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ence. To know about God is one thing: to know God is quite another. To hear about something by the ear, and have heart acquaintance, are wide apart. One is theory: the other is life. (1 Jno. 5:20.)

Great ingratitude for the vast rich blessings God has bestowed on us Americans has characterized our attitude, and as a nation we have forgotten God, running wild after pleasure and sensual gratification.

Unjust court decisions and congressional laws have at times protected the rich and oppressed the poor. These are crimes which God will not overlook.

The nation has gone wild after pleasure and sensual gratification of all kinds, while God is forgotten, and the fearful need of prayer, intercession, travail and worship of God is sadly neglected. "I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none. Therefore have I poured out my indignation upon them." Ezek. 22:30, 31.

Consider them, that the Great Almighty God charges and enumerates these sins against the people and professors of this nation: Neglect of revelation, substitution of man's wisdom, Human organization for Christ's rule in the Church, rejection, or neglect, of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and of the gifts and powers of the Spirit, rejection or neglect of prophecy, loss of Spirit life

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and power, Modernism and communism, Occultism, the forgetting of God and ingratitude, the protecting of the rich and oppression of the poor, substitution of ritualism, natural eloquence and music for the living Word of God, and intercession and worship in the Spirit.

● Prophetic Message

"Now therefore, consider this, ye Americans: If I destroyed the ancient nations of Canaan for their crimes, if I brought low Egypt, Chaldea, Assyria and the great heathen nations of the East, if I have sorely chastened ancient Israel and even now angry with modern nations: shall I pass you by? Shall you whose sins are grievous unpunished?

"Even now, you are being sorely punished; almost the whole nation is turned to prosecuting a war for very existence. Millions, many millions are being spent. Thousands of lives have already been sacrificed. Terrible things are yet to come. Where are those who will stand in the gap and make the hedge for your nation? Otherwise, how shall you escape the Divine wrath in this the hour of judgment? Pray for the mercy of God to be shown you. Pray for a wave of Divine power that shall bring repentance to your people and salvation from the judgment hand upon your land."

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"In ancient times I, Jehovah, chose me a people. They were mine. To me they were as the apple of the eye, tenderly and dearly beloved. I watched over them constantly, to do them good. Yet they turned from me and went into evil and idolatrous ways, disobeying my laws and disregarding my statutes, until my fierce anger arose hot against them. I chastened them very severely and long, until they became a byword and a scoffing, and were scattered among the nations

"In these latter days, I had a people in England and Holland who suffered for their faith in me. O that soil of Europe! soaked with the blood of my martyrs! These people decided to try for America. After a long, tedious voyage, they landed in the then new world. It was late in the year when they came to shore. They suffered severe hardships: but founded a nation, a free state, with freedom of conscience, freedom of worship, freedom of speech, and free citizenship, equality of rights, and equitable laws.

"As I watched over ancient Israel, so I guarded this modern Israel of the West.

I gave them fertile soils and wide rolling fields, orchards and dairies, cotton and wool, along with all good things, and more territory than they could settle, also coal, gas, oil and metals in abundance. I gave them skilled artificers and inventors, learned and scientific professors, jurists, statesmen and financiers, and many cunning devices for every art and use. Steamers plowed their waters. Locomotives with trains roared from shore to shore. Automobiles raced below and airplanes above. Factories filled its cities, while the lightnings were harnessed for light, heat, power, transmission. How greatly blessed they are.

"Greatest of all was my concern for their spiritual welfare. I have shown this by sending them many anointed Gospel ministers, speaking in my spirit in the enduement of power; persuading men and promoting great and far-reaching revivals. These seasons of awakening often transformed communities from their sins to a God-fearing people."

As I considered the above prophecy, it came to me that each revival emphasized certain particular truths; as repentance and new birth, consecration and sanctification, gift of the Holy Spirit, second coming and others. Some revivals were far deeper, more extensive, continuous and permanent than others; according to saving values in the truths held and

taught, and the accompanying power of the Spirit.

Just here in connection with these revivals, began several great sins: First, the neglect of direct revelation, and the substitution of man's wisdom for Divine direction. This led to a second great error: the placing of human organization and man's government, instead of Divine rule, with Jesus Christ in authority as Head of an Ecclesia, man's church in place of the true Ecclesia.

Along with these great wrongs are two more: the neglect or rejection of the gift or baptism of the Holy Spirit, and of prophecy, wisdom and gifts of the Spirit. These failures to receive God-given privileges amount to a terrible tragedy, and are impudence toward God.

These four grave sins against God open wide a door to another grave lapse—the waning and losing of the spiritual life and power we have had, while still holding the theory of truth. This is "holding the truth in unrighteousness," which exposes to the wrath of God. (Rom. 1:18) Having a form of godliness, yet neglecting its power. So today we have the framework or skeleton of past revivals: vast institutions called denominations, with no spiritual life—just skeletons, cemeteries.

Consider another great evil, a sin producer—the education of a ministry by learned professors who are without

spiritual life or personal knowledge of God. Then their assumed right to "analyze" and dissect the holy Scriptures. It is called "higher criticism." It is a most destructive infidelity. It soon developed what is known as "Modernism." It and communism are twin infidel brothers. They are deadly to spirituality.

Educators are now teaching that the desires and passions should have sway and be freely indulged: thus making our schools a hothouse of lecentiousness, and ruining the young of the incoming generation.

There is still another most dangerous and ruinous line of operation, that has arisen from the degradation and loss of spiritual power of these revival companies, gliding down the toboggan slide of infidelity and formalism. Man as created by his Maker, has a strong inclination toward the supernatural or spiritual realm. When he loses relation with the true God and ceases to worship Him, he easily becomes prey to satanic occultism, or so-called mystic science. So now we have many cults and societies, like Christian Science and New Thought. Hindoo mysticism is principally the foundation of these societies. Often a sprinkling of Christian scriptural truth makes them attractive, and hides the power of Satan.

Ritualism, formalism and theory have taken the place of life, power and experi-