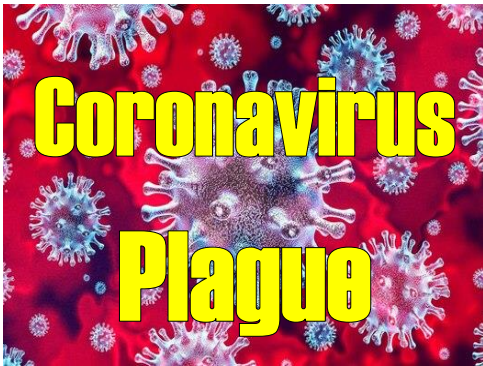


**To the Saints of the Most High God at Topeka, Kansas
September 20, 2020**

This continues my sermon from August 2, 2020, where I am answering a letter where the writer takes us to task for the things we believe. I narrowed their list to 10, and I am on number 2.

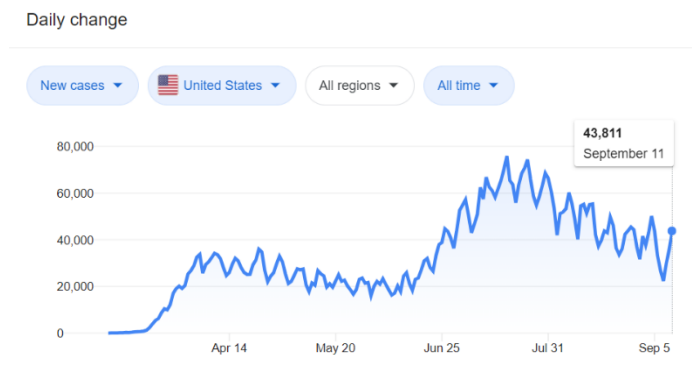
But, before I get to that, let's turn to what's going on around us! Mat. 16:1 *The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven. 2 He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red. 3 And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowring. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; **but can ye not discern the signs of the times?** 4 A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed.* The people of God accurately discern the signs of the times AND PREACH THAT, as Christ did. God's wrath continues on this world.



The LORD is on the move! The global plague rolls on. When I did my sermon on April 5, 2020, there were 330,000 infections in the U.S. and 9,400 deaths. Today in the U.S. we have around 6.7 million infections and 200,000 deaths. Globally, on April 5, 2020, there were 1 million infections and 66,000 deaths. Today there have been around 30 million infections and 1 million deaths from this plague. In just a few short months this plague

has exploded.

These deaths affect real people. There are people that are here living and in just a few weeks they are dead, like: Herman Cain, the former Republican Presidential candidate; Nick Cordero, Broadway star; Tom Seaver, baseball legend; and Roy Horn, of Siegfried and



Global Cases	
29,607,590	
Cases by Country/Region/Sovereignty	
6,606,674	US
5,020,359	India
4,382,263	Brazil
1,075,485	Russia
738,020	Peru
728,590	Colombia
676,487	Mexico
651,521	South Africa
603,167	Spain

Roy fame. While the deaths are around 200,000 right now in the U.S., the projection is for there to be 400,000 by

January 1, 2021. The U.S. is number one in the world in infections and in deaths. The wrath of God abides on the U.S. in particular.

*Col. 3:1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. 5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: 6 **For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:** 7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. 8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.*

