

**Prepare Yourself to Avoid God's Wrath  
(August 23, 2020, By Rev. Anthony Menzel)**

**Proverbs 6:6-11**

Go to the ant, you sluggard!  
Consider her ways and be wise,

**7**

Which, having no [d]captain,  
Overseer or ruler,

**8**

Provides her [e]supplies in the summer,  
*And* gathers her food in the harvest.

**9**

How long will you [f]slumber, O sluggard?  
When will you rise from your sleep?

**10**

A little sleep, a little slumber,  
A little folding of the hands to sleep—

**11**

So shall your poverty come on you like a prowler,  
And your need like an armed man.

We need to prepare ourselves the best we can as the Holy Spirit leads us. The United States and much of current civilization in general deserves judgement.

**Genesis 15:12-21**

**12** Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, horror *and* great darkness fell upon him. **13** Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land *that is* not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. **14** And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. **15** Now as for you, you shall [d]go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. **16** But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites *is* not yet complete."

**17** And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed

between those pieces. **18** On the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying:

“To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates— **19** the Kenites, the Kenezites, the Kadmonites, **20** the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, **21** the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.”

Just like in times past, God can take what belongs to one nation and give it to another. When we keep sinning like the Amorites did, we force God to judge us.

Other civilizations have been destroyed.

The same can happen to ours.

Look how quickly things changed due to COVID...

One of the things God hates the most is murder...

That includes human sacrifice...

### **Exodus 20:1-17**

And God spoke all these words, saying:

**2** “I *am* the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of [a]bondage.

**3** “You shall have no other gods before Me.

**4** “You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness *of anything* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth; **5** you shall not bow down to them nor [b]serve them. For I, the Lord your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting[c] the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me, **6** but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

**7** “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold *him* guiltless who takes His name in vain.

**8** “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. **9** Six days you shall labor and do all your work, **10** but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the Lord your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates. **11** For *in* six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

**12** “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

**13** “You shall not murder.

**14** “You shall not commit adultery.

**15** “You shall not steal.

**16** “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

**17** “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that *is* your neighbor’s.”

Murder is a type of killing...

Killing in self-defense or in a time of battle are types of killing that have valid reasons;

These are valid forms of killing...

However, murder is taking life for no good reason...

God doesn’t ask us to sacrifice other humans in order to worship Him...

So there is no good reason to engage in human sacrifice...

While traditional human sacrifice is practiced in some Satanic circles and by some false religions, human sacrifice is widely practiced today through the practice of abortion...

Often the babies are sacrificed in abortion to the idol of self...

God truly hates any type of murder, including human sacrifice...

### **Jeremiah 32:28-35**

**28** Therefore thus says the Lord: ‘Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans, into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and he shall take it. **29** And the Chaldeans who fight against this city shall come and set fire to this city and burn it, with the houses on whose roofs they have offered incense to Baal and poured out drink offerings to other gods, to provoke Me to anger; **30** because the children of Israel and the children of Judah have done only evil before Me from their youth. For the children of Israel have provoked Me only to anger with the work of their hands,’ says the Lord. **31** ‘For this city has been to Me a *provocation of My anger and My fury* from the day that they built it, even to this day; so I will remove it from before My face **32** because of all the evil of the children of Israel and the

children of Judah, which they have done to provoke Me to anger—they, their kings, their princes, their priests, their prophets, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. **33** And they have turned to Me the back, and not the face; though I taught them, rising up early and teaching *them*, yet they have not listened to receive instruction. **34** But they set their abominations in [e]the house which is called by My name, to defile it. **35** And they built the high places of Baal which *are* in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through *the fire* to Molech, which I did not command them, nor did it come into My mind that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.'

(More information about Molech:

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Moloch-ancient-god>

<https://allthatsinteresting.com/moloch>)

Because our culture allows for widespread child sacrifice, we deserve God's judgment...

One of the main ways to avoid His judgement is to get this sin out of our society...

\*\*\*Thus, I urge every U.S. citizen to register to vote for the upcoming November elections, and vote for pro-life candidates...

Voter Registration and pro-life voting information can be found on our Web site in both English- <http://www.abundantlovechurch.us/upcoming-events/>

and Spanish- <http://www.abundantlovechurch.us/upcoming-events/eventos-venideros/>

Because we deserve God's judgement, we can expect the possibility of Him prolonging COVID and allowing the devil to bring additional trials upon us...

### **1 Peter 4:17**

**12** Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; **13** but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. **14** If you are [e]reproached for the name of Christ, blessed *are you*, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. [f]On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. **15** But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a [g]busybody in other people's matters. **16** Yet if *anyone* suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this [h]matter.

**17** For the time *has come* for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if *it begins* with us first, what will *be* the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?

To a large extent, judgment has begun with the house of God...  
With COVID many churches have been forced to stop playing games...  
They are either going virtual, having outdoor services, or shutting down...  
I feel in my spirit that at least some people are appreciating opportunities for Christian fellowship more.

In the event that more discipline is allowed by the Lord Jesus, we should be like the ant and make sure we are as prepared as is reasonably possible:

\*\*\*If our church has its own meeting space, the church should make sure it has a dispensary to help those in need...

\*\*\*get your dispensary ready

\*\*\*If you can, get prepared to defend yourself

### **Luke 22:35-38**

**35** And He said to them, "When I sent you without money bag, knapsack, and sandals, did you lack anything?"

So they said, "Nothing."

**36** Then He said to them, "But now, he who has a money bag, let him take *it*, and likewise a knapsack; and he who has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one. **37** For I say to you that this which is written must still be [e]accomplished in Me: 'And He was numbered with the transgressors.' For the things concerning Me have an end."

**38** So they said, "Lord, look, here *are* two swords." And He said to them, "It is enough."

There are seasons in the ministry and in life...

We have to be led by the Holy Spirit regarding what season we are in...

I feel strongly in my spirit that we are in a season of preparation...

As we prepare ourselves for any trials that may come our way, we must not only do practical things; we must also stay close to the Lord Jesus by reading the Bible and praying...

By staying close to the Lord Jesus, we will be able to hear from the Holy Spirit and know how to best get through any trials that may come upon our society...

### **John 16:12-15**

**12** “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. **13** However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. **14** He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you. **15** All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He [c]will take of Mine and declare *it* to you.

We can hear from all the members of the Holy Trinity by cultivating our relationship with the Holy Spirit...

Thus, we have to maintain a humble attitude before the Lord Jesus...

### **Luke 18:9-14**

**9** Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: **10** “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. **11** The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. **12** I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ **13** And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise *his* eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ **14** I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be [d]humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

When we are humble, showing true repentance, our prayers will be effective...

### **James 5:13-18**

**13** Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. **14** Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. **15** And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. **16** [j]Confess *your* trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, [k]fervent prayer of a

righteous man avails much. **17** Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. **18** And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

So we should pray for ourselves and our loved ones...

### **1 Timothy 2:1-4**

Therefore I [a]exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, Spwho are in [b]authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and [c]reverence. **3** For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, **4** who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

\*\*\*pray for the nation:

English- <http://www.abundantlovechurch.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Simple-Prayer-for-National-and-Personal-Protection.pdf>

Spanish- <http://www.abundantlovechurch.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Oracion-Sencilla-por-Proteccion-Nacional-y-Personal.pdf>