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The Smoke of Their Judgment

By Pastor Alfred B. Davis

In the first week of June, my family and I took a trip to Washington DC. We arrived Monday evening and checked into our hotel in Virginia. The next morning, while eating breakfast, we watched the weather report for the day and saw that the DC area was under an air quality alert due to smoke from the Canadian wildfires. We could tell it was smokey as we took a shuttle to the Metro Station, purchased all day passes for several days, and went down to the train platforms to await our train into DC proper. On the

ride in the smoke was very evident across the Potomac River, blanketing Washington DC, as we were approaching Reagan National Airport.

Each day, as we rode the train into DC we marveled

at the continuous blanket of smoke over the whole area. In fact, on Thursday, the smoke was so bad that a number of places, such as the National Zoo, closed down and people were urged

Blessed is the nation whose God

is the LORD; and the people

whom he hath chosen for his

own inheritance.

(Psalms 33:12)

to avoid being outside for long. However, since it was our last day in DC we braved the smoke and ventured forth to see the White House.

We were not sure how close we could get to the White House but figured that we could at least view it from Lafayette Park. However, when we arrived in the vicinity, we found that most of the area around the White House, including Lafayette Park, was closed off and security was tight. Apparently, Joe Biden was supposed to give a brief speech in honor of Pride Month and then welcome thousands of guests to what the head of the

White House Domestic Policy Council, Neera Tanden, described as the "largest Pride celebration in White House history, with LGBTQ families from across the country demonstrating that LGBTQ people belong in the people's house." Consequently, we could not get very

close to the White House but had to view it from the far side of Lafayette Park.

Despite the smokey conditions we went on with our last day of sightseeing. However, White

House officials decided that conditions were too unhealthy for the Pride celebration and decided to postpone it until Saturday. (Ironic, considering it was a celebration of a profoundly unhealthy lifestyle to begin with.)

That prompted me to post on social media:

"Visited Washington DC last week and walked by the Whitehouse Thursday morning. Lafayette Park was closed off and security was tight because Biden

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Coming Events at the BBC

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The American Indian's Best Friend

By Baptist Bible Translators Institute

Isaac McCoy was born in Fayette, Pennsyl-

sounds, did not believe in evangelizing. Isaac and his father argued over this, but Isaac was not afraid to stand for the truth. He became a missionary to the Native Americans. Before moving west to the wilderness of Indiana and Illinois, Isaac pastored a church for seven or eight years. His first missionary assignment paid him \$500 per year, and he worked with the Weas. Miamis. and Kickapoos in Indiana. He later worked with the Pottawatomie tribe in Michigan.

tool to evangelize children. In

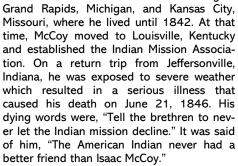
1820, he moved to Fort Wayne and opened a school with ten English pupils, six French pupils, eight Indian pupils, and one African pupil. By the end of the year, he had thirtytwo Indians living in his own home as members of his family! A year later, he reported that he had forty-two pupils. In 1822, he began a temperance society and made his first trip to Washington D.C. to plead for fair treatment for the Native Americans. Our government was shamefully famous for making and breaking treaties with the Indians They stole their land, relocated them, and viewed them as something less than human. However, Isaac McCoy did not see the Indians this way. He loved a people that others despised.

For many years, McCoy served under federal appointment as a commissioner, surveyor, or teacher among the Native Americans.

On a trip to Washington [believed to have vania, in June 1784. He was the son of a been in 1829 to report on his exploration, Baptist preacher who, as incredible as it he visited the Mission Board in Boston. He

> found them making pleas for Burma missionaries to (Myanmar), Africa, and other countries, but not to the Native Americans. Not everyone shared McCoy's burden to reach them. Some believed that the Indians would soon die out; therefore, they believed there was no need to evangelize them.

In 1828, McCoy preached the first Baptist sermon ever heard in Chicago. In 1832, he was present in the organization of the first Baptist church in the McCoy used education as a Isaac McCoy 1784 -1846 Oklahoma Territory. He was instrumental in the founding of



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was supposed to make a speech for Pride Month and welcome thousands of guests to a Pride celebration on the South Lawn. However, due to poor air quality because of the Canadian forest fires, the festivities had to be postponed to Saturday. The smoke was bad each day but without a doubt it was the worst on Thursday. I doubt that was a coincidence. 'But thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision.' (Psalm 59:8)"

Since returning from our trip the smoke has continued unabated all month, prompting some of the worst air quality alert days across the eastern United States that I can remember. That got me thinking again that it is no coincidence; that perhaps God might be trying to send a message to a nation that has thumbed its nose at God and devoted a whole month to the celebration of debauchery, immorality, and abominable acts: Pride Month.

