

SOUTH AFRICA

“WHO THE HEAVEN DO WE VOTE FOR!?”



VOTE FOR

- ✗ Unrighteousness
- ✗ Corruption
- ✗ State Capture
- ✗ No-Jobs
- ✗ Poverty
- ✗ Ungodliness
- ✗ Disunity
- ✗ Hate
- ✗ Racism

OR VOTE FOR

- ✓ Righteousness
- ✓ Integrity
- ✓ State Thriving
- ✓ Jobs
- ✓ Prosperity
- ✓ Godliness
- ✓ Unity
- ✓ Love
- ✓ Equality



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The Bible identifies for whom we should vote –

This person and this Political Party will bring prosperity to all.

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Introduction - Forward and Disclaimer.

I am a proud, big-chested, whole-hearted South African who loves both our country and all our continent. My heart palpitates for Africa! I believe we are of the most precious of peoples on the face of the earth. Ours are a beautiful people who brim with diversity and potential. I love all our peoples; there is no tongue type, person, colour, male or female, young or old type, that I do not love – I love all our peoples, every single one; we are the rainbow nation! I am unapologetically and proudly an African!

My close circle of friends, and those who speak into my life, include Black, White, Coloured, Indian and multiple of other People Groups and Types. I appreciate and love them all dearly and equally; together, they have added lustre, benefit, and a broadened value to my life. I am proudly 'colour-blind'. I celebrate this status of my heart, for it enables me to embrace and love all peoples equally; I despise or hate no man.

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'For Your Good' Ministries yearns to see our beautiful nation in prosperity and knows there is a way to attain this! This book teaches us the path to prosperity for all.

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Our nation is in serious trouble, and there are concrete reasons for this. This book will clearly explain why we find ourselves in this dire predicament and how we can turn this situation around rather quickly.

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Chapter One

Who determines our future?

I start this book by asking a question – "Do you want to prosper?" – Prosperity is a choice and is subject to 'your' choice.

Knowledge is power; it averts poverty and destruction and leads to prosperity.

Hosea 4v6

"My people are 'destroyed' **because** of a lack of knowledge."

In this scripture, God gives His people the '**one reason**' for their destruction – They lacked knowledge. Some say that - "Ignorance is bliss", God is saying - "Ignorance is destroying you."

It is never wise to make any decision in life without first having gained knowledge. Knowledge should be the basis from which all decisions are determined.

I need to know what I am not to vote for as much as I need to know what I am to vote for. What principles must I avoid, and which must I embrace wholeheartedly? Which vote will release a blessing, and which one will release a curse?

We are in a desperate hour as a nation, and time is not on our side. Therefore, we must 'know' who to vote for as our very future lies in a balance. We must get our vote right this time; the alternative is grave!

It may surprise you, but scripture identifies the very person and Party we should be voting for in South Africa at this time. It is 'this' vote that will 'guarantee' success and prosperity for all!

Prosperity for all is not difficult to attain; casting the right vote determines whether we prosper or not as a nation.

John 8v31-32

"If you 'abide' in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³²And you shall **'know'** the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

In this scripture, Jesus says that if we abide, live by, and continue in His word (or His way of doing or determining things), we will 'know' the truth and that this truth will 'set us free!'

To know something is to have detailed knowledge of something.

If we want to be free of our poverty and hardships and want good jobs and a bright future, then voting according to the truth, or knowledge, is the 'only' way we will get there.

Who determines our future?

We determine our future, our well-being, whether we rise or fall as a nation. It is you and I who determine the direction of our country. Each vote either counts for or costs against our future as a nation. It is therefore of enormous importance that we have a basis from which we will vote.

It is most helpful to look at the history of the world and learn from it. In doing so, we will find what type of government failed a nation and what kind of government caused a country to succeed. Some nations thrive, and some suffer. There are very definite and consistent reasons for why these happen.

It is always good to evaluate a nation by asking, "Is it thriving or suffering?" If it is thriving, we have voted well; if it is suffering, we have poorly voted.

It is indirectly improper to blame a government for the problems in a nation. The voters are to 'blame' for voting and empowering them to bring crises into our lives. A government is permitted to either build up or break down a nation because of the vote. The vote is a powerful thing, and we do well to recognise this.

If we can get enough people to vote for a government that, with integrity, has the interests of the people at heart, we

can all prosper. It is the role of a political party to be loyal to us and not our part to be devoted to a political party.

It is the definition of insanity to do things the same way and expect different results. If we want a different result, we will need to do something differently.

Let's take a based-on facts, unbiased and unemotional assessment, of our nation. We will currently observe many alarming factors.

Corruption has reached pandemic proportions, and poverty is extensive. Many are starving; unemployment grows rampantly week by week. Our once powerful and prosperous State-Owned Enterprises (SOE's) are all bankrupt and in a deep hole of debt. Our Municipalities are bankrupt; Service Delivery is abysmal; our infrastructure is crumbling, and most of our Sporting Bodies are in trouble. Lawlessness abounds; our justice system is ever so close to being captured by the corrupt few. Violence abounds, hate and racism are on the increase. Our Parliament is in chaos whenever it sits. Businesses are collapsing; our educated are leaving our nation in droves, international investment is fast closing down, we are at junk status. Our financial well-being is eroded to the point that we are close to an irreversible debt situation as a nation.

We are in the direst state and close to collapse. We have not collapsed yet; there is the slightest ray of hope that still prevails. This ray is so tiny that we cannot miss its opportunity by getting our vote wrong next time!

Why, for what reason, do we find ourselves in our disconcerting dilemma?

Hosea 8v4

“They set up kings, **but not by Me**; **‘They’** made princes, but I **did not acknowledge** them. From their silver and gold, they made idols for themselves – That they may be cut off.”

In this scripture, we see God defining 'who' created the problem the people had. The Israelites often found themselves in a state of destruction, despair, suffering, poverty, hardship, and bondage. In this portion of scripture, God tells them of the 'one reason' why they were in such a depraved, desperate, and hopeless state. The people had 'voted' their leaders in and were getting **what 'they' had voted for!**

These leaders, or kings and princes, were in it for themselves and not for the people. They were after the silver and gold that their kingship would give them access to. They governed for their selfish wealth gain instead of for the benefit of the people.

These leaders were stealing from the people to make themselves rich. They were corrupt, hard-hearted, and selfish. It did not trouble them that their corruption was destroying the nation and its people.

These 'leaders' were sitting in the lap of stolen luxury while the people were unemployed, starving and dying.

Selfishness has no conscience towards others. Greed uses, abuses, manipulates, deceives, lies, and exploits the poor for its benefit.

Whenever the Israelites 'voted' for a selfish king, they suffered. When they 'voted' for a selfless king, one who governed for the people and not for himself, the nation and all its people thrived and were prosperous! The people determined 'their result by **who they** voted for.'

Of grave concern is that these corrupt leaders cut off the flow of God's blessing to the nation, causing the people to suffer.

We prosper when we vote well, we suffer when we vote badly – It is up to us. We get the result of what we voted for.

The choice, or the vote, we make determines our future. God has given us the authority of choice: -

Psalm 8v4-6

“What is man that You are mindful of him,

And the son of man that You visit him?

⁵ For You have made him a little lower than God,

And You have crowned him with glory and honour.

⁶ You gave ‘him’ dominion over the works of Your hands.”

Psalm 115v16

“The heaven, *even* the heavens, *are* the LORD’s;

But the earth He has given ‘to’ the children of men.”

God has given man dominion and authority over his future. God does not cast a vote at the polls for which government will govern; we do. It is not directly up to God to determine who governs a nation; it is up to us to determine this.

Many people think that God controls who governs a nation; that is not a biblical truth. God has given man the opportunity to determine his future. God is love, and love never dictates, forces, or imposes itself. Love always presents options from which one may choose. What ‘we’ choose is what ‘we’ get.

Deuteronomy 30v19

“I set before you, life and death, blessings and curses; ‘choose’ life that you and your descendants might live.”

It is up to us to make our choices in life. It is our choice that determines our result of the blessing or the curse.

Whatever we choose does not only affect ourselves but also affects our descendants. Our children and our children's children are depending on us to make the right choice.

Proverbs 14v34

"Righteousness exalts a nation!"

When we vote for an individual or Party that is righteous, we prosper.

One cannot vote for an ungodly Political Party or individual and expect a godly, prosperous result; it just does not work that way.

When we vote, the first question we are to ask is – "Is the Party we are voting for godly or not?" If they are godly, then we are to vote for them, for only then will we prosper. If they are ungodly and do not recognise God's righteous way of doing things, we should not vote for them for we will suffer in voting for them.

Unrighteousness always has and always will bring a nation and its peoples down; always! History has proven this every time without one exception.

Vote righteousness for only it 'exalts' a nation and its people.

Our first point of evaluation should always be our current governing Party.

Is this Party governing in righteousness; are they standing for godly values? Are they governing for the benefit of the people and not for their selfish gain? Are they corrupt or integress? Is the nation thriving or suffering because of its governance? Are the countries SOE's and Municipalities thriving? Are the poor coming out of poverty? What is the unemployment rate? Has the State and Justice system been captured?

If all the above are thriving, then we are to maintain our vote for the governing Party. If the above is not thriving, then we are to change our vote for unrighteousness is prevailing.

We are, however, to be most careful who we change our vote to! We could go from the frying pan into the fire! We cannot afford to change our vote for the worse!

We must very carefully consider our 'new vote' in consideration of whether the Party is righteous or not. If we get it wrong, if we vote for a Party with the same or even fewer moral agendas, we will find ourselves in an even worse place in a hurry! Many a wolf is clothed in sheep's clothing.

The following chapters will give us biblical insights as to who we should and should not vote for. These chapters will also show us what impedes us from making the right vote and how to deal with these impediments.

Chapter Two

Signs of a Political Party that 'will' fail you.

- We are to measure any individual or Political Party by these before we vote.

The Bible teaches us of the seven things that God hates. God hates these things because they destroy people's lives and result in the suffering of the innocent. Of all things that we want to avoid, we want to avoid the things that God hates.

