

GROWING IN GOD PODCAST



GIG298 – On Earth as it Is in Heaven

Hi, and welcome to the podcast. This is a special edition for our *Growing In God* podcast, as it is produced from a Zoom call that we at Hargrave Ministries have occasionally with our donors. When we have these times together and feel it is important for others to be a part of what we are discussing, we create the meeting into a podcast for release. So I hope that you will enjoy this podcast; and if you like being a part of these discussions, I would encourage you to go to our website at hargraveministries.org and join our Fellow Workers.

I want to bring something out of the news this morning. I know you think it is going to be about Iran and Israel, but it is not. This came just the other day. This was published on March the sixth on Fox News. I do not know if this article is still up on Fox News, and I do not know how many people have seen it. This is about the recent Supreme Court decision that came down about parents and the schools. Has anybody seen this? Okay, several have, but I want to make sure we get this.

This really, really spoke to me, because I believe it is proof on the natural level that things are happening with the prayers of the body of Christ and the determination of the body of Christ to see changes take place. It struck me so deeply that I knew it was the Spirit showing, "This is a success." It should encourage us to continue on in our prayer and in our drive to see things change that have been, in America for sure and in other countries as well, going in a negative direction, where satan is setting up the nations to fall. Remember what he tried to do through Balaam in getting Israel to sin so that God would judge them Himself. I think that what we have been moved into in America, as well as other countries, is a push to bring us to the place where God is forced to bring His own judgements against us, rather than His blessings upon us, due to the heart of the people.

We have been in Second Chronicles 7 for a long time, praying that people humble themselves and repent of our wicked ways, and all of that. This is a longstanding prayer that we have been into, and the faith that we have been into, that the direction of America as a nation, as well as other nations, would find a release and a deliverance; especially other sheep nations like Brazil and others that we could name. I know Mexico is one that is always in our hearts, and so is Canada. So when I saw this, I just felt like, "Call the troops and say, 'It's working! Don't stop now, it's working!'"

As I said, I got this from Fox News.¹ It is reporting on a Supreme Court case which the Supreme Court just ruled on. I want to read certain things; I will start with the first paragraph as a beginning.

The United States Supreme Court issued a landmark ruling that should strike fear into woke school boards across America. In *Maribel v. Bonta*, the Court held that a California law preventing schools from disclosing to parents their child's claimed "gender identity" at school violated parents' free exercise rights under the Constitution's First Amendment and their substantive due process rights under the Fourteenth Amendment.

¹ <https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/parents-not-bureaucrats-raise-americas-children-supreme-court-agrees>

This is heavy, because I know there was just recently a ruling that a federal judge passed against California, but this is the Supreme Court, so this is now valid through and impacting all schools within the United States of America. It is saying that when you are doing this gender education and change business with the children and you are not including the parents and you are hiding it from them, you are violating the constitutional rights of the parents of these children. This is huge, and it is our leverage now to go in and start really working to reverse what has been going on in schools in the United States, across the country, for, as they point out, at least the last five years. That is how impactful this is.

The Supreme Court determined that California's policy of socially transitioning children to a different gender at school without parental consent likely violates the free will exercise rights of those who have "sincere religious beliefs about sex and gender, and feel a religious obligation to raise their children in accordance with those beliefs."

What I love about this is that it is going back, grabbing the whole reality of religious belief, and saying that the parents have religious beliefs; and when you are working with these children you are violating the parents' religious beliefs, and you cannot do that. This is really significant.

The court went on to note that this "unconsented facilitation of a child's gender transition is greater than the indoctrination of LGBTQ story books" that the court addressed last summer in *Mahmoud v. Taylor*. The court similarly found in *Mahmoud* that Montgomery County Public Schools violated the rights of objecting parents. That school district paid out \$1.5 million to settle the case.

What is important about understanding this is that now people beginning to bring lawsuits are going to be costing the school districts a lot of money, and they are going to have to back off of this stuff really quickly. They are going to have to change all of this – the books that they have, the library manipulation that they have been doing, and the other aspects of how this is done with the children.

The court also made clear that California's policy requiring schools to keep a student's "gender identity" secret from parents likely violated their well-established "rights to direct the upbringing and education of their children" and that the denial of these rights "constitutes irreparable harm."

