

**S.O.H.L.** (6/21/10)

**WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS**

*Pronounced "Soul"*

## **Repentance: Who Needs It?**

Certainly most of us are not guilty of the sins that seem to be destroying the foundations of our nation: abortion, homosexuality, lesbianism, pornography, government corruption, etc. Of what and why do we need to repent?

**EZEKIEL 3:18 NLT – (18)** If I warn the wicked, saying, 'You are under the penalty of death,' but you fail to deliver the warning, they will die in their sins. And I will hold you responsible for their deaths.

Who needs to repent? We need to repent! We must repent of our failure to be salt of this generation. And we must repent for neglecting to speak out for God. We must repent for judging the wickedness of our nation, while ignoring the sins in our homes. We must repent for tolerating in our own lives and homes, books, magazines, television programs and people that are not Holy, pure and undefiled. We must turn from our wicked ways in our churches. We have substituted playing for praying, feasting for fasting, religion for righteousness, organizing for agonizing and compatibility for confrontation.

**JEREMIAH 18:7- 8 NLT – (7)** If I announce that a certain nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down, and destroyed, **(8)** but then that nation renounces its evil ways, I will not destroy it as I had planned.

One thing for certain, the hour is late and God's judgment has already begun to fall, but perhaps, like Sodom and Gomorrah, God would be willing to spare our nation if just a few righteous could be found. Perhaps, as in the days of Nineveh's sin, He is waiting for men and women to become obedient and willing to proclaim His message to our wicked nation. God will not restrain His judgment forever. We must act now by repenting before God pleading with Him to reestablish our lives. Our priorities in our homes, churches and nation! We must cleanse our hearts, our homes, bringing them into total submission or conformity to His holiness.

**JOEL 2:12-14 NLT - (12)** That is why the LORD says, "Turn to me now, while there is time. Give me your hearts. Come with fasting, weeping, and mourning. **(13)** Don't tear your clothing in your grief, but tear your hearts instead." Return to the LORD your God, for he is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. He is eager to relent and not punish. **(14)** Who knows? Perhaps he will give you a reprieve, sending you a blessing instead of this curse. Perhaps you will be able to offer grain and wine to the LORD your God as before.

**We must lead by example and cleanse the house of God!**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

PSALM 101:2-3

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Repentance, to be of any avail, must work a change of heart and conduct.