Consider, for example, Genesis 19:27-

"²⁷And Abraham gat up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the LORD: ²⁸And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace."

In this passage we see Abraham viewing the smoke arising from the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Previously, God told Abraham that He was going to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah "Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous" (Genesis 18:20). Abraham had argued with God about sparing the city, probably because his nephew, Lot, was living there, getting God to agree to spare the city if as few as ten righteous people could be found there. Surely, he must have thought, his nephew, whom Peter describes in 2 Peter 2:7-8 as a just and a righteous man, must have been able to point at least ten people to the Lord.

Unfortunately, for Sodom and Gomorrah, Lot had been unable to reach anyone, not even his married daughters and their husbands. Instead, only four peo-

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Words Worth 🤼 Considering...`

'Is it not that the Declaration of Independence first organized the social compact on the foundation of the Redeemer's mission upon earth? That it laid the cornerstone of human government upon the first precepts of Christianity?'

–John Öuincv Adams

"It is the duty of mankind on all suitable occasions to acknowledge their dependence on the Divine being....

-Benjamin Franklin

"The real democratic American ideal is, not that every man shall be on a level with every other man, but that every man shall have liberty to be what God made him, without hindrance.'

—Henry Ward Beecher (1813-1887)

"People at the top are immoral because immorality is the prevailing ethic in the U.S. today. The slogan appears to be "Get what you can get, no matter what you have to do to get it." The only caveat you need to observe is to take care that you get away with whatever knavery you are about. Getting caught is the biggest crime of all.

-Phil Brennan, 26 Jun 02

"History fails to record a single precedent in which nations subject to moral decay have not passed into political and economic decline. There has been either a spiritual awakening to overcome the moral lapse, or a progressive deterioration leading to ultimate national disaster." —General Douglas MacArthur

"Our Government rests upon religion. It is from that source that we derive our reverence for truth and justice, for equality and liberty, and for the rights of mankind. Unless the people believe in these principles, they cannot believe in our Government." —President Calvin Coolidae

"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. -President George Washington

"We must take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented." —Elie Wiesel

The First Amendment envisions the United States as a rich and complex place where all persons are free to think and speak as they wish, not as the government demands." —Justice Neil Gorsuch

"The world can think to be true whatever it wants, but the resurrection of Jesus from the dead confirms that the Bible actually is true. Since the day of Pentecost, Christians have been walking in Holy Spirit power knowing that the great enemy of death has been conquered. This will be true for all who believe until we meet Him in the air and are forever with the Lord." —Amir Tsarfati

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Is There Not a Cause?

Recently, a number of people from our church helped stuff, seal, and label nearly 2000 envelopes for the Ohio Christian Alliance. Each envelope was stuffed with four items to be sent to churches across Ohio, alerting them to the important August 8 special election and the necessity of passing Issue 1.



If passed, Issue 1 will help protect the integrity of the Ohio Constitution by requiring a super majority of 60%, as opposed to as little as 50.00001%, to amend the Ohio Constitution. This will help to overcome ballot counting errors, give clear consensus and overwhelming support to changes, and bring Ohio

in line with the need for a supermajority to amend both the United States Con-

stitution and the constitutions of the majority of the States (42).

Issue 1 will also insure that all 88 counties will have a voice in the petition process to amend the Ohio Constitution. Currently, signatures from only half (44) of Ohio's counties need to be gathered in the petition process to put an amendment on the ballot. Consequently, much of rural Ohio has no voice in the petitioning process. Issue 1 will give Ohio's rural residents a voice.