Those are big words when you come to lawsuits, and it has great financial consequence.

The importance of this decision for parents cannot be overstated. Schools across America must now request parental consent before facilitating a child's social transition to a different sex. In other words, if a student wants to be addressed at school by pronouns of the opposite sex or use the bathroom or locker room of the opposite sex, the school must get parental consent. Schools can no longer hide or abet the facilitation of a student's gender transition from parents and pretend it is lawful.

It goes on to state the fact that if they are allowing students to use other facilities, like allowing a boy to use the girl's locker room, it is not even dealing with just one child; you not only have to inform the parents of that boy who wants to use the locker room, you also have to get permission from the girls' parents who he is going into the locker room with. Because now you are violating their right, and possibly their religious right, to not have their girls exposed to that kind of thing.

That is about as broad sweeping as you can get, that you cannot go on with that anymore. It continues,

Applying the Supreme Court's holding in *Mirabelli* to those policies leads to only one conclusion – they are blatantly unconstitutional. School boards that continue to maintain these policies will

do so at their own peril, which arguably could include school board members and other officials being sued in their individual capacity and for punitive damages.

In other words, you are not just going to be suing the school board itself; you are also able to pierce that veil of the board and start suing the individuals on the board, and holding them personally accountable, which means financially accountable, in the lawsuits that happen.

This is like a dream for those who have been looking to see this foolishness stop. And I think that those of us who have been praying according to these concepts, and feeling all along that this is violation of the parents' rights, we could not have had anything better given. Now what I think we should pray for is for the parents of America to really start standing up; because they have been shouted down in school board meetings and vilified, and maligned, even been called criminals for what they have done in opposing some of these policies. Well, now it just flipped. And I just bless us and I want us in our prayer to be believing that voice now be given. Because as we know, a lot of this woke mentality stuff moves through intimidation, and it has moved through intimidation on people. It is there to shout you down, make you shut up, make you fear for speaking up and to just crawl into a corner and not do anything, not touch it. So, again, that just flipped, and there is going to be an ability now for parents to speak up with the full force of the Supreme Court of the United States backing their voice and their decision to call this what it is: which is ridiculous, number one, and perverse, number two.

I think it is part of what is a plot from the wicked one to bring nations, certainly America, to a place where God Himself has to judge us because of the unrighteousness that we have turned to. Instead of being one nation under God and standing up for Judeo-Christian morality and thought, it has become the opposite. And now I feel like there is an ability to redeem ourselves from how this happens.

I want to remind us that we just have been into Purim, and there are a lot of pieces, there are a lot of moving parts, to the story of Esther and Purim and how it all happens. But to me, one of the strangest things, yet one of the greatest things about it, is where Esther comes back to the king and says, "I am glad you hung Haman. I am glad his sons are hanging. But the decree still stands of doing away with the Jewish people, and I want you to reverse that." The king said, "Look, I have already done all of this for you. I have already hung Haman. I already gave his household over to you, and you have gone in and his sons have been hung, and you have given his household to Mordecai. But the king's decree, I cannot just go change it." And so, Mordecai gets the ring of the king, and the king says, "You deal with it. You come up and deal with it."

It makes you kind of sit back and go, "Wow, what do you do? How do you deal with it?" But we know that Esther and Mordecai came up with a plan; they called in the scribes and they dictated the plan, and they sent the plan out – even though the decree did not change. And that is what you are going to see here. Just because there is a decree from the Supreme Court about what is going on in the schools, that does not change what policies have been set and established in the schools. It is going to take an Esther and a Mordecai to come along. It is going to take the parents coming along, saying, "Okay, now we are going to do this. Now we are going to do that." I think it is a story of where God has us now as a people. God is doing His part, and He is giving authority as one of the things that He has done. We should be praying in all areas. We should be praying for America. We should be praying for Israel. We should be praying in this war – Lord, raise up the Esthers and the Mordecais that are going to know how to go in and deal with this thing. Because these bombs that we are dropping right now, they are not going to change the decrees and the constitutions of these countries that are set to destroy the Jewish people and Israel. They are not going to make a difference with that. Something else is going to have to come

along; there is another part of this story that yet has to transpire. And I think it is going to transpire in a way that we are starting to see in the connection between Bibi and Trump standing together, going, "Hey, we are doing this. We are going to make these changes happen."

