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Signs of the Times: Shining Bible Light on Current Events

The Lord has wrought many blessed judgments in the world this week which can be seen plainly by any who have been given eyes to see, ears to hear, and a heart to understand by the gracious hand of God. **“Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of a rebellious house, which have eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear, and hear not: for they are a rebellious house.” (Ezekiel 12:2)** This entire world is a rebellious house! Therefore, the Lord, the God of Israel, is punishing the people of it! Let’s view some of this week’s judgments from the proper perspective:

A great prince of the world died this past week: famed TV personality and comedian Bob Saget. In addition to the usual palaver published in praise of yet another irreverent worldly-wise man, was a focus on the peculiar dichotomy between the “squeaky-clean image” of his TV performances e.g.: “Full House” and “America’s Funniest Home Videos”, and in what the New York Times dubs his Scatological, foul, raw-anatomical-reference-filled, raunchy, profanity-laden, ribald humor he exhibited during his standup routines. Quite a bit of ink expended to describe a filthy-talker. God’s word is full of condemnations of, and cautions against such men. **But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. (Col 3:8) He that hath a froward heart findeth no good: and he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into mischief. (Pr 17:20) A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth. (Pr 6:12) Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee. (Pr 4:24)** Though he claimed to be a practicing Jew, Mr. Saget’s livelihood consisted in no small part of making mock of fornication and sexual perversion, and filling the air and airwaves with profanity and lewd speakings. **O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. (Mt 12:34)** His irreverence for God is further showcased by the divorce of his wife in 1997, later going on to commit adultery, as well as his absence of position on the plethora of moral struggles that have risen in the U.S. over the course of the last several decades. Mr. Saget had an obligation to warn, and he shirked that duty. **For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. (Mt 16:25)**

A hostage situation unfolded at a synagogue in Texas this Saturday as the week was coming to a close. A British citizen and apparent Islamic practitioner, Malik Faisal Akram, took four church-goers hostage including a Rabbi, demanding the release of his sister from U.S. custody in exchange for their release. Before the day was out however, all four hostages were rescued and Akram was found dead; though it is currently unclear as to how the situation was resolved. Some things are clear however, such as the unmistakable wake-up call those taken hostage have received at the hand of God; the words of Christ at Luke 13 are most apt: **There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. (Luke 13:1-2)** We are all worthy of death and hell, but not all are afforded the chance to repent. Those four would do well to heed this lesson. Secondly, when viewed in the context of the long list of punishments from God against this backslidden generation who consistently pervert judgement, this latest incident may be concluded as but a further erosion of this nation’s peace. **The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace. (Isa 59:8) There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked. (Isa 57:21)**

Woe to you who have hardened your hearts against the Lord and His word. The destruction of this world is imminent; you must believe on Christ, repent of your sins, and seek the Lord with humility. **“For Gaza shall be forsaken, and Ashkelon a desolation: they shall drive out Ashdod at the noon day, and Ekron shall be rooted up. Woe unto the inhabitants of the sea coast, the nation of the Cherethites! the word of the LORD is against you; O Canaan, the land of the Philistines, I will even destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant.” (Zephaniah 2:4-5)**

Repent or Perish!