

STAND IN THE GAP TODAY RADIO PROGRAM MAY 28, 2019

Theme: "A DIVIDED NATION NEEDS EARNEST PRAYER"

SEGMENT ONE RECOGNIZING THE SITUATION

Hello friends and welcome to Stand in the Gap Today from the American Pastors Network. I am Dr. Gary G. Dull inviting you to remain with us for the next hour as we discuss a serious condition in American that requires a committed solution. I will get to that in a minute.

Yesterday was MEMORIAL DAY here in the United States which is a time when we remember those who have given their lives for our nation in military service. One survey I read said that over 1.1 million service personnel have given their lives in battle to stand for American principles and beyond that there are many POW's and MIA's that we may never know about. Certainly, EVERY PATRIOTIC AMERICAN DESIRES, AND MIGHT I SAY ACCORDING TO MY PERSONAL OPINION, IS OBLIGATED TO REMEMBER AND HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE PAID THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE FOR OUR NATION...THEIR LIFE! Yesterday I had the privilege of being in our local Memorial Day Parade representing our church, The Faith Baptist Church of Altoona, PA when many of our young people were involved carrying the individual flags of the Army, Navy, Marine, Air Force and Coast Guard along with the POW/MIA flag. In addition, we distributed hundreds of Gospel Tracts and a pamphlet I wrote on WHY WE LOVE OUR VETERANS. We had a great time and the turn out to watch the parade was great. Sunday during our morning church service we had a special segment to honor all veterans, both the living and the dead, that included Karen Knight's video presentation entitled "WE REMEMBER YOU" which was a blessing. WE MUST NEVER FORGET THOSE WHO HAVE STOOD FOR AND CONTINUE TO STAND FOR AMERICAN PRINCIPLES IN THE MILITARY AND PRAISE GOD FOR THEM ON A CONSISTENT BASIS.

I am honored to have a son who is a Major in the Army has served as a ranger and a special operation soldier. Beginning in September he will be teaching officer ethics in the West Point Military Academy. May I say that my wife and I are very proud of Him.

Here at APN and SIGT we absolutely LOVE AMERICA. And yet we are in a time when our great nation is divided perhaps more than ever since the Civil War in 1860-1865. Today on the program Dr. Bill Shade, the Director Emeritus of the Source of Light International Ministries is with us to discuss this great division and what is needed to bring unity back into the UNITED States of America.

Bill, welcome to Stand in the Gap today. **Thank you, Gary, always a delight to be with you and the Stand In The Gap audience.**

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION:

1. Bill before we get into our subject please share with our listeners the SOL ministry.

Gary, Source of Light began way back in 1952 as a simple effort to reach the Island of Jamaica with the Gospel and grew into a world-wide effort with 37 branches on 5 continents with over 5,000 associate schools and 761 staff and missionaries serving around the world. Each year SOL prints and distributes millions of Bible lessons in 102 languages aimed at evangelism and discipleship that resulted in 37 new church plants last year, 467 new Bible Study groups started and over 42,000 commitments for salvation. Obviously, Gary, that is a very quick answer, but it does summarize what SLM is doing.

2. I think it is an understatement to say that America is in a DIVIDED STATE today. What do you think is the real reason for this great division we are facing today?

What we have Gary is a situation where there are 2 distinct and antithetical cultures existing simultaneously in this country and it is inevitable that they would clash. What began about four generations ago is coming to fruition. Frankly, to understand it we really need to trace it back to where it began. Cultural evolution is a natural phenomena, but the radical swing in our culture that has occurred since the middle of the last century is not normal and begs an explanation. And when we look deeply, I think we clearly see that what has seemed to have happened rather suddenly has much deeper roots. The cultural contradictions that are so evident, did not just happen, I believe they were planned.

I usually go back to Antonio Gramsci, the architect of the gradual approach to socialism (and ultimately communism), who said that the only way for Socialism or eventually communism to succeed was to change the culture over three to four generations from one which embraces a Christian Worldview, to one that is more ready to accept the total control that Socialism necessarily requires.