Ephesians 5v11

¹¹ And have **no fellowship** with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather **expose them**. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. ¹³ But **all things that are exposed** are made manifest **by** the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.

Let us 'cast a light' on our governing Party and all our Parties in South Africa according to the seven things that God hates. Let us then vote for the Party that least represents these seven things that God hates, and then we as a nation and as individuals will prosper.

These seven things portray the ingrained character traits of a person or Political Party. A person, or Party, will

'always' govern according to their character. The character from which they govern directly affects the people.

Proverbs 6v16-19

¹⁶ "These six *things* the LORD hates,

Yes, the 'seventh' is an abomination to Him:

¹⁷ A proud look,

A lying tongue,

Hands that shed innocent blood,

¹⁸ A heart that devises wicked plans,

Feet that are swift in running to evil,

¹⁹ A false witness *who* speaks lies,

And one who sows discord/division among brethren."

Let us look at these seven things one by one. These seven things are sequential and unfold from one step to the next. All seven of these things destroy the lives of the innocent.

1) A proud look,

The root meaning of the word pride has two primary interpretations.

- a) The first is to be selfish or self-centred; IE to be in it for self and self-gain. To be blinded to the suffering of others for the gain of self.

- To be defiant and brazenly defending of oneself at the expense of all others, even an entire nation.
 - The Bible teaches us that Satan fell because of pride.
 - Proverbs 16v18 – “Pride cometh before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.”
- b) Secondly, pride also means to be contrary to God and His ways that bring blessings to all – To be defiantly contrary of righteousness.
- 2) A lying tongue,
- a) The result, or outcome, of pride, is that one will lie at the expense of all others to save oneself despite the consequential suffering of all others.
- b) Satan is known as the father of all lies. A person or Party in pride has opened a door for Satan himself to bring about destruction through them.
- The names of Satan and Devil directly mean Pride, Liar, Deceiver, False Accuser, Murderer, Thief, and Destroyer - One who sows Discord and brings about Division.
 - John 10v10 says, "The thief (Satan) comes 'only' to kill, to steal and to destroy.' When one is under the persuasion of Satan, one will kill, steal,

and destroy to defend oneself or attain one's selfish gain.

- Proverbs 13v5 says, "A righteous *man* **hates lying**, but a wicked man is loathsome and comes to shame.

3) Hands that shed innocent blood,

When one is prideful, it leads to a lying tongue that is defiant. From there, we get to the next thing that God hates: the shedding of innocent blood.

There are three ways to interpret hands that shed innocent blood in this verse.

- a) We have just experienced the mobilisation of the innocent in our country, where over 440 innocent lives were lost. The guilty incited the innocent, and it was the innocent and not the guilty who lost their lives; God hates this!
 - b) Secondly, the guilty will literally kill/murder the innocent to conceal their lies.
 - c) Thirdly, the innocent will suffer the daily consequences that the guilty have brought upon them.
- ### 4) A heart that devises wicked plans,

a) After pride, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, God says He hates a heart that devises wicked plans.

- Proverbs 23v7 – "For, 'as' a man thinks in his heart 'so' is he."
- The heart of a man determines the practices of a man. Pride, lying and shedding of innocent blood result from what is in a man's heart.

How do we recognise a wicked heart? – There are two primary ways to recognise a wicked heart.

- Luke 6v45 – "Out of the overflow of the heart the mouth 'will' speak."
- One's speech, IE what and how one says a thing, is a massive indicator of one's heart. A man will ultimately talk consistently to what is in his heart. A man will also talk in manner that represents what is in his heart. The heart is the reservoir, and the tongue is the spout.
- A man's actions are ultimately consistent with what is in his heart. A heart that devises wicked plans is a heart that God hates.

This heart schemes and plans in secret collaboration with like-minded persons of the same wicked and corrupt persuasions.

- These hearts operate in the dark, and their corruption multiplies.

Jeremiah 17v9

"The heart is deceitful above all things".

- When a person's heart is at this point, then deceit is their every utterance and practice – One cannot believe a thing they say, for their hearts are corrupt. They speak with a forked tongue.

A deceitful heart sees things in line with the following verse: -

Isaiah 5v20

Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil;

Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness;

Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

- Persons at this place become convinced that their evil is good. Their hearts become so hardened and persuaded that they become self-convinced that they are good, and all others are evil. The Bible describes the devil as 'posing' as an angel of light when he is an angel of

darkness. These, like the devil, do the same, for they have adopted his deceptive nature.

- Romans 2v5

“But in accordance with your hard and impenitent heart, you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,⁶ who “will render to each one according to his deeds.”

- A hard and impenitent heart is blind to what it is doing. A heart like this can 'only' be dealt with by wrath and judgement. One cannot reason with such a person, for reasoning is not their language. Soft and appeasing negotiations are unable to penetrate such a heart. This heart takes advantage of anything short of wrath and judgement.
- This heart, or person, can only be silenced by judgement; there is no alternative.

5) Feet that are swift in running to evil,

- a) After pride, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, and a heart that devises wicked plans, God now says that He hates feet that are swift in the running to evil.
- b) The pace of evil has moved on from crawling to walking to running at this junction. Evil is running

around swiftly, and corruption is multiplying at an alarming rate. Simultaneously, the poor are getting poorer, and the suffering is more extreme.

- 6) A false witness *who* speaks lies,
 - a) After pride, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are swift in running to evil, God now says He hates a false witness who speaks lies.
 - b) The corrupt now rally deceiving attorneys and false witnesses to fight their cause. Justice is not the motive, but rather getting away with evil is the motive.
 - c) A false or lying and deceiving witness protects the evil one at the expense of the innocent masses. The innocent suffer for the wrongs of those who are evil. A nation suffers from the unscrupulous practices of but a few. God hates this, and so should we!

- 7) And one who sows discord and division.

After all the above despicable things that God hates, we now get to the one thing God hates the most; one who sows discord and division! Discord and division always follow the six despicable things God hates as mentioned above.

Discord and division are the consummate nature of Satan. Satan hates unity, for it is unity that commands a blessing. Satan wants destruction, and it is discord and division that will give him just that!

- a) Unity comes about by doing things God's way, and discord and division come about by doing things Satan's way.
 - Discord and division are the final outworking's of the seven things God hates. It results in confusion and factions. The individual, the Party, or Parties, are now fighting inwardly. Internal and external factions rise against each other, and collapse is around the corner. Evil and good are now at loggerheads with each other.
 - At this point, the evil 'birds of a feather' divide the nation by adding to the sowing of discord. Their vehicles to sow discord include inciting hate, racism, anger, violence, anarchy, lies, and confusion on every front. These are all a plot to defend themselves, to strategically point attention away from their corrupt practices. This discord or division is what God hates more than all the seven things He hates, for it will surely destroy a nation and its people!
 - These plead that they are the victims and are fighting to free those who are victims. These are all grounds to smokescreen their lies and deceit.

Their strategy is to deflect people from the real issues as they seek to get away with their lies and corruption. They sow discord into the legal and justice systems and seek to collapse these and render the nation lawless.

Mark 3v25

“And if a house is divided against itself, that house **cannot** stand; **it will fall**”.

Based on this scripture, one would say the following – “And if a nation is divided against itself, that nation cannot stand; it will fall”.

You could equally say that a “Party divided against itself cannot stand, it will fall”.

Whoever sows discord and is divisive only got there because they are guilty of the preceding six things that God hates! Any politician who is sowing discord is to be avoided like the plague they have become.

How does God view one who sows discord and is divisive, and what is the Bible's instruction on dealing with such a person, or Party?

Titus 3v10-11

¹⁰Warn a divisive person once and then warn them a second time. After that, have **nothing** to do with

them. ¹¹ You may be **sure** that such a person is 'warped' and 'sinful'; they are 'self-condemned.'

The Bible teaches us to have 'nothing to do' with those who sow discord and are divisive persons 'for' they are warped, sinful and self-condemned.

When we leave such persons unattended, we allow discord to multiply throughout our country. We, too, then become warped, sinful, and self-condemned.

When these traits take root in a nation, destruction is the only outcome; such a nation **will fall**.

For this reason, God hates discord and division, and He, therefore, instructs us to deal with it decisively!

Proverbs 22v10

"Cast out the scoffer, and contention will leave; Yes, strife and reproach will cease."

This scripture says that a scoffer, a person sowing discord and being divisive, is to be **cast out**. The reason for this drastic or punitive action is as seen in Titus 3v10-11 above. This person or persons is/are warped and sinful; they are self-condemned, and they are bringing this condemnation on all those around them.

Picking up again on the seven things God hates: -

Furthermore, it is imperative to know 'why' God hates these seven things as listed above. God does not hate a

single person on the planet, not one! God hates what people are doing as these are destroying the lives and nation of the those He loves. God hates the resultant suffering, so He shows us the seven steps that will lead to this extreme set of consequences.

We need to have the same heart God has. We need to love every single person on the planet. I personally love every single person on the earth; I hate no one! That said, like God, I hate the practices of some, for they are destroying and causing the deep suffering of the precious persons and nation I love.

Love the person but hate their evil practices!!

The result of the seven things God hates: -

God hates the outcome of these seven things as their destruction is often irreversible. At this point, the decline will be rampant, and the suffering of many will be immense. Dictatorship is often the outcome of this, and the people are at the mercy of the dictator. A nation plummets to depths it cannot get out of. This destruction often takes many decades and often even centuries to turn around, so significant is its impact.

The most impoverished nations throughout the history of the world are those who fell to these seven steps of the things God hates. The environment this creates is perfect for a harsh dictator to arise.

We are never to vote for a Party that sows seeds of discord, division, hate, anger, ethnicity or ethnic division, tribalism, racism, violence, theft, looting and anarchy. In doing so, we shall suffer immensely, often irretrievably.

Proverbs 6v12-14

¹² "A worthless person, a wicked man,

Walks with a perverse mouth;

¹³ He winks with his eyes,

He shuffles his feet,

He points with his fingers;

¹⁴ Perversity *is* in his heart,

He devises evil continually,

He sows discord."

