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TEXT: Deut 4:5-9

5 Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it.

6 Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.

7 For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God is in all things that we call upon him for?

8 And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?

9 Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;

INTRODUCTION:

Moses appreciated the greatness of the Law that God laid down upon Mt. Sinai . To Him, it was great, but time took its toll on it. Interpretation became traditions. Traditions became vague. The force of the Law became weak until there were very little punishments as required by the Law.

Egypt had their accusing women.

Consider Potiphar's wife and what she did to Joseph. (Genesis 39:7-28)

Israel had their 'sex offenders'.

Consider Judah and Tamar. (Genesis 38:6-26)

Babylon had their 'pressure groups'.

Under pressure, Nebuchadnezzar had Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego thrown into the fiery furnace.

The Medes & Persians had their 'pressure groups'.

Pressure groups forced King Darius to make laws that were against his way of thinking, Evidence shows; he had great respect for Daniel but he was forced to make a law that would rid the land of such men as the prophet, Daniel.

Pressure Groups are generally selfish people, who can't be satisfied until they have things done their way,

They press for laws that are no good.

They press to change laws that are good and have been in place for a long time.

They are usually discontent and trouble makers. Some may even make their living at protesting.

I. The Church In Jesus' Day, Dealt With 'Pressure Groups'

Pressure groups force the Roman governor, Pilate, to allow Jesus to be crucified.

The apostles were whipped and stoned.

Pressure groups called for the stoning of Deacon Stephen.

II. Churches In Past Ages Dealt With "Pressure Groups".

Pressure groups have forced the firing of pastors,

John was the pastor in the Church of Ephesus but he was banished to the Isle of Patmos.

Foxes Book Of Martyrs attests to the pressures of the past with one story after the other of hangings and burnings.

'Pressure Groups have caused splits in churches.

The Church In Rome was forced into a split that affects the world today.

Liberals took over and infant baptisms became the norm.

III Churches In Our Day Have Their Pressure Groups.

Pressure groups deny the Scriptures and press the schools to get rid of It.

Some have given in to abortions, same-sex marriages and immoralities of all kinds.

Pressure groups demand tolerance in laws that have no room for tolerance.

They look for liberal judges.

A mild but serious pressure is to accept preachers whom God had not called and personal evangelists who are self-serving and make big business in the name of worship.

Some evangelists have pressured people into false professions of faith.

IV Governments and Churches Have Become Weaker and Disoriented because of Pressure Groups.

The Constitution of the United States has proven to provide more freedom and prosperity than any man-made document in history.

The Bible Testaments have proven to be the best books on Earth for preparing souls for eternity. Why would any pastor compromise or give in to pressure groups for change or denial.

Conclusions:

Liberal pastors in churches are equivalent to Liberal Judges in governments.

We should feel as Moses felt when he said:

7 For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God is in all things that we call upon him for?

8 And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?

Iniquity is increasing daily

We must pray for our country and her judges.

We must pray for true churches and their pastors.

We must pray for each other and our descendents.