



## **The Remnant - May 31 - State of Affairs**

### **Introduction**

When you look at all the issues going on in the world and the ones right here in our own country, it is obvious that everyone and everything needs a Divine intervention. One of the great opportunities we have with the Bible is that we can look back on over 5,000 years of God's promises to His people and specifically His chosen people the Jews. Regardless of how bad things seemingly got for the nation of Israel and regardless of how many times Israel turned away from God, there was always a group of believers who remained faithful and committed to God's will and way. They were not always the most popular group and they certainly lived a counter-cultural type life, but while the nation reaped the destruction that came from abandoning God; this faithful group continued to prosper. All through the Bible you will find God referring to these faithful groups as *The Remnant* and He teaches us through their example that regardless of political, judicial, and national decisions to abandon God's will and way; those who abide in Him will remain in His blessings and become a bright light of hope to those reaping the consequences that come from choosing man's ways over God's ways.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. What is your view of the world right now? Why?
2. What do you think is happening to America right now? Why?
3. What do you think is the current condition of the church in America right now?
4. With all that is going on in our world and in the U.S., what is your belief concerning the life of believers in these conditions?
5. Please read the following passages and make a list of what God says concerning the conditions of the world and what the enemy of this world does: [Luke 4:5-8](#) / [1 John 5:18-20](#) / [Ephesians 2:1-3](#) / [John 10:10](#)
6. Please read [2 Timothy 3:1-9](#). What does God say happens to people when society moves towards its last days? Compare God's list from [2 Timothy 3:1-9](#) with America. How many from God's list would you say make up the majority in America today?

### **Moving Forward**

Things in the world are not getting any better and they will continue to get worse... This is the result of sin and until sin is eradicated, the whole earth will continue to groan for deliverance. Everything is subjected to death which explains why things are the way they are in our world today. If our expectations are for things to get better, we are going to remain disillusioned and disappointed. God has called His people to a better life and according to Jesus an abundant life where our hopes are not in this world or the things of it but are in the kingdom of God and His glory.

### **Changing Your Mind - Commit this to memory**

And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. - [Romans 8:23](#) (ESV)