Celebrating CBC's 70 years of service!

"What hath God wrought" (Numbers 23:23)

Guided Growth with Pastor Keith @ CBC Sunday, June 11

Our text comes from the Gentile prophet Balaam as he was reflecting on God's blessings on Israel. He was hired by the Moabite King Balak who was seeking to find a way to curse Israel. Whoever & whatever God seeks to bless (Ph. 2:13), Satan will seek to curse! (Jn 10:10a) He does this by cultivating Separation, Deception, Seduction and eventually Rebellion against the very source of our Blessings. (See Gen. 3: 1 Sam 15:23; Jn 10:10)

This was true of Israel, as well as America! President Lincoln acknowledged this in his 1863 call for a day of fasting and prayer. "... it is the duty of nations as well as of men to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins ...in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon, and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history,

that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord..."

This is true, not just of nations, but also of individual people and Churches! Deut. 30:19 At our 60th anniversary I spoke on 2 Cor 2:11 and discussed how Satan was behind many of the societal changes we were seeing then. *"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us:*

for we are not ignorant of his <u>devices</u>." (noēma; purpose, intellect, resolve.)

Satan has a purpose (Jn 10:10) and the intellect and resolved to pursue it! I shared how Satan had infiltrated various institutions of our Nation in an attempt to seduce us away from our Biblical Foundations. Some of those successes include:

Removing school Prayer (June 62) and Bible (June 63); Legalizing Abortion. Jan 1973; Removing the 10 Commandments from Schools. 11/80.

Satan is still pursuing his "devices" with increased resolve and intensity.

2 Tim 3:1,13 "in the last days, perilous times shall come...But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived."

"What has Satan Wrought?"

Look at what he's accomplished in the just the last 10 years!

- 1) Redefined Marriage (June 2015)
- 2) Drag Queen Story Hour (2015)
- 3) Planned Parenthood Selling aborted baby parts. (2016) https://thebridgehead.ca/2020/04/16/new-documents-reveal-thatplanned-parenthood-charged-for-usable-baby-body-parts/

4) Biden Administration lifts Limits on Fetal Tissue for Research (2021)

- 5) Gender insanity! (Redefining Biology)
 - > There are 107 genders according to sexual diversity.org
 - > Men welcomed into ladies Facilities. (2016)
 - > Men competing in Women's sports (2020 Olympics)
 - US Supreme Court Nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson unable to define what a woman is. (March 2022)

These battles are setting the stage for the final war!

Rev. 12:7-17: "There was war in heaven...9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels (messengers) were cast out with him. (He's not working alone! 2 Cor 12; 2 Tim 3,4) 10...Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. 11 "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. 12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them.
Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time...17 And the dragon was wroth ... and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

The War in heaven is now being fought on Earth! (Eph. 6:10-18)

The Dragon (Devil) of Rev 12 will give his power to the "Beast" introduced in Rev. 13, who controls the world through fear and finance! (Rev. 13:16-17)

I find it interesting that President Biden signed Executive order 14067 March 22 ordering all US Govt. agencies to find a way to fast track the transition to digital dollars.

Digital Currencies have the ability to make the control prophesied in Rev. 13:16,17 a reality. According to the Central Bank Digital Currency Tracker there are now 114 countries, representing over 95 percent of global GDP, working toward a CBDC. 60 countries are in an

advanced phase of exploration (development, pilot, or launch). Rev. 12:12 "Woe to the inhabitors of the earth, for the Devil is come down ... having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time..."

Conclusion:

2 Cor 2:11 "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices." (noēma; purpose, intellect, resolve) He's not the only one with purpose and resolve!
70 years ago 18 believers came together with a purpose and resolve to stand in the gap for Cheney and the surrounding communities. We here have come to honor their commitment. And to recommit ourselves to this task of serving God's purposes with resolve..

Application:

In Acts 13:36 Paul records: "David, after he served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep..." Those 18 CBC Charter members sacrificed and

"served their generation" during a time of spiritual/moral transition. Can it be said of us that we're serving our generation *"By the will of God"* During these turbulent transitional times?

How will future generations judge us?

More importantly, how will Jesus? (1 Cor 3:10-15; 2 Cor 59-11:10; Mt 25:14-30)



Will we hear: "Well done good and faithful servants" (Mt. 25:21) or "thou wicked and slothful servants" Vs 26