- The above scriptures show us how we will recognise who is a worthless and wicked man.
 - I believe you will agree with me that we 'see red' in this. There is a leader of an opposition Party who replicates all the above. He points his finger, has a perverse heart, and devises evil continually. He and his Party perpetually sow discord in Parliament and wherever they engage on any platform. These traits well represent the

worthless and wicked man this scripture is referring to.

Proverbs 9v10

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom”.

Proverbs 8v13

“The fear of the LORD is to hate evil;

Pride and arrogance and the evil way

And the perverse mouth I hate.”

Proverbs 9v10 says that we cannot even begin to have wisdom until we have a fear (or reverence and respect) of the Lord.

Proverbs 8v13 describes what the fear of the Lord is – **It is to hate evil!!**

When putting these two scriptures together, one realises that it is impossible to have wisdom unless you hate evil. No wise person on the planet does not hate evil, just as there is no wise person who practices evil.

God hates evil for the same reason we are to do so; it destroys the lives of the innocent and gives the devil legal access to destroy a nation.

I hate this evil as much as I hate to see our innocent and often helpless people suffer because of it.

What is the motive or root of all evil?

1 Timothy 6v10

"The love of money is the root of 'all' evil."

The root of all corruption is the love of money. Our nation has had multiplied billions of Rands stolen from it by those who 'are evil'. These will stop at nothing, for money is the root that is controlling and manipulating them. They are unable to stop themselves; they are too far gone for their hearts have become wicked.

"The love of people is the root of all good!" When you love people and govern for their well-being, it becomes impossible to be corrupt. No corrupt person can say that he is governing for the people! Wherever corruption prevails, there is a hate of the people!

Chapter Three

Forgetting our past; the 'only' way to move on.

We cannot go forwards looking backwards. While our nation's history was most painful for all our black brothers and sisters, we must move on from this excruciating pain to take our futures.

Have you ever tried to drive a vehicle looking backwards? That is an accident waiting to happen! The only way to arrive at the destination we want to head towards is to look forwards; we cannot afford to look backwards! We must fix our eyes on the road ahead and leave the road behind us.

In scripture, I am most encouraged by a man called Joseph. Joseph turned out to be one of the most outstanding leaders we find in all of scripture. Joseph turned out to be a man of enormous influence and success. Joseph turned out to be a very prosperous and wealthy man.

Joseph's start in life was, however, a most challenging one. He was sold into slavery, and his family deserted him. He was placed in prison and suffered for no reason of his own. Through all this, he kept his heart pure.

Joseph chose to forgive 'and' forget. It is impossible to be successful and live a prosperous life without choosing to forgive 'and' forget.

Joseph had every reason to take vengeance on those who had caused his many sufferings, yet he chose not to do so. He realised that he would only be hurting himself should he do so. He knew he had to leave the past behind if he was to have success in his future.

One of the most outstanding leaders the world has ever known was our very own and precious Madiba. Madiba reminds me so much of Joseph. Madiba was wrongly imprisoned for 27 years and suffered hugely consequently. Our Madiba had every reason to be bitter and seek vengeance, yet it was he who said and practised the following after his release from prison: -

"As I walked out the door toward the gate that would lead to my freedom, I knew if I didn't leave my bitterness and hatred behind, I'd still be in prison."

Madiba also said the following: -

We were expected to destroy one another and ourselves collectively in the worst racial conflagration. Instead, we as a people chose the path of negotiation, compromise, and peaceful settlement. Instead of hatred and revenge, we chose reconciliation and nation-building."

"Forgiveness liberates the soul; it removes fear and leads us into prosperity."

Joseph understood the same principles of being set free and walking into a prosperous future. The following scriptures are a direct correlation to this: -

Genesis 41v50-52

⁵⁰ And to Joseph were born two sons... ⁵¹ Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh: "For God has made me **forget** all my toil and all my father's house." ⁵² And the name of the second he called Ephraim: "For God has caused me to **be fruitful** in the land of my affliction."

We note the two-step process to Joseph's remarkable success in these scriptures: -

- 1) Step One - Joseph 'forgot all' the toil and hardship of his past, IE the meaning of his first son Manasseh's name.
- 2) Step Two - God 'then' caused Joseph to be fruitful in the very land of his persecution, IE the meaning of his second son Ephraim's name.
 - God causes or ensures fruitfulness in the lives and nation of those who forgive and forget their past.

Forgiveness precedes fruitfulness. We must forgive, even in the most difficult, challenging, and hurtful situations, if

we are ever going to be fruitful. Unforgiveness keeps us in a prison of failure and bondage that we cannot escape.

Both Madiba and Joseph understood this very principle well. For this reason, both were free **'and'** prospered!

You cannot take your future until you forgive and forget your past!

We cannot follow or vote for a leader who keeps taking us back to our past for the above reasons. We have some leaders who keep referring to our apartheid years. They trump up racism and blame everything on our history. They are keeping us in a prison from which we will never escape.

Philippians 3v13b-14a

"...but this 'one' thing *I do*, 'forgetting' those things which are behind and reaching 'forward' to those things which are ahead, ¹⁴I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus".

Paul, the great apostle, describes the same principle that resulted in his success in this portion of scripture. First, he needed to forget the things behind him 'before' he could reach forward to those successful things ahead of and for him.

Paul did some hateful things and had many evil things done to him. He had to learn to both forgive himself and to forgive others. Paul knew that he could not go forwards until he forgot all his past firstly.

The first step to going forwards is to forget the past.

Forgiveness does not mean that the forgiven one did right. Forgiveness sets me free from what the wrongdoer did to me and enables me to move on into a successful future.

God cannot move me into my future if I am holding onto my past. God, Himself, could not move forward with humankind unless He had forgiven him of his many wrongdoings. In that, God could not move forward with humanity unless He forgave and forgot, so we cannot take our future unless we forgive and forget those who did us wrong.

Hebrews 11 is that great chapter of those who walked by faith. In this chapter, we see a crucial verse that ensured those who were in faith would arrive at their respective places of great success: -

Hebrews 11v15

¹⁵ And truly 'if' they had called to mind that *country* from which they had come out, they 'would have' had opportunity 'to' return.

This verse is powerful because it teaches us that we should not even call the things of our past to mind. When we call these things to mind, we create an opportunity to go backwards. If calling these things to mind creates an opportunity to go backwards, then how much more would speaking about these things create an opportunity for us to go backwards.

When looking at the persons included in this great chapter of faith, it becomes apparent that they had to let go of their past if they were ever going to take their future. They had to forget the extreme bad done to them and the severe bad they had done to others. They refused to allow themselves even to take the opportunity to 'go back.'

They were often challenged and had good reason to be prompted to go back, but they refused to take those opportunities. They knew that going back would mean taking offence, and they knew the grave consequence of doing so.

In scripture, the word offence means 'Satan's Bait'.

Whenever one takes offence, one has taken 'Satan's Bait'. As a fish takes the bait on the end of a fishing rod, so we take Satan's Bait at the end of his rod when we take offence. Satan now reels us in and out and jerks us around to his evil heart's intent.

Going back is never an option if we want to go forward. Until we bury the past, we cannot raise the future. Until we are dead to the past, we cannot be alive to the future.

According to Hebrews 11, one of the most primary aspects of faith is to forget the past and never go back to it! In the case of every one of those listed in this chapter, that was the case without exception. For this reason, they all made a drastic impact throughout the world. They left a legacy that we still benefit from to this day. Forgetting is the only way to go forwards.

The word forgiveness means to 'untie the knot' or to 'release the restriction'. Until we forgive, we remain tied up or restricted from moving forwards.

The most outstanding example of forgiving and forgetting is the Person of God Himself.

Hebrews 8v12

¹² For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

Isaiah 43v25

"I, *even I, am* He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake;

And I will not remember your sins."

In that, a perfect God can forgive an imperfect man, so we should be willing to forgive each other.

God knew that He could not go forwards with humanity unless He had forgiven and forgotten man's past. Thank God He has forgotten our past; if not, there would be 'no' way we could go forwards with Him! "Aaaaah, thank You, our precious Jesus, for forgiving us all!!"

What happens when we do not forgive?

Hebrews 12v14-15

¹⁴Pursue peace with all *people*, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: ¹⁵looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and **by this many become defiled**".

Scripture encourages us to pursue peace. We only arrive at and enjoy peace if we are decided and intentional in pursuing it. An unforgiving heart shuts up peace in one's life. This unforgiving heart turns bitter, and this bitterness causes trouble 'and' defiles many – defiles an entire nation.

To defile means to tarnish, contaminate, make dirty, poison, negatively affect and hurt, spoil, or ruin a thing or person – especially oneself and or an entire nation.

A person who is unforgiving defiles many others.

Whenever I focus on what you have done to me and not on what I can do for you, I remain in bondage, and bitterness occupies my heart.

We, therefore, cannot afford unforgiveness.

There is never a reason not to forgive: -

Our example of Jesus will always be our first and best example in all things and any matter.

Jesus has forgiven all the world of all her sins throughout the history of the world. When comparing this measure of forgiveness, it should be 'easy' for us to forgive the relatively minor extent of wrong done to us.

The consequence of getting stuck in the past: -

Moses and the Israelites: -

Let us look at what the Israelites 'could not, would not, or did not do' that resulted in their dying one by one in the wilderness. Over forty years, a generation of millions of Israelites died in the wilderness **'after'** they had been **'set free'** from bondage, slavery, and extreme hardship!

Exodus 15v22-25

²²“So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea; **then** they went out into the Wilderness of Shur. And they went three days in the wilderness and found no water. ²³ Now, when they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of

Marah, for they *were* bitter. Therefore, the name of it was called Marah.²⁴ And the people complained against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?"²⁵ So he cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a tree. When he cast *it* into the waters, the waters were made sweet."

Before we look at this portion of scripture, let us visit the background history that precedes this scripture.