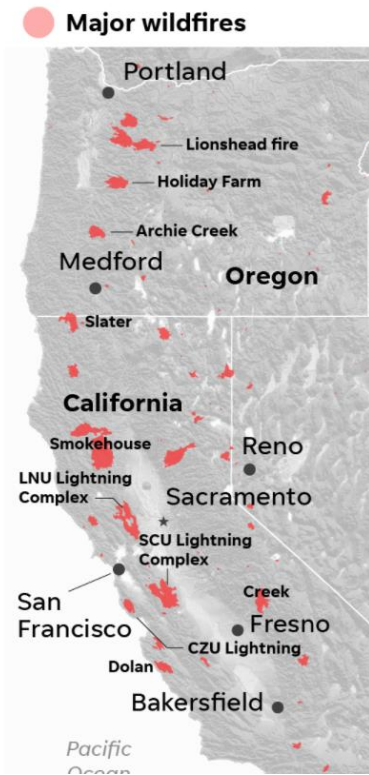
*De 28:58 If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD; **59 Then the LORD will make thy plagues wonderful (hard, difficult, extraordinary), and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance.** 60 Moreover he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee. And, the vaccine, is a whole other matter. Some vaccines take 20 years to work out the kinks. The average is 5 to 10 years. They are talking about a vaccine in under a year. That seems risky by any measure, but the LORD knows.*



Then, (in the midst of a global pandemic) there are unprecedented fires in the Western United States. Currently, we have 100 wildfires roaring across 12 states and they have burned more than 5 million acres, or 7,000 square miles or larger than the state of New Jersey. The cost is \$140

billion in lost homes and damage.

Thick smoke has blanketed the whole region. It looks like the middle of the night when it is 12:00 noon! Every day the news reports include “It looks like the apocalypse.”



Oregon and San Francisco have the worst air quality in the world. Six of California’s largest fires have been this year! This includes the #1, #3, #4, #9, #10 and #17 fires. *Record Smashing Year For California Fires: 6 of 20 Largest Ever Are Burning Now – San Francisco Chronicle.* 14,000 firefighters are fighting these fires. This is the worst fire



season ever. It seems like they say that every year, but this year it is true. In Oregon, 500,000 people have had to evacuate their homes due to the fire threat. That is 12% of Oregon’s whole population.

and fire from the LORD out of heaven.

Ge 19:24 Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone



Then, you have the 2020 Atlantic Hurricane Season. It starts June 1 and goes through November 30. We are halfway through the season and they have already used all or nearly all this year’s alphabetized 21-name list. The next storm will go to the Greek alphabet. That has only happened one other time - 2005 (the year of Hurricane Katrina). Hurricane Laura caused almost \$9 billion in damage and 71 deaths. And you may recall Laura and Marco came within just a day or two of each other to the same general location. That was a record. Hurricane Sally came ashore this week, moving at 2 miles per hour. This is one of the slowest hurricanes on record. This means it drops much more water than a normal hurricane and brings about torrential rain and flooding.

I don’t think this is the time to necessarily preach only the love of Christ or just the redemptive power of the LORD Jesus Christ. Is it good tidings and the love of Christ when the Lord has taken a million people off the earth in the last 9 months? Is that the love of God? But for his people, it is good news and great mercy that we have found a ransom! His mercy endures forever!

Psalm 136:10 ¶ To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn: for his mercy endureth for ever: 11 And brought out Israel from among them: for his mercy endureth for ever: 12 With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm: for his mercy endureth for ever. 13 To him which divided the Red sea into parts: for his mercy endureth for ever: 14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it: for his mercy endureth for ever: 15 But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea: for his mercy endureth for ever. 16 To him which led his people through the wilderness: for his mercy endureth for ever. 17 To him which smote great kings: for his mercy endureth for ever: 18 And slew famous kings: for his mercy endureth for ever: 19 Sihon king of the Amorites: for his mercy endureth for ever: 20 And Og the king of Bashan: for his mercy endureth for ever: 21 And gave their land for an heritage: for his mercy endureth for ever: 22 Even an heritage unto Israel his servant: for his mercy endureth for ever.

To the rebellious, the stone of stumbling will crush them to powder. That is part of what Christ preached. That must be included in the whole counsel of God that we preach and the good news of the Gospel!

1Co 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

Ro 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

*Eph 5:6 1 ¶ Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; 2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. 3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; 4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. 5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. 6 **Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.***

7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them. Listen to me brother, this is exactly, precisely, what we have been talking about for many years on the streets of this country. The wrath of God is coming on this country and it has come. There is massive sin all around us every day and you want me to put on blinders to it. No sir, I will not. Luke 24:47 *And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. Mark 1:4 John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.* We do not need one more person saying God loves everyone or that Christ saves sinners. Has that been a successful strategy? Is the world any better off? No! We have enough of that! What we need is millions of people saying to Fear God and keep his commandments, that the wrath of God and judgment is coming and the day of the LORD is coming.

