

## Turning Back to God, and His Ordinances

### Bible Study – Pastor Charles A. Hall – July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Turning Back to God means:** That we stop testing God and reclaim a healthy fear of Him. This includes our behavior toward His church, His Son, and the people He has called out of darkness for His purpose. It means we start to listen to God's voice rather than the voice of the world for guidance, and direction in this life.

**Ordinances means:** From a biblical prospective means literally anything declared right in the eyesight of God. These ordinances or laws include God commandment, instructions, prophecy and revelations given through His holy Word via His chosen vessels.

**Heavy Burden means:** A severe task, A difficult duty, requiring effort. A prophecy of a calamitous or disastrous nature.

If we as Christian take the time to look and take survey of all that is going wrong among our people. Yes, I know that we are all one people in God's eye, but I am talking about the tribe that God birthed us in, black American, African American, black folks or whatever we want to call ourselves during this current season. Regardless of what we call ourselves, the question still remains, what is going on with our people? As a people, a nation, a tribe, an ethnic group, the question is still the same what is going on with our people. If we are truly honest with ourselves, then we know that for the most part we as a people are out of control. As a small less than 10% representation of the total population in the United States of America, we steal more, we kill more, we have more babies out of wedlock, we have more abortion, a higher percentage of us have confused lifestyles, that's why we have a higher percentage of homosexual, than most people except for the Hispanic nation or tribe. We have more of our people in jail as a percentage of national population than any other nation. As a tribe or race we drop out of school before graduating at a higher rate than most. We hurt and harm each other more than any other ethnic group. As a race we have more broken homes, more children being raised by one parent, many cases without a father. Among our people we have a lower percentage of us that have actual jobs! We drop out of school at a higher rate than any other nation or tribe. We are at the bottom tier of ownership of businesses and the housing market. We kill each other at a much higher percentage than any other nation or tribe. As a race we hate to see anyone who looks like us get ahead, if so, we usually find a way to try to pull them down. We don't want anything, and we don't want to see anybody else with anything. We smoke more, drink more, and die earlier than other nations or tribes. We have a higher percentage of women living with other women than any other nation or tribe, and we have a higher percentage of men living intimately with other men than any other tribe or nation. The question is still the same, what is going on with black folks! We need to be honest with ourselves. Something is seriously wrong with our people, and until we accept this realization, we will always be what we are, and where we are.

I know none of you really want to hear this at bible study tonight, it's not the type of conversation anyone wants to hear, but somebody needs to speak the truth, and we all need to give an ear, so we can act and move toward a change of direction for our tribe and nation.

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I know what you are thinking, we have more rich black people in America than we have ever had before, in fact we have more billionaires than we ever had before. We have more high paid entertainers than we have ever had before, and we have some of the highest paid athletes in the world. For the record, we have more senators than we have ever had before, more congressmen and congresswomen than we have ever had before. We have more judges than we have ever had before, we even have a couple of Supreme Court justices. Now let's bring this thing closer to home, we even have more preachers than we ever had before men and women, we have more churches, and larger churches than we ever had before. None of the above accomplishments have eliminated or removed the burden that we have over our heads as a tribe and a nation. Why do I call it a burden, is because our situation based on the Word of God is not a fleshly one, but rather a spiritual one. Because the things that have black people in bondage is not physical but spiritual. We are confused because all we can see with the human eye is the physical manifestation of the effect of the burden, but make no mistake the real burden on black folks is spiritual. The Word of God tells us that we do not fight against flesh and blood, but rather spiritual darkness in high places and spiritual wickedness. Our human or carnal weapons are no match for the situation that black folk are in. Money, earthly power, nor prestige can lift the spiritual burden off of our tribe. When we knew God, we did not really know Him as God, our hearts became vain, and we did not worship and serve Him as the only true God. Trying to be wise we became fools, and thus drifted away from God. The only one that can lift this burden off of us is God Himself. The supernatural power of God is the only thing strong enough to rescue us from our present condition.

The first thing that we must do is to get to a place where we know that we need God, until we reach that point in our individual and collective lives, there is nothing that can help us as a people. We can always obtain individual reconciliation by God's grace, but why not our entire tribe? It was the power of God that took us out of the jungle where we worshipped rocks, animal, mountains and rivers. God allowed us to come to a place where we would hear the truth, even though we were in physical bondage and in the hand of those who used and oppressed us. But God took the oppressor foot off our necks, and all we did was start oppressing and persecuting each other's! We moved from physical oppression to spiritual oppression, and we may not realize it, but spiritual oppression is far worst than our physical oppression was.

The good news is that we as a people can change our current situation, and our destiny. But we can not do it without the help from a loving and compassionate God who is waiting for us to seek His supernatural power to pull us out of our current self-destructive environment and circumstances. All we have to do is surrender, throw up our hands, and give our hearts and souls to the Lord without any doubt or wavering, turn from our wicked ways, and ask the Lord to come into our hearts and cleanse us of all unrighteousness from the crown of our heads to the bottom of our feet. Allow the spirit of the living God to quicken our spirits, that we might know and feel the presence of God in our lives to guide, instruct, correct, and to illuminate the Word of God in our minds. However we must not place with God as if He were a man, we must have a sincere heart of repentant, rather than a heart full of hypocrisy.

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- **Romans 1:21-22** Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.
- **Acts 4:12** Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.
- **2Corinthians 6:17-18** Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. (18) And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.
- **Romans 12:1-2** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. (2) And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God
- **Numbers 23:19** God is not a man, that he should lie neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?
- **Acts 3:19** Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.
- **Acts 2:37-40** Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? (38) Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. (39) For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the LORD our God shall call. (40) And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.
- **Romans 10:9-13** That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. (10) For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (11) For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. (12) For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. (13) For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.