The Israelites had been in deep slavery, hardship, and bondage to the Egyptians for 430 long years! They had been harshly abused and exploited by the government and rulership of the Egyptians at the time. They lived in extreme poverty and suffering.

Finally, after these 430 long years, a great leader called Moses was used by God to set the people free. At last, they were on their way out of bondage, slavery and extreme poverty and hardship!

Back to referring to the portion of scripture above: -

In the scriptures above the following is the biblical meaning and interpretation: -

- a) The Red Sea is a picture of crossing over from bondage or oppression, to being set free.
- b) The Wilderness of Shur is a picture of a Wall or obstruction in the path of one's progress to prosperity.

- c) Marah is the picture of what this Wall, or obstruction is; IE bitterness which results from unforgiveness and seeking vengeance. It too is a picture that unforgiveness makes me bitter.
- d) The searching for water for three days is a picture of being in a place of perpetual thirst that is never quenched until forgiveness has taken place.

When the Israelites crossed the Red Sea, they were to embark on a progressive journey that would result in their crossing the Jordan River and entering the Promised Land of excessive prosperity.

Regrettably most of the Israelites did not enter the Promised Land because they did not 'pass the forgiveness test' at the Wall of Shur. They considered the waters of forgiveness at this Wall too bitter to drink.

The result of this is that the Israelites remained stuck in their past oppression mindset for they would not forgive their oppressors. At one stage they even wanted to raise a leader to take them back to Egypt. Unforgiveness always takes one backwards. Unforgiveness always takes a nation backwards.

Throughout their time in the wilderness they complained, murmured, criticised, ridiculed, and blamed all around them for their situation. They even blamed God for their

situation, yet it was their unforgiveness that resulted in their thirsty state and resultant death in the wilderness.

We should never follow or vote for a leader or Party who keeps reminding us of the past. We should never vote for a leader who trumps up ethnic divisions, racism, apartheid, hatred, anarchy, and vengeance for they are living in unforgiveness and will lead us to a thirsty death.

The story of the Israelites is a tremendously sad one for they had been 'set free' but remained in bondage for they could not come to terms with forgiving their oppressors.

Many of our African nations have been 'set free' from colonialism, oppression, apartheid, bondage, poverty, hardship, and slavery 'yet' find themselves far worse off than they were before.

The story of Moses and the Israelites teaches us of a primary reason as to why our African nations are worse off today than when they were under oppression. We keep blaming our past. We keep blaming oppression. We keep blaming colonialism. We keep blaming apartheid, and we are dying in the wilderness of Shur. We consequently vote on ethnic and or race lines and not on lines of integrity. Until we forgive, we shall not prosper.

When the Israelites crossed the Red Sea, God wanted them to make a forgiveness decision. This forgiveness would

release and heal them of their past oppression and take them to prosperity.

Forgiveness also clears our sight; IE how we see things. Once we have forgiven, we will be just as comfortable to vote for a Black, White, Coloured, or Indian candidate. Our only consideration would be – Is the one I'm voting for righteous? – Is the one I'm voting for living in forgiveness and has he or she moved on from the past.?

Once we settle this so we will cross the Jordan River into the Promised Land that flows with milk and honey; IE we will arrive at great prosperity for all.

Madiba had every right to be bitter after 27 years of incarceration, yet he chose to forgive and forget. His choice as a great leader helped us to begin to move towards a prosperous future.

Some of Madiba's decisions and famous quotes at the time were: -

"As I walked out the door toward the gate that would lead to my freedom, 'I knew' if I didn't leave my bitterness and hatred **behind**, I'd still be in prison."

"Resentment is like **drinking poison** and then hoping it will kill your enemies."

"When a deep injury is done to us, **we** never heal 'until' we forgive."

"Courageous people do not fear forgiving for the sake of peace."

How is it possible to forgive – What or Who can help us forgive – Who was the One who forgave the most?

Back to Exodus 15v25: -

²⁵ So Moses cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a tree. *Moses then cast this tree* into the bitter waters, and the waters became sweet.

The tree that made the waters sweet represented the cross of Jesus. Until the people received the forgiveness that Jesus had for them and others, they found forgiving their oppressors very difficult to do.

Forgiveness is bitter until we see how much Jesus has forgiven us.

Luke 23v34

³⁴ Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."

Jesus was enduring extreme punishment on the cross, yet He asked the Father to forgive those punishing Him.

While the cross's message is every person's message, it is a very personal message as well.

From a personal point of view, both you and I were persecuting an innocent Jesus on the cross. Together we were driving the nails into His Hands and Feet and scourging Him, yet in His excruciating pain, He chose to forgive us.

This scripture set me free, for it taught me to forgive all my adversaries quickly. I learned to drink the bitter waters at the Wall of Shur to be free from my past and hurts.

The message of the cross is one of extreme forgiveness in the most impossible of all circumstances! (There is nothing you and I have ever done that Jesus has not forgiven. I could be the very worst of all sinners, yet Jesus chose to forgive me!) Accordingly, I live my life to forgive others and to forgive them quickly!

Forgiving when one has been harshly abused and exploited is the most liberating experience known to man. It removes hurt, bitterness, hatred, and anger and sets 'one' free. Forgiveness is the sweetest of all waters to drink; its aftertaste is so good.

I have forgiven the perpetrators of apartheid, and I am a free and prosperous man today!

Some people say – “I cannot forgive” – Jesus said, “I cannot afford not to forgive!”

Forgiveness is not an option if ever I want to prosper. Forgiveness sets me free and takes me to my prosperity.

By Jesus forgiving, He not only kept Himself free; He also set the people around Him free, which is the most authentic act of love. Love never loves until it forgives in the most adverse of circumstances. Love desires to see all set free; more so, the most undeserving.

When Madiba forgave the white man of their extreme injustice, he set the tone for prosperity for all.

We saw the white and black man embrace each other as we had never seen before.

I remember well the fond embraces and unity we experienced when we won the African Cup of Nations Soccer tournament in 1996. Together, as one people, we celebrated this achievement.

I, too, remember the euphoria we experienced as a nation when we won the Rugby World Cup in 1995. Who will ever forget our Madiba holding up the hand of our Rugby World Cup-winning captain Francois Pienaar? The new South African flag we were all so proud of drowned out the Ellis Park Rugby Stadium as the world looked on in amazement and envy.

Who will ever forget the enormous love and respect both our white and black brothers had for our precious

President Nelson Mandela. Love was in the air, and all things flourish in an ambience of love. Scripture says, "Love covers a multitude of sins!" 1 Corinthians 13v8 says that "Love never fails."

I remember many of our white brothers and sisters visiting Vilakazi Street in Soweto. They wanted to become familiar with our black brothers and sisters and get to know and understand their culture. I had braais with both my Black and White, Coloured, and Indian brothers and sisters.

Our nation was fast heading towards prosperity for all at this point.

We were the talk and envy of the world, the rainbow nation, the nation that had achieved the impossible. The world was rushing to South Africa to invest in our country. This investment would strengthen our financial well-being and create jobs and opportunities for all our people.

None of the many great things our Madiba did and achieved was more significant than his heart of forgiveness. His fight for our freedom set us free, but it was his forgiveness that was taking us into prosperity. Freedom without prosperity is not freedom at all.

Love's genuine desire is to both set oneself free and all those around oneself free. Until all are free, none are free. Forgiveness sets all free.

Forgiveness is the most powerful thing known to humanity; it is the only thing that can remove bitterness, hate, vengeance, and racism! We will never stop racism by adding one law after another or fighting with those who are racist. Racism dies a natural death in an ambience of forgiveness. Racism is often the result or fruit of unforgiveness.

Exodus 15v25 ends by showing me that the waters I drink become sweet when dealing with my unforgiveness and bitterness. My life is no longer in a place of thirst and desperation. My hurts leave, and I move into sweet prosperity, for the power of the past is broken over me.

Throughout scripture, we see that those who forgave and forgot were most prosperous.

- 1) David had to forgive Saul for the immense suffering and hardship Saul had put him through.
 - Saul tried to kill David multiple times.
 - Saul hated David and was extremely jealous of him.
 - David had two opportunities to kill Saul and get even with him but did not do so.
 - Through all this, David guarded his heart.
 - David so forgave Saul that David looked after Saul's family after Saul had died.

David's forgiving and forgetting heart resulted in both his and his nations profound prosperity. David was a very wealthy man. David was Israel's greatest king – This is the fruit of forgiveness.

- 2) Joshua maintained a forgiving heart towards Moses
 - Despite Moses being the reason for why Joshua had to walk around in the desert for 40 years Joshua maintained a forgiving heart towards Moses..
 - Joshua's forgiving and forgetting heart resulted in him and the Israelites entering the 'Promised Land' across the Jordan River. Joshua and the Israelites prospered profoundly and lived a victorious life – This is the fruit of forgiveness.

- 3) Paul both forgave himself and the many others that did him great and many, many wrongs.

Paul changed the world and left a profound spiritual inheritance that the church has been feeding on for over 2000 years! – This is the fruit of forgiving and forgetting.

- 4) Those mentioned in the faith chapter, Hebrews 11, **all** forgave and forgot and left a legacy that has impacted the world for millennia.

We are never able to go forwards looking backwards. It is impossible to prosper in life when living in unforgiveness. These mentioned above knew this well, as did our precious Madiba.

Let us emulate these and live-in prosperity as they all did! Let us too be quick to forgive.

Finally, the one who forgave the most of all was our most precious Jesus. Receive his forgiveness today for all the wrongs done by you and all the wrongs done to you. You will experience freedom and prosperity that is only forthcoming because of His great forgiveness. God holds 'NO' sin against you!

He loves you and deeply desires to see you healed and set free – Only forgiveness will give you this result. Receive His forgiveness and enjoy your relationship with Him. There is nothing sweeter than a living, close, and intimate relationship with Jesus – Nothing!

Chapter Four

Bitterness defiles many.

Hebrews 12v15

“Looking 'carefully' lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any 'root of bitterness' springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled”.