Gramsci saw three major obstacles to that change, Religion, Patriotism, and the Patriarchal Family. So, Gramsci's plan was to get complete hegemony over the organs of culture and change them. He said the forces of socialism would have to (1) Corrupt the Church, (2) Discredit Patriotism, and (3) Disintegrate the Family. Well, I'd say they have been pretty successful.

So how do I see the cultural war we are experiencing today? Bryan Fischer defined the differences very well in an article he did for One News Now last year. He wrote:

"We believe in God and the importance of publicly acknowledging him in all our institutions. Progressives do not. This is a binary choice: either God will be acknowledged, or he will not. There is no third way.

We believe unapologetically in the superiority of Christianity and in religious freedom. Progressives do not.

We believe in the sanctity of every human life, from conception until natural death. Progressives believe in the dismembering of babies in the womb right up the point of birth. There is no neutral ground.

We believe in private ownership and the rights of private property. Progressives believe in egalitarianism, where all property is taken from the individual and belongs to the all-powerful state.

We believe that there are just two genders, or sexes, male and female, as the Bible teaches on its first page, an assertion confirmed by genetic science.

Progressives don't. They believe gender is fluid, so fluid that people can change their self-identification from one day to the next.

We believe exclusively in marriage as God has defined it and designed it, the union of one man and one woman. Progressives do not. They believe two men, or two women can form a "marriage." This is a binary option. One either believes in natural marriage or he doesn't.

We believe in smaller government; Progressives believe in bigger government. We believe in lower taxes and less regulation; Progressives believe in higher and more. We believe in self-reliance; Progressives believe in reliance on government programs. We believe in freedom; Progressives believe in government control. We believe in secure borders; Progressives believe in open borders.

Summing up what Bryan Fischer has said: Progressives believe in everything that will destroy the present social order. Remember, the Issue is never the Issue. The Issue is the total destruction of society in order to replace it with a complete government system of control called Socialism! And that is the basis of the cultural divide that is shaking our society.

It is time for our first break of the day but when we come back, we are going continue to discuss this division in America and what is being done about it. So please stay tuned.

SEGMENT TWO A CALL FOR PRAYER FOR AMERICA

Welcome back ladies and gentlemen to SIGT. I am Gary Dull. Sam and Dave are away on assignment today.

But Dr. Bill Shade of Source of Light International Ministries is with me and we are discussing the great disunity that is in America today and what is needed to resolve the issue.

Just a few days ago Franklin Graham, the President of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and Samaritan's Purse called for a SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE USA DONALD TRUMP. Franklin is calling for PASTORS TO LEAD THEIR CONGREGATIONS IN PRAYING FOR THE PRESIDENT on Sunday June 2, 2019, which is THIS COMING SUNDAY. (I will read his announcement at this point).

This is a GREAT idea and we want to discuss and promote it on today's program. Along with Graham over 250 Christian leaders signed on to a statement that says:

"WE THE UNDERSIGNED ARE CALLING FOR JUNE 2 TO BE A SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, DONALD J. TRUMP, THAT GOD WOULD PROTECT, STRENGTHEN, EMBOLDEN, AND DIRECT HIM. WE BELIEVE OUR NATION IS AT A CROSSROADS, AT A DANGEROUS PRECIPICE. THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN FIX OUR COUNTRY'S PROBLEMS IS GOD HIMSELF, AND WE PRAY THAT GOD WILL BLESS OUR PRESIDENT AND OUR NATION FOR HIS GLORY."

Some of those who signed on to this call for prayer include: Michele Bachmann, Former US Representative, Gary Bauer, President of American Values, David Barton, Founder and President of Wallbuilders, Jerry Falwell, Jr, President of Liberty University, Mike Huckabee, Former Governor of Arkansas, Pastor Robert Jeffress, Pastor of First Baptist Church of Dallas, David Jeremiah, Turning Point Ministries and many others.

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION:

1) Bill in Franklin's announcement he said that he and 250 PLUS CHRISTIAN LEADERS across America have signed on to this call for prayer. I think it is great that so many Christian leaders have signed on to this project. What can you expect the outcome of this great event to be if it is accepted seriously?

Gary, God always honors serious prayer.

(2 Chron. 7:14). If my people which are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their evil ways.; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

The Psalmist said, Oh Thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come (Psalm 65:2).

