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SNAP OUT OF IT, SOUTH AFRICANS!

"Day and night I cry, and tears are my only food; all the time my enemies ask me, 'Where is your God?' ... Why am I so sad? Why am I so troubled? I will put my hope in God, and once again I will praise Him, my Saviour and my God."

Psalms 42:3,5

Such a negative and defeatist depression has overwhelmed so many in our country. And no wonder! We have for so long endured such a wave of fanatical hysteria and such a barrage of left-wing, hate-filled, biased, immoral, unChristian and radical propaganda that many South Africans, even Christians, have all but given up and lapsed into an apathetic stupor - watching escapist videos.

ALL THAT GOOD MEN HAVE TO DO FOR EVIL TO TRIUMPH IS ... NOTHING. THE HOTTEST PLACE IN HELL IS RESERVED FOR THOSE WHO, IN A CRISIS, DID ... NOTHING.

My friends - if we do not need to snap out of this punch-drunk state of passive acceptance of the downslide in morals, corruption of the Gospel and onward march of communist anarchy and revolutionary hatred - then we need to help others around us out of it.

Let us get things a bit in perspective - ignoring the artificially cranked up propaganda war waged by our negative anti-South African press. The world has been in worse situations before. And survived. Think of the fall of the Roman Empire. Or how hopeless it looked when the Muslim hordes were poised to conquer the world after having annihilated fifty percent of all the Christians in the world at that time. Pessimists were predicting the fall of Europe, as the Moors reached the Gates of Tours in France and the Turks attacked Vienna in

Austria. Yet the world survived that crisis-time and just as Ghengis Khan, Napoleon and Hitler have been defeated before, so too will the modern communist empire be vanquished.

South Africa has been in worse situations before too. Like after Piet Retief and his seventy defenceless and trusting followers were murdered after the "successful negotiations" with Dingane. Read of the dark days of despair after the massacres of Bloukrans and Bushmans River. Think how much worse it was in 1902 after the Anglo-Boer War, with half the country devastated and crippled under Kitchener's and Milner's scorched earth and concentration camp policy.

We have been brainwashed that morals only slide downwards, that the forces of revolution, anarchy and destruction are irreversible, that things will always get worse.

What rubbish! What defeatist propaganda! What a lot of pacifist lies!

Study how immoral and debauched England was before the Wesleyan Revival. The Puritan and Victorian eras prove that the moral state of a nation can improve.

Spain, Greece, South Korea, Malaysia, Indonesia, Chile, Grenada, South West Africa and a dozen other examples can be cited to prove that communist onslaughts and revolutionary warfare can be defeated and turned back.

The Renaissance and the Reformation, the Great Awakening, and the Revivals of the past all conclusively prove to us what can happen if people will realise that if something is wrong - it can be changed. If something is evil - it must be fought. If we are on God's side - we will win.

Each one of us must do our part. We must study the Scriptures diligently. We must pray fervently. We must seek out and use every opportunity to witness for Christ, to speak out against unBiblical heresies, to stand up for the truth of God's Word, to fight evil, to defend our country against ungodly forces, and to be a light for Christ in our world, salt for our society, a positive influence on the process of History.

May each of us be brave and bold for God.

Peter Hammond

IN THE OPERATIONAL AREA



God is doing exciting things on the border in South West Africa. Over the last year members of Frontline Fellowship have received many invitations by local chaplains in military bases.

In every one of the military bases in the operational area we found chaplains dedicated to preaching the Gospel, teaching the Bible and caring for the spiritual needs of the troops. We also found chaplains joining patrols to preach the Gospel in local villages. Literally hundreds of thousands of Bibles, New Testaments and Gospel booklets, in twenty languages, have been distributed to local tribesmen in Ovamboland, Caprivi, Kavangoland and Kaokoland.

Not only have our soldiers on the border helped to take these Scriptures to the people, but out of their own pockets they have been contributing to pay for the printing. It was thrilling to learn of the generosity of the troops of Sector 10 (Oshikati) who have sponsored the printing of Braille Kwanyama Bibles for the Eluva (Daybreak) School of the Blind. Then it was also heartening to see how several hundred thousand local tribesmen have been given medical treatment at the excellently equipped clinics in S.A.D.F. military bases.