This scripture says we are to look 'carefully' to assess those who have a root of bitterness in them, for they will cause trouble and defile many! The one person or Party we cannot and must not vote for is the one person or Party who has a root of bitterness in them, for they will cause us trouble, and they will defile many!

When we initially came into our freedom in 1994, we began to take off as a nation. Madiba had forgiven and sort to reconcile rather than pursue vengeance. Madiba had a white lady as his personal and daily assistant. He held hands with De Klerk and embraced all in a manner of love not seen by many throughout the world. Madiba engaged as comfortably with both the black and the white man. Only forgiveness can realise such a result.

Our next President, Mr Thabo Mbeki, did a more than reasonable job for our nation. He was, however, very challenged by a brooding number of dissidents who had personal and corruptive agendas within his Party. Amongst

others, two primary persons of this dissent were a certain Mr Jacob Zuma and a Mr Julius Malema. These drove our President Mbeki out of office at that dreadful 52nd National ANC Conference of December 2007.

'That day' marked the dreadful turning point of our nation. From being on the road to success, now doom and gloom lay on our horizon. Evil and selfish agendas replaced good and selfless plans. Governing for the benefit of our people now became governing for the gain of self.

Their strategy would be lies, deceit, fake news, deception, hate, violence, and racism. Extreme and self-centred corruption would inexplicably unfold before our very eyes to the tune of multiplied billions of Rands of the people's money. Our nation would arrive at the point of bankruptcy as these billions lay in the accounts of the wicked corrupt.

A terminal cancer set in on that dreadful day in December 2007. Millions of our people would progressively suffer its terminal consequence.

I had a friend who went in for a medical check-up. During this check-up, his doctor found a small trace of cancer. Immediately the doctor checked him into the hospital for an emergency operation. The doctor cautioned him by saying – "If I do not deal with this cancer immediately, it will eventually kill you."

My friend had that operation twelve years ago, and he is healthy and cancer-free to this day.

We should have cut the 'cancer of Polokwane' out way back in 2007. We have allowed this cancer to grow. Before it 'kills us' as a nation, we need to cut it out. The surgical knife to cut this 'cancer out' is called your vote and mine!

Our nation engaged the reverse gear on that dreadful day of December 2007. From that day onwards, we would head backwards and be far worse off than under the apartheid regime. We now had, and still have, the regime of the corrupt and wicked few, and these are sinking our nation fast!

Tender rigging, nepotism, and flagrant theft of our State Coffers are an everyday occurrence. Jacob Zuma's affiliates, the Guptas, have made us the laughingstock of the world. Our SOE's have been plundered; our Municipalities have crumbled. Corruption and theft of our people's monies are the order of our everyday lives. State Capture has taken place!

We, too, are dealing with the VBS disaster and the implication of the EFF in it.

Regrettably, the EFF, through its leader Julius Malema is inciting hate, racism, vengeance, and violence on all fronts. Their hearts are full of bitterness. Their RET, Socialistic, and Communistic policies have 'never' succeeded throughout

the history of the world. These policies always result in extreme poverty and set the tone for a dictator to rise. A harsh and destructive Marxist government is 'always' the resultant.

Such a governed nation often enters a civil war, and the smouldering smell of warfare smoke is its daily inhaling. International disinvestment ensues, and like Zimbabwe, the value of its currency becomes so weak that it is valueless. Poverty increases at an alarming rate while the Marxist Dictator despot lives in the lap of extorted luxury.

To propagate policies that 'have never' worked in the history of humanity is the definition of insanity! According to the proven record of such failed policies, the EFF represents the most dangerous of all Parties in South Africa to vote for!

Anyone who lauds and looks to Zimbabwe as what he aspires to has lost the plot. To be true, one must be blind and hard-hearted to see Zimbabwe as a role model we seek to emulate. Zimbabwe may be free from colonialism, but they are in bondage and of the sort they never experienced before.

Julius Malema points to Zimbabwe and its former President Robert Mugabe as his hero. That is a clear indicator of his intention. Your hero is always the one you seek to emulate. Mugabe was a Marxist dictator, and if he

is your role model, your hero, you too desire to be a Marxist dictator.

Zimbabwe was a breadbasket to Africa; today, she is the 'basket case' of Africa. Socialism does not work; it never has and never will; period!

Robert Mugabe was a man filled with, and fuelled by, bitterness; Julius Malema is such a man.

It is crucial for us as Africans to learn from the likes of Zimbabwe and where we as South Africans find ourselves in the year 2021.

Many of our politicians think we are ignorant and therefore easily deceived. This is an insult to our intelligence. How dare we permit them to see and treat us this way!

Let us take the blinkers off, remove emotionalism, and take a good hard look at the cold facts and learn from these.

In South Africa, these politicians are infamous for blaming apartheid and calling all things racist. If one of our white brothers or sisters points out a flagrant fact or misdemeanour, these politicians respond with, "You are racist!" They use the 'race card' to hide their evil practices; we should not fall for this.

Our politicians need to own up and take responsibility for what 'they' have done to our nation. It is they who have

been corrupt, and their corruption has nothing to do with apartheid.

Whilst apartheid was an appalling crime against humanity; it is not the reason or the excuse for where we find ourselves in the present. We are 27 years into our democracy; indeed, by now, we should have moved on from blaming the past!

If we are going to blame the past for where we find ourselves, then the past 14 years are what we should blame. It was from December 2007 onwards that things went horribly awry!

Will we still be blaming apartheid 23 years from now? When will we start taking responsibility for where we find ourselves as a nation today? As a nation, we, as those who voted the corrupt in, are to blame. Until we face these facts, we will go from one level of suffering to the next.

I have as many white friends as I have black friends. We speak intimately and openly with one another. None of my white friends is racist, and I genuinely believe there are few white racists in South Africa today. All my white friends want to move on and contribute to our future as a nation.

The EFF as a Party, and primarily through its leader, are the biggest racists in the country. They continually express hate and racism from an embittered heart. They conceal

and deflect their practices with their typical response of – "You're racist; it is because of apartheid!"

From a secondary perspective, the leaders we voted in are to blame for our present status quo. The sooner these leaders take responsibility for the mess they have gotten us into, the sooner we can start to make changes for the good of all our people.

As we read in Hebrews 12v15, we are to look carefully at those who have a root of bitterness within them, for they only cause trouble and from that place defile many.

South Africa: let's vote for an individual or Party that has moved on from the past, one that has forgiven and forgotten and can take us into a prosperous future.

Let us go back to the start Madiba gave us by doing as he did. He forgave and forgot, and in so doing, racism was dying rapidly. He refused to be bitter, and so he defiled no man. We were moving into prosperity, and we need to get back to that place by voting for someone 'who has forgiven and forgotten' and is not bitter!

Chapter Five

Racism and ethnic divisions are destructive.

Let us look at what the Bible warns us against and what its progress of destruction will be: -

Matthew 24v7-12

⁷ For **nation will rise against nation**, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.

⁹ "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. ¹⁰ And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. ¹¹ Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. ¹² And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

Let us look at this verse by verse: -

⁷ For **nation will rise against nation**, and kingdom against kingdom.

The first step that leads us down a road to destruction is that **nation will rise up against nation**. The word nation in this text directly means ethnic or race group; IE racism

or ethnicity differences are the first steps to the demise of all peoples. Race or ethnicity groups rise or revolt against each other.

It is, for example, isiZulu against isiXhosa, Sesotho, Sepedi, Tshivenda, isiNdebele, English, Setswana, siSwati, Afrikaans, Xitsonga; White against Black, Tribe against Tribe and so forth.

This ethnic group against ethnic group, or race against race group, starts the process of what this portion of scripture says 'will take place' progressively. It results in discord and divisions. It is impossible to have unity when an ethnic group is against an ethnic group, or race is against race!

If we allow the ethnic group to be against ethnic group and race to be against race, then the following begins to unfold: -

Secondly, a kingdom will rise against or revolt against another kingdom. In scripture, kingdoms are governmental institutions. You could translate this as a singular political Party rising against itself or multiple political Parties that will rise against each other.

Our governing Party and most of our political Parties in South Africa have risen inwardly against themselves and each other.

Verse 7 continued – “And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.”

The result of racism and ethnicity opposing's, and kingdom rising against kingdom, is discord and division. God hates discord and division, for these result in famines, pestilences, and earthquakes. Jobs are lost, and the impact of this is that people starve and suffer.

As I write this book, we find many people in famine, starving, unemployed, suffering, and dying. We, too, find a pestilence called Covid19 that is killing myriads of people.

Racism and ethnicity opposing's as we see in verse 7, were what initiated this.

Verse 8 then goes on to say - ⁸“All these *are* the ‘beginning’ of sorrows.”

These are 'only' the beginning of our sorrows, IE this situation results in matters getting even worse!

Verse 9 takes us to the next level of a nation rising against a nation, IE race or ethnicity groups opposing each other.

Verse 9 - “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake.

Our country is going through tribulation of an ever-growing extreme over the last few years. Corruption is at an all-time high. Poverty is rampant, and many are starving. Unemployment grows week on week, our State-Owned Enterprises (SOE's) are all bankrupt. Our Municipalities are bankrupt, and our Service Delivery is virtually non-existent. Our infrastructure is crumbling. Lawlessness abounds!

Our Justice System is very close to being captured by the corrupt few. Violence abounds, hate and racism are on the increase. Our parliament is in chaos whenever it sits. This deplorable example is what 'our so-called leaders' are setting before our nation and the world. It is no surprise the business world is disinvesting from our country.

We are beginning to kill innocent people for standing up for the truth. The voices of those who speak the truth are frowned at, shouted down, and drowned out daily.

Those who desire a godly environment are despised more and more. The defiant selfish acts of the wicked have no regard for how they are destroying our nation to save their skins and continue their plundering!

Verse 10 goes on to describe the next level of racism and ethnicity opposing's.

¹⁰ And then many will be offended, will betray one another and will hate one another.

We see offended politicians hating and betraying one another. This is rubbing off on society, and so we see the same practice across our nation.

Verse 11-12 now takes us to the ultimate destructive end.

