

Prayer Focus This Week

What are we to do in the days ahead?

The year 2020 is behind us, but the effects will follow and maybe even haunt us for years to come - there will never be a return to normal as we once knew it, and if the events from just the first few weeks of 2021 are any indication, it's possible things might get (much) worse before they get any better! America has turned from a nation founded on Christianity to now being a post Christian society slipping farther and farther away from Biblical standards.

Watching the TV coverage the day the protestors broke into the Capitol building and then into the House of representatives chambers troubled me greatly. There were cameras everywhere showing everything that was happening in real time; we witnessed everything that was said and done by the infiltrators. I went to my prayer closet and began to intercede, asking God to bring an end to the violence and to restore peace, and asked Him "What is going on here, and what are we as Christians to do? Lord, something needs to change!"

Well here's some breaking news that will never be covered - you'll never see this on TV: Satan, the enemy of our souls has **infiltrated** the church - not in one chaotic assault, but little by little over a long period of time. You might ask: "How could that happen and we wouldn't know about it?" He has infiltrated our ranks because the Church has lost its reverence for and its fear of the Lord! Satan has infiltrated through our unbelief, our lukewarmness, our pride and stubbornness, our distractedness, our lack of commitment, our unforgiveness, our refusal to submit to authority, our gossip, and our **lack of prayer!**

What I believe needs to change in the church is **us**, the body of Christ! As I prayed, I sensed the Spirit saying we need to ask God to **infiltrate** the church just as that mob infiltrated the Capitol! Those mobs interrupted *business as usual*, alarmed everyone, struck fear in their hearts, and brought about some immediate responses. We could ask God to infiltrate our church, but that won't do any good if He doesn't infiltrate our individual lives and families **first**, to interrupt our *business as usual* mentality, and bring about some immediate repentance!

Do we **really** want to see things change? Then we should courageously ask God to **breach** every wall we have erected around ourselves that has alienated us from His holy Presence! Let's ask Him to infiltrate our busyness and distractedness, our calloused and luke warm hearts, our unbelief, our pride, our unforgiveness, our fears and our worries, and all areas of disobedience! "Lord, help us recapture our reverence and fear of You!" **Amen!**