The soldiers of Sector 20 have launched a "Project Samuel" for the distribution of Bibles throughout Kavangoland. At Omega Base (home of 201 "Bushmans" Battalion) I found South African soldiers teaching local children in schools, helping teach

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agricultural techniques and playing sports with local tribesmen. At 32 Battalion (home for many ex-Angolan refugees) the church services are always full on Sundays, and their patrols have distributed thousands of Bibles in war-torn Angola.

Wherever we have been invited – whether to Parabats, Marines, Armoured, Signals, Infantry, “Tiffies” or Recces, we have found groups of dedicated Christians zealous for evangelism, meeting in prayer groups, Bible studies and coffee bars. We have found many high-ranking officers who love the Lord with all their hearts and seek to be faithful to the Word of God.

Pray for these believers as they seek to witness for Christ in these needy and strategic areas. If you know of anyone in the army at the moment – do write him a spiritually-encouraging letter. Post is so important there. Also, if you can help us by contributing good Christian books, magazines, or biscuits for the coffee bars in the operational area – please let us know.

Frontline Fellowship started in a prayer and Bible study group in the army. Let us pray that God may bless, guide and multiply the Bible study groups in the military bases of our country.

“Praise the Lord, my protector!
He trains me for battle
and prepares me for war.
He is my protector and defender,
my shelter and Saviour,
in whom I trust for safety.”

Psalm 144:1,2

MACHEL ON THE CHURCH

In these days following the sudden death of president Samora Machel, when many church leaders are praising this atheist, it may be well to note some of his public speeches:

“Religion is a superstition which pretends that man is dependent on a supernatural being who doesn’t exist . . . Religious superstition must be replaced by a scientific, materialist, that is, Marxist approach. The Church has always been on the side of the oppressors . . . It is a reactionary institution . . . Religion is something that divides people.”

Le Mozambique, Dossier Pro Mundi Vita, Louvain January 1977, pg. 16-19.

“Religion is a tool of imperialism . . . it is either us or the enemy . . . They claim to speak in the name of the people! But which people? Apes, or parrots.”

Tempo, Maputo, 13 May 1979.

“In the open conflict with the Church, the régime seems to have decided to destroy it along with all internal opposition. In his speech on 1 May, Samora Machel has declared war on the Church.”

Le Monde, 2 June 1979.

FOCUS ON AFRICA

THE BLEEDING CONTINENT

- ★ 55 Countries
- ★ 500 Million people
- ★ 2 000 Tribes/ethno-linguistic groups.
- ★ 29 Of the world’s poorest 36 countries are in Africa.
- ★ Most of Black Africa is poorer today than in 1960.
- ★ 60% of Black Africans live beneath the poverty line on less than \$135 per year.
- ★ By 1995 over 80% will be reduced to this level.
- ★ 40% of Africa’s work force is unemployed.
- ★ 60% of Africa is illiterate.
- ★ Africa has the largest population increase in the world: 3.1% per year. Each African woman bears \pm 7 children.
- ★ In 1960 Africa produced 98% of its food requirements. This has since decreased by 20%.
- ★ In 1980 – 11 million tonnes of food had to be imported.
- ★ In 1984 – over 140 million Africans only survived starvation due to Western relief aid.
- ★ Gross income per capita in R.S.A. – 9 times that in Mozambique.
- ★ Gross national income of R.S.A. highest in Africa (13 times Zimbabwe, 83 times Botswana).
- ★ R.S.A. has 45% of all electrical power and 27% of railways in Africa.
- ★ R.S.A. Maize production largest in Africa (42 times more than Mozambique).
- ★ Life expectancy in R.S.A. – 63 years, in Mozambique – 53 years.
- ★ Infant mortality in R.S.A. – 5%, in Mozambique – 10%.
- ★ 42 One-party states/dictatorships.
- ★ 65 Coups d’etat/successful revolutions since 1963.
- ★ 20 National leaders executed or assassinated.
- ★ Over 10 million people butchered by Black dictatorships since independence.
- ★ AFRICA TODAY IS A BLEEDING CONTINENT OF CORRUPTION, DICTATORSHIPS, MASSACRES, TRIBAL WARFARE, FAMINES, TERRORISM AND CIVIL WARS.

PRAY FOR AFRICA



WORLD OPINION?

Should we be seeking to please the world, or should we not rather seek to please God?

“The whole world is under the rule of the Evil one.”