¹¹ Then **many false prophets** 'will' rise up and '**deceive many**'.

A false prophet presents reprehensible lies as truth. A false prophet is a deceiver and a liar. Regrettably, a false prophet will deceive many unless those who represent the truth rise against these deceits and lies and let the people know the truth!

We have many 'false political prophets' who daily fill our ears with lies and deceit, hate, bitterness, and racism. The voices of these false prophets are destroying our nation.

We see evil rising because men and women of truth remain silent. We cannot afford to stay quiet, for people are being deceived and are suffering consequentially! Those of truth must speak to overcome deceit and lies and to set people free from suffering. Truth cannot stay silent!

Verse 12

¹² And 'because' lawlessness will abound, the love of many 'will' grow cold.

At this point, the nation is in chaos; corruption and criminality abound. The rule of law has fallen, and the guilty take advantage of a law system they have captured. Judges and attorneys protect the corrupt.

Finally, the love of many will grow cold. Love means the considered and decided intent to exist for the benefit and well-being of others. Love is selfless and not selfish.

The Bible says in John 3v16 – "For God so loved the world 'that' He GAVE. God gave His best for the benefit of others; He gave us Jesus. When Jesus walked the earth, He had only one thing in mind, "I exist for the benefit of others!" Jesus was 100% selfless. This is love.

In a figurative sense - You either die so that others might live or live so that others might die. You either exist for the benefit of others or yourself. You are either selfish or selfless. - The one is love, and the other is hate.

When it's all about others, you have died, and others will live. When it's all about you, others have died, that you might live – In this case, **your love has grown cold**.

Many of our current politicians exist for their benefit and at the extreme cost of all others. They are the very opposite of Jesus, the very opposite of love. These politicians take

and do not give; they are selfish and not selfless. Most any giving they extend is merely a token gesture to deceive us into giving them our vote. This 'giving' of theirs tends to surface just before voting time.

Unlike Madiba, who benefitted others, most of our current crop of politicians exists to help themselves and their accomplices. **Their love has grown cold!**

God is colour and ethnicity group blind, and so we should be. When racism and ethnic conflict are practised and promoted through an individual or Party, it is the devil's image at work.

Revelation 7v9-10

⁹ After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands,¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

God's heart is for every nation, tribe, ethnic group, tongue, and people group! God has forgiven all of humanity irrespective of their ethnic group, race, tribe, or tongue.

Chapter Six

What is God's view of those who are corrupt?

Psalm 14v1-6

"The **fool** has said in his heart,

"There is no God."

They are corrupt,

They have done abominable works,

There is none who does good.

² The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men,

To see if there are any who understand, who seek God.

³ **They** have all turned aside,

They have together become **corrupt;**

There is none who does good,

No, not one.

⁴ Have all the workers of iniquity 'no knowledge',

Who **eat up my people** as they eat bread,

And do not call on the LORD?

⁵ There they are in great fear,

For **God is with the generation of the righteous.**

⁶ **You shame the counsel of the poor,**

But the LORD *is* his refuge."

We may have leaders who say with their tongues that there is a God, but that counts for nothing; even the devil says there's a God with his forked tongue, and he is a fool.

The way we recognise a leader who has a forked tongue is by assessing his practices. This man is called a **fool** by God. That is a big statement, yet, if it is a statement from God, then best, we also consider such a person a **fool** and such a Political Party as a bunch of **fools**. This may be tight, but it is right. This may sound strong, but it is not wrong.

Let us look at the 'heart' traits of a forked tongued fool: -

The **fool** who says in his 'heart' that there is no God has the following characteristics:

- 1) He and his Party are **corrupt** – **Corruption is the very 'first sign' of who God calls a fool!** Oh my, that includes most of our current crop of politicians!
= **All Fools.**
- 2) He and his Party have done abominable works – Oh my, that includes most of our current crop of politicians again. = **Fools.**
- 3) Next, this scripture says that of these, none has done good. A **fool**, or corrupt person, is not able to do good.
- 4) Next, they have 'no understanding' for they do not seek God's way or counsel on doing things. A **fool** has 'no' understanding and is unable to receive, get, or retain understanding.
- 5) Next, as referred to by God as **fools**, these have now turned all aside from God.

- 6) Their corruption has now influenced and contaminated a crowd who, too, have become fools for they have been persuaded by those who have 'no understanding.'
- 7) We now get to the place where 'none' of this crowd can do any good. They are corrupt to the core, and none do good; no, not one.
- 8) These **fools** are called workers of iniquity with 'no knowledge'.
- 9) At this despicable point, these **fools** now 'eat up God's precious people' as one would eat a piece of bread! The people now suffer deeply at the hands of these referred to by God as, **fools!**
- 10) Even at this disastrous point, they refuse to call on the Lord. They are hard-hearted, deceived, and stubborn to the core. They are blind to the suffering of the poor just as the devil is blind to those, he is leading into a suffering burning hell. = **Fools!**

According to these traits, we can quickly assess who of our 'so-called leaders' are **fools!** Many names come to mind; far too many!

Based on the above traits and practices of what God refers to as a **fool**, it is not disingenuous to say we are being 'led' by a bunch of **fools!**

Throughout history, a **fool** has always brought devastation and destruction; there is no other outcome! As the **fool**, Satan brings obliteration, so too do these **fools!**

We then come across **the solution** to what these fools have brought upon us: -

- 1) God is with the generation of the **righteous**!! The **righteous** have refuge in the Lord!
 - Righteousness 'exalts' a nation, but a fool destroys a country!

Conversely, a **wise** man says in 'his heart' that there is a God. A **wise** man is known for his traits and practices. His traits and practices are the 'exact opposite' of that of the fool!

The characteristics, traits, and practices of the wise and righteous man: -

- 1) He and his Party are those whose traits and practices are those of integrity.
- 2) He and his Party have done good works, works that are for the benefit of the people.
- 3) Next, these have all done good.
- 4) Next, they have 'understanding', for they seek God's way or counsel on how to do things.
- 5) These **wise** one's, who practice integrity, have turned all to God, and all begin to prosper.

- 6) This results in a **wise** crowd, for they have rubbed their integrity and practices onto many others.
- 7) We now get to where 'all' of this crowd do good, and all are prospering.
- 8) These **wise** one's, who practice integrity, are referred to as workers of good who have much knowledge.
- 9) At this point, they all now '**feed God's precious people**' instead of 'eating God's people'. The people now prosper at the hands of these leaders of integrity!
- 10) Together they continue to call on the Lord and continually multiply and enjoy their prosperity.

Which of the above results do you and I want?"

This question is answered by who we will vote for; the **wise** or the **foolish**?

Should we vote for a fool, it would be disingenuous to complain when we suffer – We are getting what 'we' voted for.

God sees the corrupt as fools! - God sees those of integrity as wise! Let us vote for the wise!!

As a side note for due diligence: -

It should be a constitutional law that any person seeking a public position is subjected to an in-depth criminal background check. 'No person' should be permitted to

hold any position in public office should they have the slightest record of criminality.

It, too, should be a law that no '**fool**' is permitted to hold a public position either!

It too should be a law that '**only the righteous**' should be permitted to hold a public position!

Should these political laws not be passed, then at least we have the law of the vote – Let us vote the '**fool**' out and the '**wise righteous**' in so that we can prosper.

Chapter Seven

God's plan for, and view on Governments.

What is the relationship we are to have with the Government? –

What is the relationship the Government is to have with us? –

What is a Governments purpose and function?

Romans 13v1-7

Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.² Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.³ For rulers are not a terror **to good works, 'but' to evil**. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? **Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same.**⁴ For he is God's minister to **you 'for' good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him 'who' practices evil.**⁵ Therefore *you* must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake.⁶ For **because of this** you also pay taxes, for they are God's

ministers attending continually **to this very thing.** ⁷ Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes *are due*, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

Romans 13:1-7 explains the following: -

A Government has been authorized by God 'for' the **praise of well doers 'and' the punishment of evil doers.**

Government is to be a minister of God to the people **for good.**

It is important to understand that it is the concept of Government that has been established by God, and '**not**' each and every kind of Government or leader!

Government has a God ordained purpose but not every Government and every leader is from God. **God does not raise up ungodly Governments or ungodly leaders.** God's desire is that Governments are to be a **tool for good and not evil.**

We are then exhorted to pay taxes for this very same reason – That the Government would use these taxes **for good** and that they would use them to **punish the evildoer.**

Taxes are not given for the corrupt to indulge themselves in it. Taxes are given to protect and promote the good.

Taxes are not given to be channelled into the bank accounts of the corrupt, but to be used for good.

Taxes are not given to promote and feed "State Capture!"

1 Peter 2v13-14 shares much the same principle: -

Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; Or unto Governors, as unto them **that are sent by Him 'for' the punishment of evildoers, and 'for' the praise of them that do well.**

We see the same thing in this portion of Scripture – A Government is ordained by God **to punish evildoers, and praise/or promote those who do well/good.**

We regrettably have the inverse Government outworking in our nation; the good are being punished and the evildoers are being praised/promoted! The good are suffering and the evildoers are prospering.

We have been praising/promoting the evil and punishing/demoting the good in our nation for at least 14 years now!

This needs to be reversed! The corrupt and criminal are the one's God says 'are' to be punished and not the good. Our captured legal system 'protects' the evildoer and shuns those who do good. It is almost impossible for our legal system to hold the evildoers to account.

We need to revert to a justice system as such a system does not protect the evildoer. A justice system seeks to unveil the truth and does not get tied up in litigation and endless appeals. We are to protect the rights of the welldoer, and not that of the evildoer. A Justice system seeks to achieve just that. A legal system does much the opposite; it 'protects' the evildoer at the consequence of the welldoer, or victim.

Governments are there to protect the country's citizens from the evildoers and to promote those who do good. They are not there to 'protect us from the good' whilst they 'promote the evildoers.'

Chapter Eight

What makes a Great Leader?