In addition, if Issue 1 passes in August, it will be instrumental in helping to defeat the radical abortion amendment planned for the November ballot. The planned abortion amendment is being falsely being portrayed as a woman's health initiative. However, it will, if passed, turn Ohio from being a pro-life state to a radical pro-death state overnight. All of Ohio's pro-life laws will be stripped away, along with the rights of parents regarding their minor daughters, leaving all decisions regarding abortion up to the woman and her doctor, who may have just met her when she came into the abortion facility. As, the Ohio State Treasurer, Robert Sprauge recently said, "You could have a pizza shop in the front and a place that does abortions in the back and the pizza shop will be subject to more regulations than the place that does abortions." It apparently will also allow gender transformation therapies, drugs, and surgeries to be performed under the guise of woman's reproductive health, without regulation by the State of Ohio or the knowledge or permission of the parents of a minor daughter.

For this cause, nearly all of the pro-life, pro-family, and conservative Christian groups in Ohio are united in their support of Issue 1, urging a yes vote on Issue 1 on the August 8 special election. In addition to the Ohio Christian Alliance, Ohio Right to Life, Northeast Ohio Right to Life, Cleveland Right to Life, Cincinnati Right to Life, Ohio Value Voters, and the Center for Christian Virtue, here are a number of other organizations across Ohio urging a yes vote in support of Issue 1:

Ohio Pork Council Sportsmen's Alliance The Ohio Chamber Ohio Gun Owners

Associated Builders and Contractors Ohio Ohio Farm Bureau

National Federation of Independent Business **Buckeye Firearms Association**

Ohio Restaurant Association Ohio Hotel & Lodging Association

Here is the actual text of Issue 1:

Proposed Constitutional Amendment ELEVATING THE STANDARDS TO QUALIFY FOR AN INITIATED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND TO PASS A CONSTITU-TIONAL AMENDMENT Proposed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly To amend Sections 1b, 1e, and 1g of Article II and Sections 1 and 3 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Ohio

A majority yes vote is necessary for the amendment to pass. The proposed amend-

- Require that any proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Ohio receive the approval of at least 60 percent of eligible voters voting on the proposed amendment.
- Require that any initiative petition filed on or after January 1, 2024 with the Secretary of State proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Ohio be signed by at least five percent of the electors of each county based on the total vote in the county for governor in the last preceding election.
- Specify that additional signatures may not be added to an initiative petition

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ple, Lot, his wife, and their two unmarried daughters, fled Sodom with the two angels who came to warn them of the coming destruction. And, even out of the four of them, Lot's wife turned back and became a pillar of salt according to Genesis 19:26, leaving only Lot and his two unmarried daughters to escape.

Consequently, when Abraham looked out over the plain at the smoke ascending up from the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah it was a reminder of God's judgement and His divine wrath against sin.

There is another coming judgement of a great city for its wickedness and sin prophesied in Revelation 18:1-10. During the coming Tribulation period, the city of Babylon will be rebuilt as a center of commerce, trade, and pleasure. It will also be a center of sin, perversion, and the persecution of God's people. Like as in Sodom and Gomorrah, the smoke of Babylon's destruction will be seen by others as a reminder of God's judgement and His divine wrath against sin:

"And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. ²And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. ³For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. ⁴And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. 5For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. ⁶Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. 8Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned

with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her. ⁹And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, ¹⁰Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come."

There is yet another case in Scripture where the smoke ascends up as a reminder to all of God's judgement and His divine wrath against sin. This case is perhaps the saddest and most solemn of all. It is found in Revelation 14:9-11:

"⁹And the third angel followed them, saving with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, 10The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: 11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name."

This, like the destruction of Babylon during the Tribulation, is also a future event. In fact, it is further in the future than Babylon's destruction, after the seven-year Tribulation period, after the 1000-year reign of Christ on Earth, and after the Great White Throne Judgment of Revelation 20:10-15 where the unsaved are cast into the Lake of Fire for all eternity:

"10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. "I And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heav-

en fled away; and there was found no place for them. ¹²And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is (Continued on page 5)

THE SINGING RULES OF JOHN WESLEY

The following are some excellent singing rules devised largely by John Wesley, who wrote 7,000 hymns and poems. [copied]

