

# IS THE LAW SLACKED?

## Study verses:

*Therefore the law is slacked, and judgment doth never go forth: for the wicked doth compass about the righteous; therefore wrong judgment proceedeth. (Habakkuk 1:4)*

*Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! (Isaiah 5:20)*

*Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment.*

*And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him. (Isaiah 59:15,16)*

## Dear Reader:

These Bible verses describe a sentiment that all too often we see today. What ever is good and righteous and pleasing in God's eyes is considered wrong, boring, outdated, anachronistic, despised by the sinful world. Hollywood movies exalt sin and have no respect for that which is good in God's eyes and, thus, good for all of mankind. Many times we find ourselves wondering why evil wins while good is losing ground. People get away with committing crimes while expressions of Christian faith are outlawed. Does that bother you sometimes? I want to give you a recent example. Pornographic publishers like Larry Flynt have battled all the way up to the Supreme Court so they can express freely and with the approval of the US government their filthy perversions and make money off if it. The law is totally slacked when it comes to protecting our youth from such moral filth. At the same time a woman who distributes a couple of Christian tracts at her own cost is being treated like a criminal. Let's go over this story:

## Spreading the Gospel

### One Windshield at a Time

"The Christian legal organization Liberty Counsel recently won a victory in a Milwaukee federal court on behalf of Rosemary Deida. Rosemary is a Christian who believes God has called her to witness by distributing Gospel tracts. One of the ways she does this is by placing the tracts on car windshields or giving the tracts to anyone in a vehicle who is willing to receive her literature.

Rosemary was approached by a Milwaukee City Police officer, who issued a citation, stating that she was in violation of the city law which prohibits placing literature on vehicles or giving literature to anyone in a vehicle, even if the recipient is willing to receive the tract.

After paying the fine, Liberty counsel filed a federal lawsuit claiming the law was unconstitutional. The Milwaukee law actually adopted the state law verbatim. Thus, the suit is against both the City of Milwaukee and the state of Wisconsin. Recently, a federal court issued an injunction declaring the law unconstitutional. The court agreed with our argument that a total prohibition on the distribution of literature is unconstitutional. Recently I had the pleasure of reading a memo circulated throughout the state of Wisconsin to public officials warning to no longer enforce the law because of its unconstitutionality." Matthew D. Staver

Thank God for Christians like Rosemary Deida who love the Lord and share the good news through the tract ministry. It takes some courage for a woman to pass out these tracts, since so many people today are conditioned to respond with rudeness when the issue of salvation and Jesus Christ is addressed. It is a blessing that this Christian law ministry came to help Mrs. Rosemary Deida and these legal ministries definitely need financial support, so that there is an even greater impact. However, most Christians do not have the assistance of these legal ministries, especially not the persecuted Christians in Islamic nations, North Korea or China. President Bush's recent remarks on his visit to China about violations of human and religious rights were all too soft when compared to the severity of persecution by the Communist regime against the saints. Here the law is slacked because of the vested interest Americans have in China. That vested interest keeps many influential Americans from speaking the truth about China. Too much stuff is made in China. It ought to be made in those abandoned industrial buildings out here in Carthage or Monoville, Tennessee. There used to be jobs, but they were hijacked to foreign countries who engage in Christian persecution such as China. In Mexico one of our Baptist missionaries was arrested on false charges of drug trafficking. Obviously, those Catholics down there don't like a Baptist preacher in town, so they mount false charges. That's why I don't feel too good about 'made in Mexico' either. I would be proud to own something made in America!! It ought to be made in rural eastern Kentucky or West Virginia where there is too much poverty, but most people close their eyes and businesses invest in China. They sow their assets in the wrong place and one day they will reap America's doom. South Africa was bashed by the Western world for its apartheid until it was finally abolished. Now black mobs kill white farmers and ravage their property, but nobody does anything about it for fear of being called a "racist". Is the law slacked? The atrocities in China are far greater than in South Africa, but nobody does anything about it because the Red Dragon is emerging as a nuclear super-power and the US economy has become illicitly dependent on it. Is the law slacked? All this happened thanks to former President Bill Clinton who granted favored trade status on China while godly Christians in America warned him about that dangerous step. Is the law slacked? He actually rewarded China financially for all its crimes against humanity and, most of all, against the true God in who we trust.

