Bend The Church  
And Bow The World  
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God Holds The Church Accountable  
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Proclamation: Psalm 100:5

I. Two Premises
   A. When the Church is established in a nation, God holds the Church accountable for that nation
   B. To change the nation, we must change the Church
      Evan Roberts: “Bend the Church, bow the world”

II. Principles About The Church
   A. Jesus is the Head of the Body (Eph. 1:22, 23). He carries out His redemptive purposes through its members, e.g., Mark 16:15; Matt. 28:19
   B. Jesus is also Head of the ecclesia (the governmental body)
      1. Illustrate from Athens (decrees but not laws)
      2. Specifically, He restrains the working of Satan in the world through the ecclesia
   C. Apostasy in the Church will open the way for Antichrist (2 Thess. 2:3)
   D. Therefore judgment must begin at God’s House (the Church) (1 Pet. 4:17)
   E. “If My people . . . I will heal their land” (2 Chron. 7:14)

III. BUT Who Are The Church?
   A. Make disciples—not Church members (Matt. 28:19)
   B. Disciples called Christians (Acts 11:26)

IV. Who Are Disciples?
   A. Deny – take up – follow (Matt. 16:24–25)
   B. Hate father, mother . . . his own soul (Luke 14:26–27)
I. Apostasy And Idolatry In God’s Temple (Ezek. 8:10–12, 14, 16–17)

* Quotation from book: *Spirit Wars: Pagan Revival in Christian America* by Peter Jones (see below).

A. Ezek 9:1–6, 9–11
   1. v. 6—Begin at My sanctuary
   2. v. 4—Those to be spared marked out – who sigh and cry – compare:

B. Luxury, sensuality—but no grief for God’s people (Amos 6:3–6)

II. A Land Not Cleansed By The Latter Rain (Ezek. 22:23–31)

A. The problem
   1. Prophets, priests, princes, people
   2. Prophets represent God—interpret His will and His ways

B. Contrast between true and false prophets (Jer. 23:16–18, 21–22)

C. Two tests from Deuteronomy
   1. Draw people away from the Lord—even if their supernatural signs are fulfilled—must be put to death (Deut. 13:1–5)
   2. Make unfulfilled predictions—must be put to death (Deut. 18:20–22)
      a. Many false prophets at the close of the age (Matt. 24:11)
      b. In a culture ripe for judgment, false prophets multiply

D. Vs. Elijah: 450 Prophets of Baal, 400 of Asherah (1 Kings 18:19)
F. Priests rule by the power of false prophets (Jer. 5:31)
G. False prophets are popular (Luke 6:26)

III. What Is Needed: (Ezek. 22:30)

A. To build a wall = Restore absolutes/authority
B. To stand in the gap = Intercession

IV. Broken Separating Walls That Precede Judgment

A. *Noah*: Angels vs. human (Gen. 6:1–3)
B. *Lot*: Male vs. female – “Unisex” (Gen. 19:4–7)
C. Distinctive clothing for men and women (Deut. 22:5)
   Microsoft person – spouse

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**Sin, Righteousness, Judgment**

I. Three Unchanging Realities: Sin, Righteousness, Judgment (John 16:8)

A. Righteousness is the plumb line (compare our antique clocks) (Is. 28:17a)
B. All unrighteousness is sin (1 John 5:17)

II. The Apostles Preached Judgment First:

A. Peter: Judgment, then forgiveness (Acts 10:42–43)
B. Paul: Judgment, therefore repentance (Acts 17:30–31)
C. Jesus: Repentance, then forgiveness
   1. Faith without repentance is a counterfeit faith – producing counterfeit fruit
   2. God’s order: Judgment – Repentance – Forgiveness – Faith

III. Two Scenes Of Judgment
A. The great white throne (Rev. 20:11–15)
B. The judgment seat of Christ (Rom. 14:10 + 2 Cor. 5:10 + 1 Cor. 2:11–15)
   1. Not for condemnation, but for assessment of service (Rom. 8:1)
   2. Either good or bad – nothing in between (2 Cor. 5:10)
   3. Either gathering or scattering (Matt. 12:30)
   4. Talents – according to ability (Matt. 25:14–30)
      a. 100% increase: “Well done”
      b. No use: Rejected

IV. Partaking Of The Lord’s Supper
A. A time for self-judgment
B. We are accountable for/guilty of the body and blood of the Lord (1 Cor. 16:26–32)
C. We should examine ourselves (1 Cor. 11:28)
D. Sickness can be God’s chastening (1 Cor. 11:30; compare Ex. 15:27) – Three possibilities:
   1. Judge ourselves
   2. Be chastened by the Lord and repent
   3. Be condemned with the world
E. Also convince of Righteousness (John 16:8)
   1. Justified – reckoned/made righteous (Rom. 5:1)
   2. Christ has become our righteousness (1 Cor. 1:30)
   3. Clothed with salvation (Is. 61:10) – covered with righteousness
      Illustrate: On trial in the court of heaven – verdict: NOT GUILTY!