Psalm 78v72

So, David led them 'according to' the **integrity** of his **heart**,

'And' guided them by the **'skilfulness of his hands.'**

David was one of Israel's most successful leaders. Under David's leadership, the Israelites prospered excessively. Under David's leadership, the Israelites overcame all their challenges; they were victorious on every front and thrived in every area. The people were wealthy, and the nation was excelling.

There is a road that brings you to guaranteed success: -

David's success was the result of five primary things: -

- 1) David led in righteousness. He knew that righteousness exalts a nation. David honoured God and knew that the nation would prosper if he governed in a godly manner and trusted God's way of doing things.
- 2) David governed for the benefit of the people. David was selfless and not selfish; he had placed the

interests and well-being of the people way above his personal interests.

- 3) David had a heart of integrity; he had no hidden agendas, shadows of deceit or ulterior motives. David had an honest and pure heart. David was not a corrupt man.
- 4) David had 'skilful hands'; IE, he was qualified and expert in doing things. David knew how to do what he was doing, for he was trained and well prepared. David was a man who had excellent knowledge and wisdom. He placed fully competent people in positions of governance and function.
- 5) David was not a socialist. The Israelites were hard-working people who earned their keep and accordingly prospered – (1 Chronicles 29).

The integrity of heart and skilful hands: -

The integrity of the heart describes one's inner 'being' status. The skilfulness of hands tells of one's outer 'doing' ability.

Our inner 'being' comes first; without it, our outward 'doings' will lack competency. A person who lacks integrity will always be incompetent in what he does.

Furthermore, what one does, requires high levels of education and training in the field of function. The higher

the responsibility of the task at hand, the higher the competency level needs to be.

The Israelites understood and embraced the following scriptures: -

- Proverbs 20v21 – “An inheritance gained hastily or easily at the beginning will not be blessed at the end but rather lost.” (This is the result of Socialism).
- Proverbs 6v10-11 – “A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep – So shall your poverty come on you like a prowler.”
- Proverbs 13v4 – “The soul of a lazy *man* desires and has nothing; but the soul of the diligent shall be made rich.”
- Deuteronomy 28v8 - “The LORD will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you ‘set your hand’, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.”
- Ecclesiastes 9v10 – “Whatever your hand finds to do, do *it* with all your might.”

Hard work builds and prospers a nation – “Ask not what your country can do for you – Ask what you can do for your country!”

Jesus, the most outstanding leader of all, did not release His disciples to do anything until He was convinced and persuaded, they had 'skilful hands'.

- Mark 3v13 - ¹³ And He went up on the mountain and called to *Him* those He wanted. And they came to Him. ¹⁴ Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach.

Jesus called the twelve disciples to Him and then trained them intensely for 24 hours a day over three and a half years before He sent them out to do anything.

Jesus Himself was taught and highly trained for '30 years' before He began to do anything Himself!

Skilful hands, or the expert ability to fulfil a function or job, are paramount to whether an appointment will be made successfully or not. Jesus did not dare to send out those who were not fully trained and equipped to do the job, for they would have failed, and many people would have suffered as a result.

If one of my comrades or cadres gave me the job of flying a plane, that would be foolish! I am not a trained pilot and will kill every passenger on the plane I am flying.

I should not hold a pilot's job unless I have a high level of tried and trusted competency.

Likewise, if one of my comrades or cadres gave me the job of a heart surgeon, that too would be foolish! I am not a trained heart surgeon. I will kill every person on whom I operate.

Unqualified persons are 'agents of death.'

According to scripture, only a person with a heart lacking integrity would appoint someone who does not have skilful hands. A heart that lacks integrity always has an ulterior motive or scheme for what they are doing.

The success of the ministry of Jesus and the success of the twelve disciples was because they were fully trained and were the best persons for the job at hand.

We should believe in and embrace equal opportunity for all without exception! Yet, equal opportunity does not mean giving equal responsibility! The word responsibility means - I have an ability from which I can respond.

Those who lack ability are responding from their inability, and that is a disaster waiting to happen.

Whether I am Black, White, Coloured, Indian, Chinese, male, female, young or old, I should have an equal opportunity to be trained and equipped for any job. However, unless I can do the required job with a high level of competency, I should not be given the job.

I am not racist if I place someone in a position who is not of a 'certain' African ethnic group or race skin colour.

The critical criteria should be that I have placed the most competent and qualified person in that job. Their ethnic grouping or race is never to be a factor.

A lack of integrity and skilful hands always results in corruption and the collapse of all things. Our despicable 'State Capture' and corruption pandemic is a direct result of this and only this – There is no other reason for this!

Let us say no to the cancer of unqualified cadre and comrade position appointments. Enough of this, I say – Our precious peoples have suffered enough!

Black Economic Empowerment - BEE?

It is for this reason that BEE has failed. We have placed people in positions who often lack integrity and do not have skilful hands. We have put them in 'aircrafts' and called them pilots, and they are crashing plane after plane as they do not know how to fly a plane. Our SOE planes

have all crashed, and the passengers have died; you and I are these passengers!

We have called people heart surgeons, and they are killing the heart of our nation!

Chapter Nine

So - “Who the Heaven do we vote for!?”

Firstly – Scriptures that tell us who we are 'not to' vote for?

Proverbs 6v12-14

A **worthless and wicked man**: -

¹² A worthless person, a wicked man,

Walks with a perverse mouth;

¹³ He winks with his eyes,

He shuffles his feet,

He points with his fingers;

¹⁴ Perversity *is* in his heart,

He devises evil continually,

He sows discord.

Worthless and wicked leaders have a perverse mouth. They wink with their eyes, shuffle their feet, and point with their fingers. They have perversity in their hearts, devise evil continually, and sow discord.

Proverbs 6v16-19

¹⁶ These six *things* the LORD **hates**,

Yes, the 'seventh' is an **abomination** to Him:

¹⁷ A proud look,

A lying tongue,

Hands that shed innocent blood,

¹⁸ A heart that devises wicked plans,

Feet that are swift in running to evil,

¹⁹ A false witness *who* speaks lies,

And one who **sows discord/division** among brethren.

Leaders who must not get our vote are proud, tell lies, and shed innocent blood. They devise wicked plans, are swift in running to evil, and raise false witnesses. They sow discord and division. These are they that must not get our vote!!

Hebrews 12v15

“Looking ‘carefully’ lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any ‘root of bitterness’ springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled.”

Leaders who are full of bitterness have become defiled. They, from that place, cause trouble and defile many.

Matthew 24v7-12

⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.

⁹ "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. ¹⁰ And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. ¹¹ Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. ¹² And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

We are not to vote for any individual or Party that represents these scriptures! A racist leader will bring us to destruction. Such a leader sows' discord and is divisive. This is the thing God hates the most! It is such a leader that God says we are to reject, for they are warped, are sinning, and are self-condemned. Scripture tells us to have 'nothing to do' with such a person, leader, or Party!

Scripture teaches us to expose these things for like hidden cancer they are eating away at the well-being of our people and our nation: -

Ephesians 5v11

¹¹ And have **no fellowship** with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather **expose them**. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in

secret. ¹³ But **all things that are exposed** are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.

Ephesians 4v26

²⁶ "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, ²⁷ nor give place to the devil.

In this scripture, God is calling us to be angry! The anger that God is calling us to is righteous anger. It is not one of violence. Righteous indignation is a godly trait. This anger is an anger that 'takes a stance against' what is wrong. It is an anger that, without flinching, exposes darkness by shining the light of the truth on it.

We are to be angry at the unrighteous practices of some, for they are destroying the lives of our people. These unrighteous practices have cost our country billions upon billions of Rands. This money lies in the bank accounts of the corrupt and not in that of our desperate poor.

If we protect or conceal the corrupt, we hate our people!

If we expose the corrupt, we love our people!

How can we protect or conceal those who are destroying our people and be comfortable with this!?

These corrupt have ramped up racism and hate, have caused our unemployment to reach pandemic

proportions, and have caused the suffering and literal death of many of our peoples.

We should never be comfortable with the suffering of the innocent at the hands of the corrupt; never! If we truly love our people, then it is impossible to remain silent!

In this scripture God is saying that we are not to let the sun go down on this anger; IE that these things are to keep us in a state of perpetual anger. Our anger is only to cease after the corrupt have been removed! The motive of our anger is to unseat the corrupt for they are fools!

This scripture then describes that if we cease being angry, we are sinning. This sin is 'giving place to the devil'. To give place to the devil is to give him authority to steal, kill, and destroy! 'Giving place to the corrupt' gives them authority to steal, kill, and destroy our lives.

Secondly – Scriptures that teach us **who we should vote for!**

Proverbs 14v34

“Righteousness exalts a nation!”

Amos 5v24

“But let justice run down like water,

And righteousness like a mighty stream.”

We are to vote for righteous Leaders, for they shall exalt our nation! We are to desire to see justice run down like water!

Proverbs 9v10

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom”.

Leaders who fear (reverence) the Lord for these Leaders possess wisdom.

Proverbs 8v13

“The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil;

Pride and arrogance and the evil way

And the perverse mouth I hate”.

We are to vote for Leaders who hate evil, pride, arrogance, the evil way, and a perverse mouth.

Psalms 78v72

So, David led them ‘according to’ the integrity of his heart, and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

We are to vote for an individual or Party with a heart of integrity 'and' who has godly skilful hands!

Vote the worthless and wicked out and vote the righteous in!

Based on the counsel and wisdom of scripture, and assessing six of our current Political Parties, I now grade these Parties accordingly. There are other Parties to consider but these below represent the chasm between the righteous and unrighteous.

I have carefully, and by much research, graded each of these Political Parties **by using a 'percentage of righteousness barometer'** alongside each Party according to scripture; IE God's wisdom and view on these.

I have graded these Parties irrespective of their race or ethnicity grouping because these have zero bearings for God. It is God's righteousness that I am after. Whether the righteous are Black, White, Coloured, Indian, Chinese, Zulu, Swazi, English, Afrikaans, Xhosa, etc is totally irrelevant.

I, too, have assessed and graded these Parties at their status as of August 2021.

