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NEW ORLEANS - WHEN GOD OPENS THE FLOODGATES

I write to you today with a heavy heart. These are among the darkest days I've seen. If natural disasters weren't enough, the man-made disasters in the works are a constant reminder that -- by their actions - nations, as well as individuals, are judged.

I have many friends living between New Orleans and Mobile. Tommye and I ministered in Mobile for 4 years in the early '80s, and we've maintained close relationships with those we met and came to love. I've struggled to choke back

tears as I've watched the devastation and followed news accounts. Please keep these precious people in your prayers.

In every event in the life of a nation -- as in our personal lives -- God is always speaking to us. It is imperative that we hear Him and heed His voice. These thoughts I offer with deep humility.

Scriptures teach us that God will not be mocked. The scenes of devastation in New Orleans we're witnessing on the nightly news show us a catastrophe of Biblical proportions.

If that weren't enough, the chaos that's sweeping the ravaged city is a sad reminder that when God brings the deluge, the floodgates will open and unimaginable evil will wash over us.

Consider this Associated Press report, filed today, of the lawlessness that reigns in New Orleans. "Storm victims are raped and beaten; fights erupt with flying fists, knives and guns; fires are breaking out; corpses litter the streets; and police and rescue helicopters are repeatedly fired on." Thousands of National Guard troops are being deployed to New Orleans with shoot-to-kill orders.

While stories of bravery and compassion are coming out of the devastated city, there are also these reports of human beasts preying on the most vulnerable of the hurricane's victims.

After September 11, 2001, "God bless America" was on everyone's lips. But what, exactly, are we asking God to bless - a nation moving a breakneck speed toward homosexual marriage, a nation awash in pornography, a nation in which our children are indoctrinated in perversion in the public schools, a nation in which most public displays of The Ten Commandments are considered offensive to the Constitution, a nation in which the elite does all in its considerable power to efface our Biblical heritage?

We are sowing the wind. Surely, we shall reap the whirlwind.

One other factor which must be considered: Days before Katrina nearly wiped New Orleans off the map, 9,000 Jewish residents of Gaza were driven from their homes with the full support of the United States government. Could this be a

playing out of prophesy ("I will bless that nation that blesses you, and curse the nation that curses you")?

Please read on. I want to give you two examples - from today's headlines - of how we are bringing disaster on ourselves. And then tell you what you can do - right now, today - to begin to reverse the process.

CALIFORNIA SENATE APPROVES HOMOSEXUAL MARRIAGE

California is well on its way to becoming the second state to legalize homosexual marriage - not by judicial fiat, but by an act of the duly elected representatives of the people.

Earlier this week, the California Senate passed AB 849 -- a bill changing the definition of marriage from "a man and a woman" to "two persons." This brazen act is in direct contravention of the will of the people. In 2000, by a vote of 61%, Californians approved Proposition 22, a ballot initiative that declared "Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California." Pro-family leaders have launched a petition drive to turn that law into a constitutional amendment. If they collect the requisite signatures this fall, the amendment could be on the ballot as early as next spring. (If you want to support this crucial project, visit www.VoteYesMarriage.com.)

In the meantime, every effort must be exerted to defeat a companion bill to AB 849 in the State Assembly. If that fails, pressure must be exerted on Gov.

Schwarzenegger to veto this affront to both democracy and decency.

Again, my friends, God will not be mocked. A society can not do what He has specifically told us not to do, and not suffer the consequences.

OPPOSITION TO MAKING BESTIALITY ILLEGAL IN WASHINGTON STATE

In Washington State, a man recently died from internal injuries sustained from committing bestiality with a horse. The incident led police to raid a farm where people were going to have sex with animals.

Though they discovered hundreds of explicit videotapes, apparently, nothing can be done about it. Washington is one of only a handful of states that does not have a law against bestiality.

State Senator Pam Roach is trying to rectify that. Incredibly, her move has generated opposition. Robert L. Jamieson, a liberal columnist for the Seattle Post Intelligencer (one of the major newspapers in the state) ridicules Roach as a puritan who wants to force her outdated morality on society. (Now where have we heard that before?)

In a recent column, Jamieson notes that masturbation, oral sex and homosexual relations were once illegal as well. But society has moved beyond these strictures, the columnist argues. So why should we penalize bestiality -- as long as the animal isn't harmed?

After your head stops spinning, think about the slippery slope our society is set on. If we say yes to sodomy, how can we logically say no to incest or bestiality? If same-sex marriage is condoned, how can polygamy be condemned?

The left, which believes that sexual morality is a redundancy, is determined to eliminate any restraint on carnal appetites. Every time another one falls, they win - and the rest of us lose.

COUNTERING THE WAR ON FAITH CONFERENCE - OCT. 17-18, WASHINGTON, DC

If you're shocked and saddened as I am by the foregoing - if you understand that it's up to people of faith to save our beloved country, before it's too late - there's something important you can do right now.

I urge you to register for Vision America's upcoming Countering The War on Faith Conference, October 17-18 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC.

This will be unlike any conference you've attended in the past. We will discuss and analyze every aspect of the war on Christianity and Christians, coming from

the news media, Hollywood, public education, academia, the judiciary and leftwing activist organizations (like the ALCU and People for the American Way). Confirmed speakers include Senator Sam Brownback, Alan Keyes, Gary Bauer and Phyllis Schlafly. But that's just the beginning. Individual registrations are only \$149 (\$259 for married couples). That includes two lunches and a dinner - plus all conference materials. We've deliberately kept the price as low as possible to encourage attendance.

At the conference, we will show Christians how to fight back against militant secularists, cultural polluters, gay activists and Hollywood indoctrinators. The conference will be the start of a year-long Christian voter registration, education and mobilization effort.

Clicking [HERE](#) will take you to the Vision America website, where you can register for the conference online and pay with a credit card. After you've done that, please download the conference flyer and distribute it to your personal e-mail list, with a note from you asking them to attend.

This issue of The Rick Scarborough Report offers vivid examples of what happens when good men and women do nothing.

Help us fight the War on Faith - Get involved by following the action items above and by forwarding this alert to your friends and family. Your financial contributions are always appreciated. [Click here to contribute.](#)

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