

Day of Mourning

At various times in scriptural history we see God's people, and sometimes other nations such as Nineveh, repent from their sins and even sit in sackcloth and ashes as they seek to turn from sin and more closely follow God's plans for life.

Those calls for repentance are clearly seen in the book of Jonah and in many places in the Minor Prophets (the last 12 books of the Old Testament). Calls for repentance are seen regularly in the New Testament also (Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 2:38; et al)

Repentance is usually a personal process, but as in the case of Nineveh in the book of Jonah, it can very well be a national process, which, of course, happens when individuals in a nation, as a population, repent in large numbers.

While I seldom follow national trends in America, thousands, perhaps millions, are planning a "Day of Mourning" to mourn about and pray for the abortion plague that is infecting our nation. Sandy and I do, indeed, plan to observe this plan which I outline herein.

The "Day of Mourning," for those who choose to participate, will be on Saturday, February 23, two weeks from now. The plan is to:

- a. Wear black
- b. Not shop (send no sales tax to our increasingly corrupt governments)
- c. Close business you might own and post signs as to why you are closed.
- d. Pray for all the unborn and for all mothers who have had or are considering abortion

Jesus forgives and He forgives completely. He forgave Peter for denying Him three times in one night. He even forgave the apostle Paul who bore the guilt of having Christians imprisoned and killed.

God can and will heal and restore nations who follow His word. America is seeing a growing number of people, especially young people who are both recognizing and rejecting abortion for what it really is, the killing of young humans made in the image of God (Genesis 1:29; 9:6). The unborn John recognized the unborn Jesus and rejoiced in the womb (Luke 1:39-45). David recognized that, "...it is God who has made us and not we ourselves" (Psalm 100:3), and that He knits us together in our mother's womb (Psalm 119:13-16).

It is a personal choice, but we ask you to join us in observing what has now become a *National Day of Mourning*, for our nation, for the unborn and for the sorrows of those touched by this sad situation.

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