*Eccl 12:12 And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. 14 **For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.***

Isa 13:6 Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

Isa 13:9 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

Isa 34:8 For it is the day of the LORD'S vengeance, and the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion.

Eze 30:3 For the day is near, even the day of the LORD is near, a cloudy day; it shall be the time of the heathen.

Joe 1:15 Alas for the day! for the day of the LORD is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.

Joe 2:1 Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand;

Joe 3:14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.

Zep 1:14 The great day of the LORD is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.

Zep 1:18 Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD'S wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.

Zep 2:3 Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD'S anger.

Zec 14:1 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

Mal 4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

2 Thes. 1:7 ... when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, 8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: 9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power.



Do not tell me to soften the message of God, and to draw back to perdition and to preach happy stickers when God's judgment and wrath is falling upon man. That is a satanic lie. Satan has filled your heart to say that. Heb 10:38 *Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. 39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.*

When Paul was on Mars' Hill and saw the idolatry of the Athenians he didn't just preach just the redemptive power of Jesus Christ – he preached damnation, and to repent and to seek salvation in Christ. No happy sticker!

*Acts 17:21 (For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing.) 22 Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. 23 For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. 24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands... 29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device. 30 **And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: 31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.***

And, when Elijah was on Mount Carmel in I King 18 he did not preach the redemptive power of Christ to the prophets of Baal. He prayed to the Lord to destroy them for their idolatry and blasphemy. Put the happy sticker theology away. This is the God of judgment you are dealing with and he has smoke coming out of his nostrils. God is wroth! If a plague with 1 million dead people doesn't prove that to you, then your heart is hard and stony, and God has prevented you from seeing it!

2 Sam. 22:8 Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations of heaven moved and shook, because he was wroth. 9 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it. 10 He bowed the heavens also, and came down; and darkness was under his feet. 11 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: and he was seen upon the wings of the wind.

In the movie Aliens, the aliens have just wiped out the platoon of soldiers and someone says the aliens are intelligent and shouldn't be harmed. One of the soldiers played by Bill Paxton (who had surgery to fix a heart valve and ended up dead a few years ago) says: *Maybe you haven't been keeping up on current events pal, but we just got our butts kicked.*

And, whether you preach the redemptive power of Christ or not (or if you only preach it 10% and not 30%), it does not change the fact that God's path is narrow and hard and His salvation is limited to a few people. If you fail in the face of what God is doing in this earth to warn your neighbors to repent and put away proud sin, their blood will be required at your hand when they die in their sins.

Mat. 7:13 *Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: **14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.** 15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.*

And the signs we hold, are not pithy sayings or some other pejorative characterization. They are the very words of the Holy Ghost, like Fear God!

- - **Back to 10 Things I Hate About You**

2. IS WBC ALSO TO BLAME? - We (WBC) have said the churches of this country and this world are responsible for the awful spiritual and sinful state of this country and world. And, that it has been 100% on their watch that rampant sin everywhere has taken place (divorce and remarriage, homosexuality as an innocent lifestyle, same-sex marriage, on-demand abortions by the tens of millions annually, gender confusion, fornication, etc.). Here is the charge from the writer: *If this ripening happened on the watch of churches and they are to blame, then WBC was a church during that time as well (depending on what time frame you want to self-select and yet the world is still "ripe.") Is WBC to blame as well?* This is not a Biblical or scriptural question or argument. It is sophistry (the use of fallacious arguments, especially with the intention of deceiving). Here is what the Scripture says on this matter.

Eze 3:17 *Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. 18 When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. 19 **Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not***

from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. 20 Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand. 21 Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul. For nearly 67 years (29 + notoriously, conspicuously and with fervor standing on the streets of this country every day) God has caused us to warn the wicked night and day to turn from their wicked way and they have not repented. By Christ, we have been faithful watchmen - our souls are delivered. Further, look at these words written for us for this very discussion!

