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What is God saying to you and what is He saying to me?

I can't answer for what God may be saying to you other than to get and to keep your house in order. What does that mean for you? There are a lot of areas to maintain, but one area where I know God calls each of us to and that is to be in His Word - reading it, studying it, obeying it.

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Biblical truth today. Amazing. Oh, you can figure out a way to make it so smooth and soft and take out all the hard parts so it doesn't have the sting, but if you give the unadulterated, unexpurgated pure word of God it will generate a negative reaction in many environments. You need to speak the truth in love, but all we've got is the truth. ..

So what is God saying to you? What is He saying to me? All we've got is the truth. But that's a lot.

Is God speaking to you about your handling of the Word of God? Do you value it as you should? Are you diminishing it or assaulting it in any way as Dr. John MacArthur outlines? Are you standing for truth - especially at your local church? How are you doing in regard to your own devotional life? What about family devotions with your loved ones? May each of us realize that, indeed, "All we have is the Truth." But that's a lot. An awful lot.

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And when your entire sense of morality is warped. Then your conscience is ill informed and it doesn't function. And so you have unconscionable behavior. And then you laugh at the Jerry Springer Show instead of falling on your face and weeping at the aberrations. A depraved mind: reasoning faculties so corrupt that it must be rejected as non-functioning and as a result of that what happens? God gave them over (Rom. 1:28) to a depraved mind so as a result they do the things that are not proper, fitting, sensible, reasonable.

What do they do? They are filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, envy, murder, strife, malice. That's the nightly news. It's the local newspaper. Slanders, haters of God, on and on and on and on it goes. That's what conscience is. It's a mechanism God gave

you. It accuses you or excuses you. Romans 2 says but it only functions if it is morally informed accurately. And if you have a culture that has developed an aberrant morality then you have consciences that function off of that aberrant morality. And you get all the stuff. All the inexplicable behaviors. And that's why in verse 32 it says that although they know the ordinance of God. They know inherently in Romans 2 - what is right and what is wrong. They who practice such things are worthy of death. They know that. They do them anyway. And they give hearty approval to those who practice them. You know what that reminds me of? Bill Clinton's approval ratings. Went up in the middle of the Lewinsky affair. Why? Because a culture like this approves of somebody like that. Perfect fit. That's our kinda guy.

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How long is it going to be before if you preach against it in your pulpit the government is going to come in and tell you you can't do that. They've done that in Canada. It was C.S. Lewis who said 'the last experience of the sinner is the horrible enslavement of the freedom he desired'.

So Paul is unfolding for us this picture of what a society looks like when it's abandoned. It's not my description. Now you see why I said I think America is here going through the cycle of Romans 1.

Why does it happen? Let's go back to verse 18 and find out. Verse 18. The wrath of God is revealed from heaven in this form of abandonment against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men that makes up this society. Verse 18. Who suppress - there it is - they suppress the truth. They suppress the truth. ...

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