1 John 5:19

“Do not love the world or anything that belongs to the world. If you love the world, you do not love the Father.”

1 John 2:15

“To be the world’s friend means to be God’s enemy.”

James 4:4

Jesus said. “The world will make you suffer. But be brave! I have defeated the world!”

John 16:33

Satan is “the evil god of this world.”

2 Corinthians 4:4

“Keep oneself from being corrupted by the world.”

James 1:27

“Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly.”

Romans 12:2

“Go in through the narrow gate, because the gate to hell is wide and the road that leads to it is easy, and there are many who travel it. But the gate to life is narrow and the way that leads to it is hard, and there are few people who find it.”

Matthew 7:13,14

"WITHOUT A VISION A PEOPLE PERISH"

Without a clear purpose and aim to inspire one's actions a nation or a group perish. This is the message of Proverbs 29:18.

Do you have a vision of the world's need?

Before Isaiah could have a vision of God, he had to experience a vision of the evil that people do (Isaiah 5:8-6:8). Paul's vision of the Lord included a vision of what the world outside of Christ really is – lost, blind, in darkness, under the power of Satan, bound, unforgiven, condemned and guilty (Acts 26:18).

Do you have a vision of hell?

Crawling around in a series of dark tunnels in a terrorist camp to hunt out the cornered killers. Stifling heat. Darkness. Danger. Filth. Rotting corpses. The smell of death.

Starving people in a devastated village of Mozambique. Crippled, sick, maimed and dying people. Fear and desperation as the communist troops return. The smell of burnt flesh and the hysterical screams of a little child.

The empty eyes of an eighteen-year-old girl who ran away from home to "live it up in Hillbrow's bright lights." Dirty. Homeless. Twice raped. All her possessions stolen. Used and abandoned by her friends. Alone.

That great missionary, C.T. Studd, had a vision of hell. That is why he declared:

"Some like to live within sound of church or chapel bell – I'd like to run a rescue shop within a yard of hell."

Do you have a vision of the world's problems? Do you have any conception of the devastation caused by drugs and crime, terrorism and communism, materialism and loneliness, deception and apostasy, immorality and alcohol abuse, selfishness, greed and hatred? (2 Timothy 3:1-5).

Sin and Satan are cruel masters.

"Without a vision a people perish." We need a clear vision of the reality of a world in rebellion to God . . . going to hell.

Do you have a vision of God?

"I saw the Lord," says Isaiah. "High and exalted."

"Holy, Holy, Holy!
The Lord Almighty is Holy!
His glory fills the world."

Isaiah 6:3

Do you see the Lord?

There are three directions we can look:

Inwards – at ourselves – which is selfish,
Outwards – at others – which can be
critical or compassionate,

or Upwards – to God – which is worship.

"Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends."

Hebrews 12:2

Do you have a vision of who God is?

He is glorious and infinite – without limitation. He is eternal – without beginning and without end. He is Holy and righteous, just and merciful, all-powerful, all-knowing and everywhere present. Perfect. Creator of the

universe. Sovereign Judge of us all. Wonderful. Awesome in Majesty.

What comes into our minds when we think of God is the most important thing about us. No person is greater than his religion and no religion is greater than its God. May we repent of thinking so little of God. God is greater than any of us have ever imagined or realised. We need to study the Bible more to realise how great and mighty is the God we worship. (I recommend in particular Nahum 1, Deuteronomy 32, Daniel and the Psalms).

"He is a living God and He will rule for ever.

His kingdom will never be destroyed, and His power will never come to an end.

He saves and rescues;

He performs wonders and miracles in heaven and on earth."

Daniel 6:26-27

Do you have a vision of what God can do?

He can do the impossible. He created all things seen and unseen. He can do a lot with a little. He fed an entire nation in the desert for forty years. He fed 5 000 with just 5 loaves and 2 fish. He controls nature. He parted the red sea for the entire nation of Israel to pass through. He calmed the storm. He raised the dead. He heals the sick. He forgives sinners. He changes lives. He answers prayer.

Do you have a vision of what God can do through a person?

When D.L. Moody heard the challenge: "The world has yet to see what God can do with a man completely surrendered to Him," he ran forward shouting, "I will be that man! I will be that man!"

When General Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, was asked about the secret of his success, he replied simply: "God had all of me that there was to have."