This is the perennial conflict of godly people. Since this world down here is steeped in sin through and through, godly men and women seek for a better place. That is exactly what the Bible says about Abraham: ***For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.*** (Heb. 11:10) Man is not able to build a perfect city. Babel failed (Gen. 11). God confounded and scattered everything because man is a sinner. However, the Bible says about the godly, who believe in the promises of God, ***For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.*** (Heb. 11:14-16) As a Christian you are thus a prepared person who is about to go to a prepared place. A place where we will finally be delivered from the **presence of sin**. It is obviously the presence of sin in this world that causes so much injustice and unrighteousness. Remember that when you get saved Christ has delivered you from the penalty of sin through His forgiveness. Once you are saved you receive the gift of the Holy Spirit you saves you from the power of sin. This is the continuous walk of obedience to Christ. Then finally at the resurrection when we receive our immortal bodies, then we will no longer be disturbed by the presence of sin. Although we are saved by God's grace as long as we are in this old sinful world there is always the power of sin that tempts us. There is the temptation of the flesh, the world, and the devil. By entering in on the deeper life of faith after salvation we can remain immune to that if we are equipped with the Holy Ghost, so we can experience a continual deliverance from bondage in our life. This

might be bondage to sinful practices, habits, opinions, etc., such as alcohol, tobacco, horoscopes, occult Harry Potter, idolizing cars, golfing, hunting. In these areas our affections have been shifted on worldly things, but by the power of God they have to be put back where they belong: JESUS CHRIST (Read Colossians 3).

When we understand that the devil is called 'the god of this world' and that therefore there is still the presence of sin in this world, we can understand why it seems so many times that the law is slacked. The Supreme Court outlaws every mention of Christianity in public schools where once the clear light of Christ was shining bright into the hearts and minds of youth. The teaching of creation in schools - as opposed to evolution theory - is hindered blatantly, although legally the Monkey Trials were won by William J. Bryan and the creationists back in 1925. But the legality of teaching creation in schools was upheld because of mysterious technicalities of the law.

World terrorism and world wars - why does it happen? Because people turn away from God! Take a look at the evil Axis Powers during WWII. Germany was wallowing in occultism. The intellectual elite despised Christianity. People began digging out the heathen Germanic cults that existed before Christianity came. The Tibetan and Hindu culture was interesting. That is where the swastika came from. Japanese occult secret societies became a role model for German secret Nazi organizations. Everywhere the devil is at work to drag souls to hell.

But the Lord always says FEAR NOT, BELIEVE ONLY. The Bible tells us exactly who is finally going to win and everyday we need to have that confidence that ***Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.*** (Rev. 19:6)! There is an old hymn entitled 'Right Will Always Win'. This describes the kind of faith that Jesus wants to see in us:

*When the world is dark and dreary,*

*And no bright spot shows;*

*When it surely seems the vict'ry*

*Will be won by foes.*

*When the battle you are losing*

*To the hordes of sin,*

*O, then do not grow discouraged,*

*For the right will always win.*

***FOR THE RIGHT WILL ALWAYS WIN,***

***IT WILL TRIUMPH OVER SIN,***

***O YE WEARY AND OPPRESSED, PRAY THE RIGHT MAY WIN,***

***FOR THE RIGHT WILL ALWAYS WIN,***

***IT WILL TRIUMPH OVER SIN,***

***LAY YOUR BURDENS ON THE SAVIOUR'S BREAST,***

***THE RIGHT WILL WIN.***

*Tho' the mists and clouds surround you,*

*And you're tempest-tossed;*

*When your life's frail bark is driven*

*Until all seems lost.*

*Let the Saviour be your anchor,*

*Thro' the tempest's din,*

*Put your faith and trust in Jesus,*

*For the right will always win.*

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*Tho' your life is filled with sorrow,  
Often care oppressed;  
Can't you trust it to the Saviour?  
For the Lord knows best.  
Won't you cease your hopeless sighing,  
And a pray'r begin?  
Take your burdens to the Saviour,  
And the right will always win.*

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This song teaches us to take our burdens to God and to actively believe Him. Pray the right may win! That is what the prophet tells us in our verse at the beginning in Isaiah 59:16 where God saw the lack of judgment and that there was no intercessor. Yes, there was nobody who prayed that the right may win. When Abraham saw the wickedness of Sodom and Gomorrah prayed for the salvation of the righteous and Lot and his family were saved. We need to intercede today and beseech God with our needs today. Nehemiah interceded for the Jews when he heard about the spiritual decline and the Lord used him to build the walls and restore the Jewish people. He actually repented of sins he did not personally commit, but that were committed by his people. Job 42:10 tells us that Job's captivity was turned when he prayed for his friends. Here you see how intercession works. We need to intercede today and pray for the needs of our people and not just for ourselves.

Let us conclude this message with this special prayer in Hebrews 13:20,21 that we might pray in a time such as this today: ***"Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."***