Ezekiel 2:1 ¶ And he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee. 2 And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me. 3 And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very day. 4 For they are impudent children and stiffhearted. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD. 5 And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them. 6 ¶ And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house. 7 And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they are most rebellious. 8 But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee. 9 And when I looked, behold, an hand was sent unto me; and, lo, a roll of a book was therein; 10 And he spread it before me; and it was written within and without: and there was written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe.

3. IT IS LOGICALLY AND THEOLOGICALLY UNSOUND TO SAY THAT THE U.S. SHOULD NOT ENGAGE IN WARS.

The writer says: *At a general level, a nation has the right to defend itself and its interests.* Theologically speaking, there is no site for that statement. Zero. That's man's wisdom – not God's. That argument is devoid and counter to the express words in the New

Testament regarding how we are to treat our enemies and our neighbors. *Thou shalt not kill – deaths in war are not what this commandment is speaking to (at least, not all deaths – I think the intentional killing of non-combatants might qualify as murder).* I would certainly hope so – when Cain killed Able it was murder (Gen. 4:8)! Look, the U.S. always seems to be looking for a reason to go to war, or start a war, or threaten a war.

Here's the standard.

Thou shalt not kill. Ex. 20:13. I understand that some people interpret this verse to not mean killing in war, or killing in self-defense. That has never been a compelling argument to me because the verse is expansive and there are no conditions where it says you can kill here. I would rather error on the side of caution, particularly in light of many New Testament verses.

Luke 3:14 *And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do [to be saved]? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man. [John the Baptist].*

1 Pet 3:9 *Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.*

Rev 22:14 *Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. 15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.*

Rev 9:20 *And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands.. 21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.*

Mat.5:44 *But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; 45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.*

Mt 26:52 *Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.*

Mat. 7:12 *Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is The law and the prophets.*

Mat 5:7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Mat 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Rom. 12:17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. 18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. 19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. 20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. 21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

James 4: 1 From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? 2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. 3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

Luke 6:27 But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, 28 Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you. 29 And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloke forbid not to take thy coat also. 30 Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again. 31 And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. 32 For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them. 33 And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same. 34 And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. 35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

The writer goes on to say: *King David was a warrior king and called a man after God's own heart...God did not condemn David, or Joshua, for leading the armies of Israel or for fighting wars, even when those wars resulted in deaths. This is not to say that every war or every killing in a war is not a sinful act, just that wars are a fact of life on this planet since before Christ and after Christ.*

This is a 100% disingenuous argument. King David and Joshua were specifically directed by God to remove the Canaanite nations because of their great sin. Further, consider this: *De*

3:22 *Ye shall not fear them: for the LORD your God he shall fight for you. Ex. 23:28 And I will send hornets before thee, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before thee.* These wars were the wars of the Lord. God owns the rules and even as Christ said that he is the Lord of the sabbath, he is the Lord of all and he does whatsoever he wills in the armies of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth.

Lev. 18:24 *Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you: 25 And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants. 26 Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations; neither any of your own nation, nor any stranger that sojourneth among you: 27 (For all these abominations have the men of the land done, which were before you, and the land is defiled;) 28 That the land spue not you out also, when ye defile it, as it spued out the nations that were before you.*

Numbers 33:51 *Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye are passed over Jordan into the land of Canaan; 52 Then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their pictures, and destroy all their molten images, and quite pluck down all their high places: 53 And ye shall dispossess the inhabitants of the land, and dwell therein: for I have given you the land to possess it. 54 And ye shall divide the land by lot for an inheritance among your families: and to the more ye shall give the more inheritance, and to the fewer ye shall give the less inheritance: every man's inheritance shall be in the place where his lot falleth; according to the tribes of your fathers ye shall inherit. 55 But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of them shall be pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell.*

Wars may be a fact of life on this planet, but wars are not sanctioned by God! Jesus Christ says in no uncertain terms to love your enemies. Shut up with your worldly wiseman talk.

