

# THE SHEDDING OF INNOCENT BLOOD

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## I. THE CERTAINTY OF GUILT UPON A NATION

- A. Surely blood requires blood in God's judgment. God so highly values humanity that He protects it with His severe judgment. A day of reckoning is set if man does not obey Him.

***5 And for your lifeblood I will surely demand an accounting. I will demand an accounting from every animal. And from each man, too, I will demand an accounting for the life of his fellow man. 6 "Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man. (Genesis 9:5-6)***

- B. Because of the shedding of innocent blood there is a blood pollution problem on America's soil. Never forget that we serve a God of justice and righteousness. One of God's names is "the avenger of blood." Nothing can wash away our defilement except the blood of Jesus.

***33 "Do not pollute the land where you are. Bloodshed pollutes the land, and atonement cannot be made for the land on which blood has been shed, except by the blood of the one who shed it. (Numbers 35:33)***

- C. God raises up intercessors who stand before Him to stop His judgment. The intercessor says, "God kill me before You kill them." We do not need intercessors to call down judgment, but those who cry for mercy. Judgment will come automatically because of sin unless the plea for mercy stops it. We want to be intercessors for America as God's friends who call God to remember and hold back His hand of judgment and show mercy.

***23 So he said he would destroy them — had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him to keep his wrath from destroying them. (Psalms 106:23)***

- D. Blood pollution comes on the land when innocent blood is shed. The sacrificing of babies is fueling the demonization of our nation. If not for God's mercy through intercessors and bold action to stop abortion, I believe a day of reckoning is coming to the United States.

***37 They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons. 38 They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan, and the land was desecrated by their blood. 39 They defiled themselves by what they did; by their deeds they prostituted themselves. 40 Therefore the LORD was angry with his people and abhorred his inheritance. (Psalms 106:37-40)***

## II. STANDING IN THE GAP – INTERCEDING FOR THE NATION

- A. Through intercession and our persistent cry for God's mercy, we can bring healing to our land.

***14 if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 15 Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. (2 Chronicles 7:14-15)***

***30 "I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none. 31 So I will pour out my wrath on them and consume them with my fiery anger, bringing down on their own heads all they have done, declares the Sovereign LORD.*" (Ezekiel 22:30-31)**

- B. The blood of Jesus is the only “cleansing agent” for our national sin.

***18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. (1 Peter 1:18-19)***

- C. Ruth Graham – if God does not judge America He must apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah.

- D. We build the tombs of the prophets and declare that we would not commit their sins. However, our silence on abortion proves our guilt.

***48 So you testify that you approve of what your forefathers did; they killed the prophets, and you build their tombs. (Luke 11:48)***

***29 ...You build tombs for the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous. 30 And you say, 'If we had lived in the days of our forefathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.' (Matthew 23:29-30)***

- E. God’s justice may sometimes seem slow in the way it is meted out. President Lincoln cried out that God’s judgments would not come to the United States because of slavery. Lincoln believed that the Civil War was God’s judgment on the United States.

- F. If the Civil War was the day of reckoning for the United States for the bloodshed of slavery (600,000 men died in that war), what will it mean for God to deal with us for the shed blood of 50 million babies?

- G. May we make an absolute commitment to stand for justice in the upcoming elections!

***19 This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live 20 and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him... (Deuteronomy 30:19-20)***

- H. Prayer is the most powerful weapon that we have to tear down the work of the enemy.

***“Jesus, thank you for Your blood that covers my sins. I stand in the gap and ask You to have mercy on my nation. God, end abortion and pornography and send revival to America.”***