastor harps on you sin. You hear the preaching of God's word you get under conviction of your sins. When you hear the sound of the harps in the willows you begin to weep...

Get up and **go through the <u>"narrow"</u> way** (squeeze past a few people) "excuse me pardon me" into the "<u>King's</u> Highway" (the main isle) and go down to the Fullers Field (altar). There you will find the <u>END</u> of the

<u>Conduit</u> from the <u>upper pool</u> (point up) where something flows down from above and you can get your garments washed whiter than snow.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

That upper pool is God's mercy and I'll give you one guess WHO that Conduit is.

You are not to go to the side or the middle of the conduit. Jesus was not just a good man or a wise prophet. You must not just aknowledge that Jesus existed.

But you MUST go to the **END of the Conduit**. The END of the Conduit.

<u>IT IS FINISHED</u>! That end is <u>Calvary</u> where you will find mercy for your sins. He is the Saviour that was prophecied throughout the ancient scriptures.

Thank God for his mercy and thank God for Jesus Christ!

1 Tim 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

The Syrians are surrounding us <u>because of our sins</u>. The answer is to get rid of the sins. That has always been the answer.

If you have never been to the end of that conduit, you need to come to the Fullers Field and find salvation. Now is the time.

If you are a Christian and not doing right, you need to come to the Fullers Field and get your garments washed.

The problem with America is not gun control, it is sin control. Hollywood portrays anyone calling for repentance as a crazy person, but that is exactly what this nation needs to do. Return to God's ways.

Isa 1:4 Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.

- Isa1:7 Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers.
- 8 And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city. (The church is now a small cottage)
- Isa1:16 Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil;
- 17 <u>Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the</u> fatherless, plead for the widow.
- 18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as **white as snow**; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.
- 19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:
- 20 **But if ye refuse and rebel**, ye shall be **devoured with the sword**: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

The answer to the Asyrians is not Donald Trump. It is Jesus Christ! Thus saith the Lord.

- Isa 11:16 And there shall be an <u>highway for the remnant of his people, which</u> shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.
- 12:1 And in that day thou shalt say, O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me.
- 2 Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.
- 3 Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.
- 4 And in that day shall ye say, <u>Praise the LORD</u>, call upon his name, <u>declare his</u> doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.
- 5 Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth.
- 6 Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for **great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.**