4. WBC SAYS CHRISTIAN CHURCHES IN THE U.S. ARE FULL OF CHURCH MEMBERS THAT COMMIT FORNICATION EVERY DAY – HOW DO YOU KNOW THIS?

The writer says: *All of these passages about fornication are good. WBC says "Christian" churches are full of members that commit fornication every day;" - I'm curious as to how you know this? There are hundreds of thousands of churches in the U.S. alone; you're sure that every one of them allows open fornication among their members, and doesn't preach*

against that? I find that hard to believe. Again, an extreme position taken, but not supported by the evidence... Is the standard to be perfection in the church for that church to serve the Lord; if so, the cause is lost already (we are all sinners).

Are you kidding me? How do we know this? We live in this world and we know that premarital sex is generally off the chart. It is the policy of the nation. Every major study on sexual practices in this country shows that premarital sex is up, marriage is down, people are waiting longer and longer to get married – if they get married at all. Have you been on a college campus lately? Have you listened to any current songs on the radio (if they can play the song on the radio – with lyrics so vulgar). Have you seen what people are wearing (where is the modesty)? We start pairing up boys and girls in middle school – with school parties and dances and such and they continue on through high school and college. Fornication and premarital sex is defacto policy in this country. We are not stupid. Watch a current movie or TV show. We say that most Christian churches do not speak to fornication but even if they say it should be avoided, they do not expel people from their membership for fornication. That is what the scriptures require.

1Co 5:11 But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator,...with such an one no not to eat.

1Co 6:18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

1Co 10:8 Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

2 Co 12:20 For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and that I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: lest there be debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults: 21 And lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and that I shall bewail many which have sinned already, and have not repented of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which they have committed.

Gal. 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, ... of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Eph 5:3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;

Col 3:5 *Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:*

1Th 4:3 *For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:*

Jude 1:7 *Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.*

This is not a close question. Generally speaking fornication and premarital sex is just fine in this county, both in and out of churches.

5. What Does It Mean to be a Homosexual? I'm Not Here to Fight a Culture War.

The writer says: *I read a book on this [homosexuality] that helped me define my perspective better – the book was written by a homosexual that considered himself to be a Christian (which by WBC standards would be impossible)...*

NOT by WBC standards, by God's standards, which we embrace whole heartedly!

Jude 7 *Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.*

Rom 1: 26 *For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: 27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;*

1Co 6:9 *Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,... shall inherit the kingdom of God.*

The writer says: *What does it mean to be a homosexual... Really? It means for two people of the same gender to have sex.*

Regarding Sodom and Gomorrah... the angels were attacked by a mob that wanted to rape them. I would consider rape a separate sin from homosexuality. Homosexual rape of angels of God that leads to the total destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah by fire and brimstone from heaven seems bad to me. Since the whole country was nuked for this behavior does it matter?

The writer says: *Bottom line, pretending that all Christian churches in the US condone homosexuality is just that, pretending...*

Well, the bottom line is that homosexuality is generally now considered to be a legitimate alternate lifestyle with most churches either openly condoning it or agreeing to not discuss it. There are some churches that preach against it – but it is an anemic response at best, and done quietly. They are lukewarm in their response to this sin. God requires Yea, yea and nay, any. They drawback to perdition and are ashamed of the Lord Jesus Christ. *Remember Lot's Wife!*

We are here to spread God's word making disciples among all nations, baptizing and teaching them. I'm not here to fight a culture war; I'm here to spread God's word and make disciples. That's the mission of the church.

We are here to maintain and defend gospel truth. We are here to uphold the standards of God. We are here to preach against sin and warn our neighbor. 2 Tim 4:1 *I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. 5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.*

Is 58:1 *Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.*

If the culture of society is what is causing and condoning rank sin then absolutely we must war against it. 2 Tim 2:3 *Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.*

I love you all. Amen.