- 1. SING ALL. See that you join with the congregation as frequently as you can.
- SING LUSTILY and with good courage. Beware of singing as if you were halfdead or half-asleep, but lift up your voice with strength.
- SING MODESTLY. Do not bawl, so as to be heard above or distinct from the rest of the congregation—that you may not destroy the harmony—but strive to unite your voices together so as to make one clear melodious sound.
- 4. SING IN TIME. Whatever time is sung, be sure to keep with it. Do not run before and do not stay behind it; but attend close to the leading voices, and move therewith as exactly as you can; and take care not to sing too slow. This drawling way naturally steals on all who are lazy; and it is high time to drive it out from among us, and sing all our tunes just as quick as we did at first.
- SING SPIRITUALLY. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing Him more than yourself, or any other creature.
- 6. SING INTELLIGENTLY. Concentrate on the words of the hymns and sing from the heart with understanding. •

LIBERAL HEADLINES

Reporting on Elijah on Mt. Carmel:

FIRE SENDS
RELIGIOUS
RIGHT
EXTREMIST INTO
FRENZY
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(1 Kings 18:21-40)



Ministry Focus

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proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Ohio that is filed with the Secretary of State on or after January 1, 2024 proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Ohio.

A YES VOTE IS REQUIRED FOR PASSAGE

County Fair Time!

The Summit County Fair is coming up fast. It will be July 25-30, with set up on the 24th.

In past years, Northeast Ohio Right to Life has had a booth next to us. This year, however, they will not be at the fair. Because of that we looked into the possibility of adding some more pro-life materials to our booth. Along with them, we thought it would be good to add some materials in support of Issue 1 as well.

Usually we use two 10-foot spaces for our booth, with our "3 Things God

Things God Cannot Do" board and gospel tracts in one space and other literature and videos playing in the other. However, we realized that adding a number of new materials will take up more space, so we decided to see if we could add another 10-foot space.

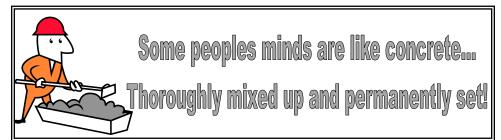
Consequently, this year we will be expanding our commercial space. Our "3 Things God Cannot Do" board will now be in the center space with our video and literature table on one side and our new pro-life/Issue 1 table on the other.

We are also planning to add a new exhibit to our booth this year. Last year we added an overblown, exaggerated video surveillance tower to remind people that God is always watching and listening to everything we do and say. This year we want to add a new exhibit featuring a box with a sign saying, "See the Most Banned Book in the World!" Having the extra space will make it easier to feature our new exhibit.

Please pray for us. If you would like to help staff the booth at the fair this year, please talk to Pastor Davis. Even if you cannot help out at the booth, we hope that you can come out to the fair. And when you do, please be sure to stop by our booth and say hello!



"Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry. Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him." —Acts 17:16-17



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the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. ¹³And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. ¹⁴And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

What is interesting about this smoke, however, is that, according to Revelation 14:11, it "ascendeth up for ever and ever". It "ascendeth up for ever and ever" as an eternal reminder of God's judgement and His divine wrath against sin. That, along with the scars in the hands, feet, side, and brow of Jesus Christ, will be a two-fold testimony throughout eternity, serving as a continual reminder of the awful cost of sin to God, man, and angels.

And that leads to a very important question that every person needs to consider: From what perspective will you view the smoke ascending upward for ever and ever? Will you watch it ascend up from within the Lake of Fire as you suffer the consequences of your sinful and rebellious life? Or, will you view it from outside with God, the holy angels, and the redeemed of all the ages?

Afterall, Jesus says in Revelation 21:6-

"And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. The that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."

White House announces new resources to support LGBTQ community ahead of Pride celebration, Brett Samuels, 6 June 2023, https://thehill.com/homenews/administration/4 039668-white-house-announces-new-resources -to-support-lgbtq-community-ahead-of-pride-c elebration/

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:17)



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GOD'S SIMPLE PLAN OF SALVATION

- nighteous, no, not one." (Romans 3:10) WHO IS GOOD? "As it is written, There is none
- short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) WHO HAS SINNED? "For all have sinned, and come
- sinned." (Romans 5:12) death passed upon all men, for that all have man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so MHEKE DID SIN COME FROM? "Wherefore, as by one
- Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23) sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through WHAT IS THE PENALTY FOR SIN? "For the wages of
- for us." (Romans 5:8) toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died WHAT IS OUR HOPE? "But God commended His love
- be saved." (Romans 10:9) heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine WHAT SHOULD WE DO? "That if thou shalt confess

be saved." (Romans 10:13) "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall

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