I am convinced that if the pastors and churches of this country were to genuinely cry out to God for forgiveness for our own sins and implore the Spirit of God to move upon the hearts and minds of people across America, we could yet see another Great Awakening as we saw in the past.

I think we need to begin by praying earnestly for our president. He certainly needs and I might say, deserves our prayers. I think he has shown himself to be a friend of the Church and right, and we need to support that with our earnest prayers.

2) In his statement, Franklin said "PRESIDENT TRUMP'S ENEMIES CONTINUE TO TRY EVERYTHING TO DESTROY HIM, HIS FAMILY AND HIS PRESIDENCY. IN THE HISTORY OF OUR COUNTRY NO PRESIDENT HAS BEEN ATTACKED AS HE HAS. I BELIEVE THE ONLY HOPE FOR HIM, AND FOR THIS NATION, IS GOD."

•Bill, why does President Trump have so many enemies who want to destroy him?

Well, Gary, there are probably a variety of reasons, To begin with President Trump is unquestionably an Alpha male and in a social context that seems to want to feminize men, that can be enough to set off the resentment alarms.

Those who have actually been around the President tell me that he is a good listener and often acts with compassion (as he did in gaining the release of American citizens being held by foreign governments like the case of Pastor Andrew Brunson from Turkey). On the other hand, he acts very decisively, boldly and I might say often fearlessly and that make some people uncomfortable.

Thirdly, the President expresses himself frankly, immediately and often quite undiplomatically (may I say, sometimes even unwisely), on social media and this is just a new phenomena that's never happened before, and some people are turned off by that.

But probably the first and most evident reason is the political opposition that he receives continually both from his political opponents, and the national media, who take his every word, and action and assign some perverse motive to it and really disrespect, and demean him as no \other President in my memory has ever been demeaned.

- **I am sure you believe with me that the desire to destroy Donald Trump goes deeper than that of his human enemies. It is Satan himself. Can you give examples from scripture of how Satan has tried to destroy nations and leaders of nations?**

Well, Gary we need look no further than the clear statement of Scripture. God asks the question in Isaiah 28:14) How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!" Satan is a destroyer, and he comes to kill and to steal and to destroy.

Think how Satan influenced the leadership of the French Revolution through the writings of the atheist Voltaire. The streets ran red with the blood of thousands of innocent people. And behind that revolution was really a revolt against God as was so evident when mobs desecrated the Cathedral Altar by placing a prostitute on it and worshipping her.

How different the American Revolution was, because it was lead by men with a divine perspective that actually loathed the thought of rebelling, but were driven to it eventually, but who then conducted the war with utmost regard for human life and dignity.

Closer to our own times Satan used the occult to control the mind of Adolf Hitler, leading to the death of millions and the total destruction of Germany. And who can forget Stalin, who rejected God and became the murderer of 60,000 of his people.

And in the same way, when God raises up a righteous leader, Satan will seek to destroy him, either through a juggernaut of enemies, as was the case with Richard Nixon, or through an assassin's bullet as was the case with Lincoln and almost with President Reagan. The destruction of any people is a design of Satan and we can be sure he is active in what is taking place here in America.

- **In your many years of traveling across America in preaching and teaching in many churches, do you believe pastors are genuinely praying for our governmental leadership and leading their congregations to do so? If not, why not?**

Gary, I wish I could answer that question in the affirmative, but I'm afraid not. Pastors are very human and they get caught up in their vision for their own church and become very parochial and forget the importance, for good or for evil which government plays in all our lives.

Folks we need to take our second break but when we return we are going to talk about certain things we should truly pray for regarding President Donald Trump and America. Please don't go away.

SEGMENT THREE SPECIFIC PRAYER FOR AMERICA

Welcome back to SIGT. In a moment we are going to continue our discussion on prayer for America but at this point let me speak to you a little bit about our SIGT radio program and APN ministry.

Now, let's get back to PRAYING FOR AMERICA. As we have been discussing the fact that Franklin Graham is calling for pastors all across America to set aside this coming Sunday, June 2, to be a DAY OF PRAYER FOR PRESIDENT TRUMP. This is a great idea that is based on 1 Timothy 2:1-3 that says.....