It is said that around 80% of our population claims to be Christian. Should every Christian vote for righteousness, our nation would be 'exalted' after our next election! As Christians, we have a duty and responsibility to humanity to seek the prosperity of all peoples. In that 80% of our nation are Christian, our vote will set the people of our country free. Let us, therefore, vote for righteousness for it, and only it can and will exalt our nation.

South Africa - So –

“Who the Heaven do we vote for!?”

We will look at the three current 'primary' Parties by voter's percentages and the ACDP, the FF, and Action SA.

(Based on the righteousness barometer).

1 st) ACDP	80%+
2 nd) FF	80%+
3 rd) Action SA	80%+
4 TH) DA	57%
5 th) ANC	34%
6 th) EFF	21%

Let us look at these six Parties above according to the 'righteousness barometer' for righteousness exalts a nation: -

1st) ACDP

The ACDP has righteous policies, and they will govern for the good and not the evil. Their leader is a solid Christian of integrity and who does not have selfish agendas. He has a heart for the people and will govern in alignment with scripture as his guide.

Righteousness exalts a nation, and he has a righteous heart and holds to righteous policies.

(The ACDP **is** one to vote for).

2nd) The FF as a Party, and by its leader, is somewhat similar to the ACDP and Action SA. They have righteous policies, are Christian based, and have a heart for all the peoples of our nation.

(The FF; **is** one to vote for).

3rd) Action SA as a Party, and by its leader, is somewhat similar to the ACDP and FF. They have righteous policies, are Christian based, and have a heart for all the peoples of our nation.

(Action SA; **is** one to vote for).

4th) Whilst the DA has had some questions marks raised against them, there is no denying that the province they govern is doing better than all other Provinces in SA. They generally have a record of looking out for all races and ethnic groups.

The proof of any pudding is the eating, and they have governed the Western Cape relatively well given the circumstances.

Of the three top Parties by 'voters percentages', the ANC, the DA, and the EFF, the DA represents the better option on the righteousness barometer.

They do, however, have policies that are contrary to scripture, and these are of grave concern. They do not perform too well on the righteousness barometer and have a leaning to being a 'new world order' party.

5th) The ANC has been ravaged and is thwart with infighting. It has a strong dividing line that has resulted in factions. Under Jacob Zuma's leadership, corruption and State Capture has destroyed our nation. We too have not heard the end of the "Ace" in their pack or the looting and unrest we have experienced of late. Corruption and State Capture is the plague that has desecrated them.

Scripture clearly states that a house divided against itself will fall. We can expect the ANC to continue falling, and consequently, we as a nation will continue to fall with it.

Whilst there are but a few people of integrity left in the ANC, these are regrettably 'dancing with the Devil', IE the corrupt.

2 Corinthians 6v14-16a

¹⁴ “Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? ¹⁵ And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? ¹⁶ And what agreement has the temple of God with idols?”

President Cyril Ramaphosa should have dealt with the corruption in the ANC from the day he took over. His 'top 6' are a blend of good and evil, light and darkness, corrupt, and but a few honest. Scripture teaches we should have 'nothing' to do with such evil and divisive persons who sow discord. President Ramaphosa has people in his 'top 6' and people throughout the ANC who are corrupt to the core!

President Ramaphosa cannot meet with his 'top 6' or any within the ANC without being threatened. These corrupt are taking inside information and sending it on to their evil comrades and cadres. These evil comrades and cadres then counter strategise with this inside information.

The ANC apple is regrettable rotten to the core. Unless President Ramaphosa radically 'cleans out the ANC' of these many corrupt individuals, he will keep 'dancing with the devil' and get burnt.

The other primary concern with the ANC is that they have become increasingly aligned to the 'One or New World Order' that the Bible sternly warns us against! We are being sold out to the New World Order puppeteers, and they are pulling the puppet strings they have attached to President Ramaphosa. This is of very grave concern! President Ramaphosa is selling us out!

Regrettably, it is too late for the ANC; the rot has set in so deeply that there is no way out. Their corrupt cadres go right down to the grass-root level of their organisation. They are corrupt right down to and through their branches.

Our media and legal system are reporting corrupt revelations regarding the ANC on a weekly, and sometimes even a daily, basis. The latest is that their corruption has left them at a point where they cannot even pay their staff – They have stolen the money that should have been there to pay their staff.

Their cancer is terminal, and their death bed lies at the back door of Hospice, awaiting their escort to the morgue. Since our precious Madiba, and to some extent our

President Thabo Mbeki, the ANC have fallen over the cliff, and there is no way back.

6th) Wherever the EFF are involved, chaos, anarchy, racism, hatred, and violence abounds. They are a 'bad law unto themselves'. They are an arrogant and racist Party. Their behaviour, or lack of behaviour, in parliament, is an utter embarrassment to our nation. They sow discord on every level and stimulate trouble around every corner. They hold to every policy that has 'always failed' throughout the history of humanity. Socialism has always resulted in deep oppression and the extreme poverty of the masses.

The collective political integrity and intellect of the EFF would not even fill a thimble.

Their leader displays all the signs of a classical Marxist dictator. His Party members are becoming as divisive and arrogant as he is. He is driving investment and business into the ground. He is increasing becoming the number one cause of international disinvestment. Like the arrogant Robert Mugabe, he too is alienating us from the world. He will take us to the same destination as Zimbabwe. He will make us a 'basket case' too.

The EFF Cabal is a dangerous one.

Proverbs 13v10

¹⁰ “Only by pride cometh contention”.

According to scripture, there is only 'one reason' for why there is contention. That reason is pride, IE self-centredness, selfishness, self-seeking, and self-agenda – not others centred! The EFF is in strife and contention with all!! Wherever and whenever they engage, there is contention, strife, foul language, anarchy, and violence. There is only one reason for this, pride! The result of pride is Marxism and dictatorship, for pride is all about and only for self.

The EFF fails abysmally on every single one of the aspects of the righteousness barometer and is by far the 'most dangerous Party' in our beloved South Africa. The last 'F' on the acronym of their Party name stands for 'Fighters', aptly describing one who is in pride. The EFF are always fighting, and fighters hurt and destroy others for they are bullies.

My current point of prayer: -

My current prayer point is that our Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng would form a political party, join the ACDP, the FF, or Action SA. In our Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng, we have a man filled with integrity who has very 'skilful hands' and is righteous to the core. He is an unswerving

Christian and would be a HUGE asset to our country should God lead him into the political Party space!!

Daniel 11v32b

"... the people who **know** their God shall be strong and carry out *great exploits/shall do mighty deeds*".

This scripture so depicts our Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng! – He knows his God!

Who the 'heaven' do we vote for? – RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR IT, AND ONLY IT, WILL EXALT OUR NATION!!

Hosea 8v4

"They set up kings, but not by Me; They made princes, but I did not acknowledge them. From their silver and gold, they made idols for themselves – That they may be cut off."

South Africans, are we not tired of the extreme suffering we are enduring? Are we not tired of the self-serving and abusing leaders we have? They have stolen from and bankrupted all our SOE's. They have robbed both us and our children of a bright future! Let us change the tide; 'we can' for we have the vote to do so!

We cannot wait for our next General Elections of 2024 to make a change!! We have an opportunity to bring about change by voting for righteousness in our 2021

Local Government Elections - And then in our next General Elections of 2024.

Let us take this opportunity and turn the tide toward prosperity for all our peoples by voting according to God and scripture. Let us drop all our biases, agendas, and reasons for voting wrongly. Let us get back on the road Madiba had us on, for it is the road of prosperity.

As a Christian one has three primary Parties to consider voting for. The ACDP, the FF, and Action SA. Can you imagine if these three Parties were the significant Parties in our nation? – We would prosper!!

To be true; we cannot say we are Christians and vote for the corrupt and unrighteous! The Christian holds the majority vote in our nation! Now is our chance to enforce a change by our vote. Vote righteousness that our nation might be exalted!!

Our nation is at a T Junction – It's light versus darkness, truth versus lies, corruption versus prosperity, Satan versus God, evil versus good, righteousness versus unrighteousness, hate versus love, employment versus unemployment, failure versus success.

As in David's case, let us vote for leaders and Parties who have integrity and skillful hands!

As was the case with Joseph, let us vote for leaders who have forgotten the past and want to take us into our prosperous future!

Let us vote for a Party that is 'not guilty' of the seven things God hates!

Let us vote for a Party that does not incite Racism!

Let us not vote for a 'worthless and wicked' man!

Let us 'not' vote for a 'Fool'.

Proverbs 14v34

"Righteousness 'exalts' a nation!"

Let us vote for righteousness for 'heaven' sake!

Psalm 133v1 (A Psalm of David; one of integrity and skilful hands)

Righteous Unity 'commands' a blessing and releases life forever!

Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is*

For brethren to dwell together in unity!

² *It is* like the precious oil upon the head,

Running down on the beard,

The beard of Aaron,

Running down on the edge of his garments.

³ *It is* like the dew of Hermon,

Descending upon the mountains of Zion;

**For there the LORD commanded the blessing—
Life forevermore.**

In conclusion, notices: -

As your fellow African brother, as a brother in Christ, I thank you for reading this book, and in faith, I thank you for voting for righteousness. God is counting on us; let us unite in righteousness and make the difference! Our people, our children, and our nation need us now!

Daniel 12v3

Those who '**are wise**' shall shine

Like the brightness of the firmament,

And those who turn many to righteousness

Like the stars forever and ever.

Let us turn many to righteousness and shine like the stars forever and ever!!

2 Kings 7v9

⁹ Then they said to one another, "We are not doing right. **This day is a day of good news, and we remain silent.** If we wait until morning light, some punishment will come upon us. **Now, 'therefore', come, let us go and tell..."**

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Let us together turn many to righteousness and shine like stars forever and ever! (Daniel 12v3)

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Romans 1v11 – "For I long to be with you that I may impart some gift 'for your good'.

In conclusion, may we convey our deep love to everyone who has read this book, and to each one who may prayerfully choose to Partner with us on this great mission of sharing a message "For 'Your' Good"

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