I just think that throughout the globe, let there be the leaders of the nations. Because when you read about the end time and the judgments that come, what you see transpiring is that God does not go in and judge people, He judges the nations. Look at the prophecies: He calls the nations into the Valley of Jehosaphat, He calls the leaders of the nations before Him to face the judgments. And I think that as we see things happening on a national level, there is no reason why we cannot see leaders coming forth to begin declaring and changing the laws of their land to bring an end to the forces that have been raised up against Israel.

All of these things have a way that they have functioned on a natural level, in a natural realm. And because of that, I think that we should see and believe for there to be an anointing and a wisdom and an insight that is given. The prophecy was, "The wise will understand." (Daniel 12:10) There needs to be an understanding now, "How do we deal with all these things that exist in the world and countermand them, beyond the war that we are in?" The war is successful, it is going to continue to be successful, but we need to see a regime change. We need to see a people rising up. We need to see a free Iran coming forward that would be a democratic nation with a faith and a belief system that does not include the destruction of Israel and the United States. We need to see these things changed on a root level that only the people can change. And when you look again at the story of Purim, what do you see happening? You see that after the decree from Mordecai, people began to come and join themselves with the Jews. You see that they changed their whole stance and their whole life. Now there were those that did not, but Mordecai's decree dealt with that too. So I want us to recognize that we may be in a time where all of a sudden we see a shift in governments that are willing to stand up and do the right thing, and there is no better way than to start standing up with Israel. And there is no better lesson to be learned than watching America stand up for Israel. It is an example that can be followed by the nations of the world and by the leaders of these nations.

I think that it is all there within the story of Purim. I feel like God has done awesome things right now, but I think there is another step that is to be taken by the leaders, by true leaders coming forth; the anointed Esthers, the anointed Mordecais, who are going to stand and bring about a change that is beyond what we have imagined. How do you deal with it? Esther came crying back before the king and he extended his scepter again and accepted her. And she said, "You have to stop this!" And he said, "No, I have done what I am going to do. You stop it. You go stop it." And they did. And I think there is going to be an anointing and a wisdom to do that. And I think we should be a force of prayer for it.

Lord, loose a wisdom and an anointing, teach leaders of the world. You look at some of the leaders of the nations right now and they are stuck, they do not know what to do, they are in such fear of the Islamic jihadists that live within their own countries. You look at what is going on in England, you look at what is going on in other nations in Europe, and they are kind of stuck because of the fear. But I think there is a wisdom that God can bring of how to change it, how to break it; and I think we loose it. Somehow, when I read this article I thought, "Things are changing, and they can change. What seemed impossible to change a week ago is different." And so, we are those who believe. I believe, like what we just did in our prayer for healing and resurrection, entering into these things, I believe that the Kingdom exists; and I think it is a matter of our awareness of immersing ourselves into that which God has brought about.

I am going to read Isaiah 65, starting with verse 17, because I want us to get a feel for something here, the feel of how this happened in our prayer, in our entering into something. There is a way to enter in because it is finished, it is done. And the Kingdom is done. You read in Psalm 2 where God has already established His King in Zion. And these things, according to the Sabbath revelation, they do exist.

Isaiah 65:17 through 66:2 says, “Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth.” So God has created new heavens and a new earth. It is already there. “And the former things will not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem for rejoicing and her people for gladness.” Now, do not read this as a prophecy that someday is going to happen when the Kingdom comes. Read it as the Word of God. When God speaks it, it is. This is part of what He has made, what He created. It says He finished all of His works, and then He sat down and celebrated Shabbat.

“I will also rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in My people; and there will no longer be heard in her the voice of weeping and the sound of crying. No longer will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his days; for the youth will die at the age of one hundred and the one who does not reach the age of one hundred will be thought accursed. They will build houses and inhabit them; they will also plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They will not build and another inhabit, they will not plant and another eat; for as the lifetime of a tree [Wow!], so will be the days of My people, and My chosen ones will wear out the work of their hands. They will not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they are the offspring of those blessed by the Lord, and their descendants with them. It will also come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb will graze together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox; and dust will be the serpent’s food. They will do no evil or harm in all My holy mountain,” says the Lord.