"I EXHORT THEREFORE, THAT, FIRST OF ALL, SUPPLICATIONS, PRAYERS, INTERCESSIONS, AND GIVING OF THANKS, BE MADE FOR ALL MEN; FOR KINGS, AND FOR ALL THAT ARE IN AUTHORITY; THAT WE MAY LEAD A QUIET AN PEACEABLE LIFE IN ALL GODLINESS AND HONESTY, FOR THIS IS GOOD AN ACCEPTABLE IN THE SIGHT OF GOD OUR SAVIOR."

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION:

1. Bill, before we talk specifically about prayer, what are some of the things that have encouraged you about the Trump Presidency?

Gary, President Trump summed up his philosophy well, when during that international conference held shortly after he became president he told world leaders, "I am always going to do what is best for America because that is my responsibility. I will always put America first, just as you should always do what is best for your country. That is what we are put in leadership to do."

Gary, that was so refreshing. I hadn't heard anything like that since the Reagan era, and it makes so much sense. The people put a leader in position to make decisions that will be best for the country he represents. When a leader does that with wisdom, he becomes a blessing, not a curse, to his own country and deals fairly and evenhandedly with others. I think that is the central motivation behind President Trump's action. As Kellyanne Conway said, "I think the President gets up every morning asking what can I do today to make America Great."

2. Why do the likes of Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Shumer seem to actually hate this President?

Gary, the President has put forth an agenda that is the antithesis to what the so-called progressives want. He has placed himself on the side of life and is seeking to reduce or **eliminate abortion**. He has sided with the Constitution for **religious liberty**, and in doing that he strengthens the hand of religion. He has sided with conventional marriage and strengthened the role of the **Patriarchal Family**. He has strengthened our **national borders** and given more support to a **strong national defense** than any president in recent history. So naturally, a political philosophy that wants to destroy religion, discredit patriotism and disintegrate the family hates him. And because he will not take their fanatical opposition quietly, they are even more infuriated.

3. Nancy Pelosi said that she prays for the President. Do you have any comments on that?

Well Gary, I have to take that statement within the context in which she said it. Nancy went to the meeting with the President to discuss infrastructure, immediately after she had met with the most radical members of her own party and assuring them that she agreed with them that the President must be guilty of something and that he was covering it up. Her statement was made public and President Trump told her that he would not negotiate with her until her party quit using every tactic in the book to continue to obstruct him with endless trials and hearings, etc.

Given what has transpired for the last two years, and the fact that the Muller investigation scrutinized everything that could even remotely be connected to the President and found nothing, I think the President has a right to demand that the opposition focus on matters of state rather than their witch hunt. So when President Trump left the meeting Nancy and Chuck then characterized the President as someone insanely angry and out of control (a characterization that was denied by everyone else who were present), and called him unbalanced and unfit to lead, and it is in that context where she says, in a most solicitous tone, "I'm praying for the President."

Let me say two things: when I take her words in the context in which they were uttered, and in what she intended to project, I have credibility problems with her claim of Prayer. But secondly, I've found in my experience, that when I pray for my enemies, I can't continue to hate them. I suspect sincere prayer would have the same effect for Nancy if she is really "Praying for the President."

3. Bill I believe that specific prayer brings specific answers. Please take some time to share with our audience the following:

• Specific items to pray for concerning President Trump

1. When my wife and I are praying for the President, the first thing we always pray for is that he will not walk in the counsel of the ungodly. Presidents and leaders depend on the counsel of those around them. I'm thankful that President Trump has assembled a number of godly people around him to give him counsel.

2. We need to ask that God will not only give him wisdom, but both courage and compassion. Those two things need to work together. Courage without compassion can be recklessness, and compassion without courage can become cowardness.

3. We need to pray that God would give him favor, even with his enemies. I think it is remarkable that President Trump has had face to face meetings with some of our worse enemies. But he needs favor with our congress as well. There must be somewhere a democrat that is willing to think more about the good of the country than the approval of the party and help the President accomplish the good things he wants to do.

4. We need to pray for a continuation of that strength and energy and stamina that this President has had over these two years. I frankly don't know how he has continued seemingly unabated considering the opposition he has faced every hour of every day.