John Wesley's challenge still rings out to us today:

"Give me one hundred men who love God with all their hearts and fear nothing – but sin – and I will move the world."

The Scriptures promise: "If anyone makes himself clean from all those evil things, he will be used for special purposes, because he is dedicated and useful to his Master, ready to be used for every good deed."

2 Timothy 2:21

DO YOU HAVE A VISION OF WHAT GOD CAN DO THROUGH YOU?

Do you have a vision of what God can do through a Church?

The Church at ANTIOCH (Acts 13:1-3) sent out Paul and Barnabas. Through these two missionaries the Gospel was taken to Europe, many churches were planted in Asia and Greece, and much of the New Testament was written!

A church I have ministered to in Northern Mozambique has planted 5 other churches in 4 years – in spite of severe persecution.

In addition, of the 50 church members, 10 have been forcibly sent overseas by the communists – 5 to work in the factories of East Germany, one to Russia and 4 to work in the sugar-cane plantations of Cuba. When I asked them how they felt about this, they replied: "We do not cry – we train all our members to be missionaries and when the communists decide that some of our people must go, we bring them before the church. They kneel and we pray for them – 'We make you a missionary of our church' we say. 'We command you in the Name of our Lord Jesus – TAKE THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST TO CUBA – TO EAST GERMANY – TO RUSSIA!' How many churches can have the privilege of 10 missionaries on the foreign fields of the world?"

Napoleon once said as he looked out over the vast expanse of China: "There lies a sleeping giant – let him sleep, for if he wakes – he will shake the world." And I wonder if Satan could not be saying about your church – "THERE LIES A SLEEPING GIANT – LET HER SLEEP, ... IF SHE WAKES – SHE WILL SHAKE THE WORLD."

The Gospel is powerful, the Church has been given the power to limit the influence of evil and to extend the Kingdom of God (Matthew 18:18-20). Can we truly be praying against wicked plans, standing up for the Lord and fighting the forces of evil – when we see that evil increasing? Do you have a vision of what God can do through your church?

Do you have a vision of what God can do through a prayer fellowship?

Count von Zinzendorf started a prayer chain in the MORAVIAN Church which lasted for 150 years! During that time of unbroken intercession that congregation sent out 2 500 missionaries to every part of the world.

Have you ever wondered why SOUTH KOREA stands today as the most Christian country in Asia, having successfully withstood 36 years of communist aggression? And how did South Korea win where South Vietnam was defeated? The difference between South Vietnam and South Korea lies in the power of the Word of God and prayer. Over half the South Korean army are Christians. At 5.00 a.m. each morning several million Christians gather in churches around South Korea for prayer and intercession for the land. The spiritual revival and missionary vision of the Church in South Korea is what makes that country safe from atheistic communism.

In 1979 a prayer group started in a South African army base, which met every night for Bible study and intercession. From this group coffee bars were started throughout the border, outreaches organised to nearby villages and military units, and a missionary organisation formed which has distributed tons of Bibles to persecuted churches in Angola and Mozambique, and undertaken film and literature outreaches to terrorist

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bases and communist troops, bringing many living under Marxist tyranny to the joy of salvation in Christ.

Do you have a vision of what God can do through a country?

Through one man – Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3) – God produced a nation – Israel – through which God raised up prophets and apostles (Hebrews 1:1-3) – who were used to produce the Bible. Through one Nation God has blessed the world with the Word of God and the Son of God. Salvation comes from Jesus and the Lord came through one nation. No greater privilege or achievement could be possible. However, Deuteronomy 28 details the blessings that will benefit a country which seeks to be obedient to God . . . and the curses which will befall a disobedient nation.

The Word of God in Jeremiah 18:7-10 is clear:

If any nation turns away from evil God will build up and bless that nation. But, if any nation turns away from God then God will uproot, break down and destroy that nation.

Brother Andrew, in "Battle for Africa", has said: "GOD WILL INTERVENE IN THE COURSE OF HISTORY TO PRESERVE SOUTH AFRICA, IF HER PEOPLE WILL ACCEPT HER RESPONSIBILITY TO EVANGELISE THE REST OF THE CONTINENT."

Do you have a vision of what God can do through you, in your church, through a prayer fellowship, in and with and through our country?

"Without a vision – a people perish".

