

WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?

(Psalm 11:3)

- I. Five BATTLES We Seem to Be LOSING
 - A. Freedom of RELIGION
 - B. Quality of EDUCATION
 - C. Influence of the MEDIA
 - D. Protection of PRE-BORN LIFE
 - E. Protection of MARRIAGE

- II. An Important HISTORICAL Perspective
 - A. Politics and culture have ALWAYS been HOSTILE to Christianity
 - B. Faithfulness of Christians has NEVER depended on public SANCTION or present COMFORT

- III. Five UNSHAKABLE Pillars
 - A. GOD still REIGNS (Dan. 4:17; Psa. 2:4; Rom. 13:1; 1 Tim. 1:1-2)

- B. The CHURCH is still PRECIOUS (1 Pet. 2:9)
1. A CHOSEN race (cf. Rev. 13:8; 17:8; Eph. 1:4)
 2. A ROYAL priesthood (cf. Heb. 4:16)
 3. A HOLY nation (cf. Eph. 1:4; 5:27)
 4. A PEOPLE for God's own POSSESSION (cf. Eph. 2:7; Rom. 8:18)
- C. Our MISSION is still CLEAR
1. We are to represent CHRIST in our WORDS and LIVES (1 Pet. 2:12)
 2. We must fight this intellectual and moral war through LOVING confrontation and persuasiveness (1 Pet. 3:15)
 3. We must do all we can to STRENGTHEN our FAMILIES (1 Cor. 7:10-11; Eph. 6:1-4; Col. 3:18-21; Titus 2:1-8)
- E. Our FOCUS is still HEAVEN (Isa. 6:1)
1. We must see the world as TEMPORARY (1 Pet. 2:11; Heb. 11:9-10, 13-16)
 2. We must reemphasize SEPARATION from the WORLD (James 1:27; 1 John 2:15)
- F. Our VICTORY is still CERTAIN (Rom. 8:31-39; 1 Cor. 15:57-58; Gal. 6:9-10; Phil. 2:10-11)