5. Finally, we need to pray for his protection. There are those who hate him enough to take his life if they could. God has intervened in the past to preserve the life of His leaders and we need to pray that God will protect him and his precious family. Pray for Baron, pray for Melania, pray that God will not only preserve their lives but use the pressures that are upon them to draw them closer to one another and closer to God.

Gary, probably the only other president in American history that was maligned and hated as much as President Trump was Abraham Lincoln, and the hatred drove him to God. He entered the office a secular man and became a deeply spiritual man because of all he endured. We need to pray that President Trump will find that same solace, comfort and strength in God.

- **Specific items to pray for concerning the USA.**

Gary – this country needs a return to God and a national revival more than anything else. I believe Franklin Graham is absolutely right when he says that the only thing that will save America is another Great Awakening.

We have a generation that has been nurtured on Historic Revisionism and actually believes that America is the culprit. They have been taught to disrespect religion, disdain patriotism and despise the nuclear family, and right now they are riding the twin horses of environmentalism and identity politics. Can God break through that and send a genuine revival? He has done it in similar situations in the past, I believe he can do it now in answer to the cry of His people.

Friends we must take another break but when we return, we are going to talk about another prayer initiative that you will not want to miss. Then I am going to ask Bill Shade to actually lead us in prayer for President Trump and our Nation. So please stand by.

SEGMENT FOUR
A PRAYER-A-THON FOR THE 2020 ELECTION

Welcome back ladies and gentlemen to SIGT. Today we have been talking about Franklin Graham's call for pastors to set aside this coming Sunday, June 2, 2019 as a DAY OF PRAYER FOR PRESIDENT TRUMP. As a pastor for over 45 years I have seen God answer many prayers, too numerous to count. I believe in prayer. As a

pastor I have seen God work in lives, churches, communities and nations through prayer over the years. And so today I, along with Sam Rohrer, Dave Kistler, Bill Shade and everyone else at APN will echo Franklin's call for PASTORS TO LEAD YOUR CONGREGATIONS TO PRAY FOR PRESIDENT TRUMP this coming Sunday. But don't stop there! Please, pastors, lead your congregations to pray for the President and the nation regularly. If you are not a pastor, please approach your pastor about this subject in the event he may not have heard about it as of yet.

But I want to share with you another GREAT PRAYER EVENT that will last over a YEAR AND A HALF. It is going to be a PRAYER-A-THON for the 2020 election led by Dave Kistler and HOPE TO THE HILL MINISTRIES. The PRAYER-A-THON will begin on July 1, 2019 and go through election day in November of 2020. This will be a 24 HOUR A DAY PRAYER-A-THON in which we are going to be asking people all across America to sign up for 5-minute segments of prayer each day. Do the math. THAT IS 288 PEOPLE PER DAY. A person may sign up for the same time each day and for each month until election day in November of 2020 if so desired. But we want to get as many people as possible praying for the 2020 election as possible. Dave has asked me to write up a prayer guide, which I am currently working on, that will be made available for all those who sign on as a prayer warrior. I personally believe this PRAYER-A THON will have a great effect/impact on the next very crucial presidential election. PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR FURTHER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT HOW THIS IS GOING TO WORK. But for certain, please act NOW in obedience to the Word of God that teaches us in 1 Timothy 2 to pray for those who are in authority.

QUESTION/DISCUSSION:

-Bill as we draw this edition to SIGT to an end, will you mind giving a brief biblical challenge on prayer for our nation and leaders and then lead us in prayer for America.

Gary, I would like to read something from the 2 Chronicles chapter 20

Bill Shade, it has been a delight to have you on SIGT. I hope you will come back and visit us in the future.

Ladies and gentlemen thank you so much for joining us on SIGT. Please pray for us as we attempt to lead out nation back to biblical truth through the development and practice of the BIBLICAL WORLD VIEW. On behalf of Tim Schneider, Dave Kistler, Sam Rohrer and today, Bill Shade, I am Gary Dull saying STAND IN THE GAP FOR TRUTH AND REMEMBER TO KEEP LOOKING UP FOR THE BEST IS YET TO COME!