DO YOU HAVE A VISION – OF GOD – AND WHAT HE WANTS DONE?

PURPOSES AND AIMS

Frontline Fellowship is a group of evangelical Christians who are dedicated to an intensive prayer ministry for, and missionary outreach to, resistant or neglected areas and groups in Southern Africa.

Assisting persecuted churches in Mocambique, Angola and the Cape Verde Islands.

Bible distribution in communist lands.

Challenging South African Christians to prayer for revival and missions.

Defending the church against the infiltration of unBiblical heresies.

Evangelism in war zones.

Film Evangelism throughout Southern Africa.

Giving emphasis to neglected doctrines.

Holding revival seminars and leadership training camps.

Intercession for

- the suffering churches
- bold evangelism of the unreached,
- revival in our land.

The **Frontline Fellowship** exists to glorify God by faith and obedience, in prayer and action, evangelising in areas too dangerous for conventional missionaries and specialising in the neglected.

REJOICE, MY BELOVED COUNTRY!

An abridged version of a message by Mel Tari of INDONESIA (author of "Like a Mighty Wind")

"I want to share with you a message that God has put into my heart for South Africa. This is a country that God has a plan for. This is a land of destiny. I believe that out of the Southern tip of the dark continent of Africa, a light is going to burst forth.

"I can understand your situation, because twenty years ago Indonesia was on the brink of disaster. The communists tried to take over our country. Praise God, four days before the communist take-over, the Holy Spirit spoke to us and told us to pray and fast and get on our knees and cry out to God. And we did!

"God totally saved our country from the bondage of communism and allowed Indonesia to go free with the preaching of the Gospel. And in the last twenty years over six million muslims have come to Jesus as their own personal Saviour!

"We in Indonesia chose to come to God, twenty years ago, and we saw God restore and heal our country in a marvellous way. It might look to you that this is a time of destruction and crisis, but let me remind you that this is your OPPORTUNITY as a nation to come to God so that you can see God turn the whole situation and destroy the schemes of the enemy.

"Indonesia is a country with 13 677 islands and 600 distinct tribal groups and we are just as varied as you are . . . the motto of our country is: Unity is Diversity! Maybe you can borrow from us this attitude.

"THERE IS A COVENANT THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR GOD. He intends to heal this nation. He intends to change the chaotic situation that the enemy and human greed and sinfulness has brought upon this country. God wants to change that and let you experience the greatness of the grace of God.

"I know the will of the Lord for South Africa, because He told me to tell you: "REJOICE, BELOVED COUNTRY."

"You are the people of the Lord. You are the light of the world. You are the salt of the earth. Christians in South Africa, this is your best time. This is the time to forgive, to laugh, to repent, to respect one another, to work together, to come to the Lord and to find healing, because God is on our side

and He has a good plan for this great nation."

(The complete text of this message is available upon request).

GOD'S PLAN FOR SOUTH AFRICA

Brother Andrew, in his book, "Battle for Africa", says in his chapter, "One Nation Could Save All of Africa":-

"I believe that God has a special interest in the survival of the South African nation . . . I believe in a concept which might be called "regional evangelism." God has given certain countries the primary responsibility for the evangelising of the region of the world which they occupy . . . a responsibility that emerges as history progresses. To whom much is given, much is expected . . . I believe that the evangelisation of Eastern Europe is the special responsibility of Western Europe. The United States is responsible for Central and South America. The burden of reaching Asia falls to Australia and New Zealand. And **the continent of Africa is the special spiritual responsibility of South Africa.**

"Why? Because South Africa has the tools to reach the entire continent. It has the money, technology, a large number of committed Christians, the freedom and political stability. It has everything needed to evangelise the Continent of Africa, to equip Black Africans in other countries to participate in that process, and to get the job done all the way from the Sahara Desert to the Cape of Good Hope. And I further believe that **God will intervene in the course of history to preserve South Africa, if her people will accept her responsibility to evangelise the rest of the continent.**"

"The South African Church is one of tremendous devotion to Christ. It has the spiritual muscle and the financial resources to reach Black Africa . . . I believe Satan is aware that South Africa has this potential, and consequently works hard to isolate South Africa from the rest of the world. It has been singled out for boycott, embarrassment and criticism, particularly, I believe, because Satan wants to isolate South Africa to prevent it from fulfilling its divine commission."