Thus says the Lord, “Heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool. Where then is a house you could build for Me? And where is the place that I may rest? For My hand made all these things, thus all these things came into being” [past tense], declares the Lord. “But to this one I will look, to him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word.”

These things exist. It is talking about an earth that does not exist to our knowledge. When we look around at the material world we live in, you do not see lions eating straw like an ox. You do not see these things existing. You do not see infants with this life. You do not see old men and women that way. He is talking about something different. And when He starts it, He says, “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered.” And when He is talking about this earlier, in Isaiah 43:18-19, He says, “Do not call to mind the former things, or ponder things of the past. Behold, I will do something new, now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it? I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, rivers in the desert.”

This word *aware* means *to ascertain by sight*. You see it, and it comes into being. This is the way that these things work. They are there, and we are to be those who reach in to see them and perceive them. We do not exist by looking around. Just like what we did in our prayer for healing at the beginning of our time together today, you do not pray for somebody by looking around at their disease, or by looking around at how many times your prayers have not worked. We reached into a different realm. We reached out of this realm into another place. We transported ourselves, which is part of our salvation: “He transported us out of the dominion of darkness into the Kingdom of His beloved Son.” (Colossians 1:13) He has to pick us up and take us somewhere else from where we now live and where we now exist; and when that happens, then we behold it. When we behold it, the principle of quantum is called

the observer effect: When you see it, it manifests it into the material world. And so when He is saying, "I am going to do something new, will you be aware?" He is saying, "Please, please, My people, see. Let there be prophets in this age that reach in to what I have created, what I have done, and see it so that it can be manifest into existence into your day now." And I bless us, because without knowing it or saying it in these words, this is what we were doing in our prayer about healing and our prayer for resurrection life that does exist. We reach into it.

Some say, "Well, I don't see it. How do you do that? Let's not believe for that, let's persecute people who do believe for it, because you are talking about something that does not exist. I cannot imagine it being in this world that we live in." Right. But according to Hebrews, and according to faith, we understand that the ages were created by a Word of God, so that that which came into being was brought forth out of that which did not exist. So if resurrection life, if what I am talking about right now, if these ages, if these new worlds that God is creating, His Kingdom, do not yet appear, He taught us to pray one simple thing: "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on this earth as it is in heaven." In other words, can we reach into that? Can we reach into His Kingdom? And by reaching into it and seeing it and being aware that it is now, that Jerusalem is a praise in the earth, that His people are blessed beyond measure, if we see it, we can manifest it. It will manifest. We do not even have to do anything other than be aware of it. He did not say, "I want you to make these things." He said, "I want you to be aware of them. I want you to behold them. If you behold them, they come into being out of that which does not exist."

I believe that is where our prayer is taking us. I believe that is what we want to see happen in this age. I believe that should be a fruit of our Purim experience, that God should manifest men and women in this age now, in this time of the Kingdom, to see and behold that which is but must manifest for us on a material plane. That is what I believe we can see, that is what I believe that we can have.

When we read these Scriptures in Isaiah about Israel and about this new heavens and this new earth, they simply come down out of heaven. When we look at the book of Revelation, they simply manifest out of heaven into earth. And that is the prayer: "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on this earth, manifested on this earth, as it is in heaven." In other words, it just comes down out of the heavens and manifests here because it is. And He is waiting for us, like He was waiting for Esther and Mordecai, to take that last step into the release of their deliverance. There was something about that decree that they made, not to just go defend yourself, but there was such a fear that fell on people that they joined themselves to Israel. They joined themselves to the Jewish people and became part of them. And I will tell you, I think people will join themselves when we learn to pray to manifest what He has already created and handed us His signet ring for in Christ. He has handed us the signet ring! What we bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and what we loose on this earth shall have been loosed in the heavens.

So Lord bless us, and help us to be those who see and behold Your Kingdom now. And just as simply as we kept voicing that prayer, like little children, we say, "Lord, we enter into this reality of Your resurrection." I like Ken's prayer: "We decided simply to be baptized, to be lowered into that water. It was a simple decision." This is the same simple decision. We can simply decide to be transported into the Kingdom of the Son of His love, which exists now, and see and behold that which is manifesting, by virtue of us observing it, into the earth in this day and age. We bless it, and we believe for it, in the name of the Lord. Amen.