Self-Humbling Through Fasting

I. Afflict Your Souls
A. Every Israelite, every year (Lev. 16:29–31)
   1. The Fast: (Acts 27:9)
   2. I humbled my soul with fasting (Ps. 35:13)
B. Grace to the humble (1 Pet. 5:5–6)
   1. Soul = self-assertive
   2. Ego = I want, I think, I feel

II. Historical Examples
A. Men of Jabesh Gilead (1 Sam. 31:11–13) from division and defeat to unity and victory
B. Men of Nineveh (Jonah 3:4–10)
C. Esther and the Jews in Shushan (Esther 4:23–5:2)
D. Ezra and the returning exiles (Ezra 8:21–23)

III. Fasting in the New Testament
A. Jesus Himself (Matt. 4:1–2)
   1. Filled with the Spirit (Luke 4:1)
   2. In the power of the Spirit (Luke 4:14)
   3. When you do charitable deeds . . . (Matt. 6:2)
   4. When you pray . . . (Matt. 6:5)
   5. When you fast . . . (Matt. 6:16)
B. Leaders
   1. Fasted to receive revelation (Acts 13:1–3)
   2. Fasted to send out apostles (Acts 14:4, 14)
   3. Fasted to appoint elders (Acts 14:23)
C. Prophetic call to fasting
   1. Call to corporate fasting: Elders, priests, ministers (Joel 2:15–17)
   2. Afterward the Spirit outpoured (Joel 2:28–29)
D. How to humble ourselves
   1. Confess our sins to God (1 John 1:9)
   2. Confess our sins to one another (James 4:16)
E. Personal testimony
   Since 1941: 3,000 (+) days = 8 (+) years

The Bride Prepares Herself

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Proclamation: Matthew 24:14

I. The Bride Is Closest To The Heart Of Jesus
A. Rev. 19:7–8
   1. All heaven is excited
   2. The bride responsible for her own preparation, which must already be complete
   3. Clothed with righteous acts – first imputed, then outworked
B. Our light shines when people see our good works (Matt. 5:16)
C. Grace results in good works – one without the other is not genuine (Tit. 2:11–14)

II. Examples Of Good Works
A. Good works for men (1 Tim. 3:2–5)
B. Good works for women (1 Tim. 5:9–10)
C. For both
   1. Hospitality
   2. Service
   3. Well-ordered family
D. Pure religion: Care for orphans and widows (James 1:27)
   1. Distinguish between religion and salvation
   2. Testimony concerning our family: Ruth the 8th of 10 children – suppose her mother had been sterilized after the first 4
E. The fruit of the womb is God’s reward (Ps. 127:3)
   1. Brief dialogue with Gary Bergel
   2. Does God hold us accountable for the rewards we refuse?
   3. No lack of opportunity in today’s world to practice “pure religion” – in Africa
      10 million AIDS orphans

Will you have enough material for your wedding garment?

A Vision Of Holiness
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I. Vision—The Key To Self-Discipline (Prov. 29:18)
   A. The Church (Eph. 5:25–27)
      1. Sanctified (made holy)
      2. Cleansed by the water of the Word
      3. Glorious, holy, without blemish
   B. Glory = God’s presence manifested to our senses (2 Chron. 7:1–2)
   C. God’s own holiness – the essence of God (Heb. 12:10)
   D. Not a set of rules (Col. 2:20–23)
      1. We have human examples of love, wisdom, kindness, purity apart from God –
         but not of holiness
      2. Holy – the only word applied three times to the Lord

II. Received Only By Revelation
   A. Behavior of seraphs in God’s presence (Is. 6:6)
      1. No familiarity
      2. Four wings for worship – two wings for service
   B. Likewise the four living creatures (? seraphim) (Rev. 4:6–8)
      1. We can be righteous without being holy
      2. We cannot be holy without being righteous
   C. Job the most righteous man of his day (Job 1:1, 8)
      1. Job’s response to a direct revelation of the Lord (Job 42:5–6)
      2. The end purpose of God’s dealings with him
   D. Worship in the beauty of holiness (1 Chron. 16:29; Ps. 29:2; 96:9)

III. Holiness Is Spiritual Beauty

IV. Worship Is Our Response To God’s Holiness
   A. Progression to worship: Always a posture of the body (Ps. 95:1–6)
   B. Pursue holiness (Heb. 12:14)

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