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从管教到归和 From Discipline to Reconciliation

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美国马萨诸塞州众议院在 2016年6月1日,礼拜三, 通过一项富有争议的法案, 给变性人提供在公共场所明 给的保护,允许人们选择场 择与他们宣称的性别身份 符合的厕所和更衣室。该法 案在民主党强势的众议院以 116对36票通过。

因为他们虽然知道上帝, 却不当作上帝荣耀他,也不 感谢他。他们的思念变为虚 妄,无知的心就昏暗了。自 The Massachusetts House of Representatives on Wednesday, June 1, 2016 passed a controversial bill that would provide explicit protections for transgender people in public places, allowing people to use restrooms and locker rooms that match their gender identity. The bill passed in the democratic-dominated House by a vote of 116 to 36.1

Gender difference is so clear that no parents had difficulty to tell other people if they had a boy or a girl when they have a new born child. But in this society today, that becomes national issue. Do we lack the basic ability to discern a simple thing? Probably that is why the Bible claims:

For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Claiming to be wise, they became

称为聪明, 反成了愚拙。(罗 马书 1:21-22)

从今天的总统竞选我们也 可以注意到美国的属灵和社 会的滑坡。美国每四年选举 总统。眼下美国正在经历选 举的过程。首先民主党和共 和党分别选举他们的候选 人, 然后候选人在全国范围 内竞争世界上最有权力的位 置, 虽然某一两个比较小的 政党可能参与竞选。从民主 党和共和党两党的候选人, 我们几乎难以看到基督教对 他们的思想和政策有任何影 响, 虽然他们或许会使用某 些基督教词汇来争取基督徒 的选票。

有些人或许认为美国是一 个基督教国家。事实上,从 圣经的观点来看, 世界上没 有一个国家是基督教国家, 虽然我们可以说基督教深刻 地影响了这个国家。不幸的 是,这个国家一直在滑坡远 离圣经。从美国总统候选人 我们可以清楚地看到美国已 经飘离圣经的教导。我真希 望这个国家是一个真正的基 督教国家,在上帝的眼里有 特别的位置,就如当初以色 列那样,从而上帝可能管教 这个国家,恢复雅威上帝的 祝福。

上帝拣选了以色列这个民 族来完成祂的救赎计划。当 以色列飘离上帝的时候,上 fools. (Romans 1:21-22)

From the presidential campaigns today we may also notice the spiritual and social fallings of the United States. Every four years, the United States of America elects its president. Currently the country is in the process of election. First the two major political parties, Democratic and Republic parties, select their candidates. Then the candidates compete nationally for the most powerful position in the world, although one or two candidates from other smaller political parties may join the competition. From the candidates from both Democratic and Republic parties, we may see barely any Christian influence in their ideologies and policies, although they may use some Christian terminologies to win Christian votes.

Some people may think that USA is a Christian country. As a matter fact, no country in the world is a Christian country from the biblical point of view, although we may say that Christianity has deeply influenced this country. Unfortunately this country has been slipping away from biblical principles. From the presidential candidates we may see clearly that USA has drifted far away from the teachings of the Bible. I wished that this country were truly a Christian country and had a special position in God's eye, like the nation of Israel, so that God might discipline this country in order to restore their

帝就管教他们,让整个民族 会回到雅威上帝的面前,正 如耶利米书 50:17-20 所记载 的那样。

管教

以色列是打散的羊,是被狮子赶出的。首先是亚述王 将他吞灭,末后是巴比伦王 尼布甲尼撒将他的骨头折 断。(耶利米书 50:17)

上帝使用亚述和巴比伦惩 罚以色列的罪过。然而,上 帝怜悯祂的儿女,祂看以色 列如被打散的羊,被敌人吞 噬和撕咬。

上帝并不乐于惩罚祂的儿女。上帝的儿女遭罪的时候,上帝自己也难过。上帝爱祂的儿女,对其儿女富有怜悯,因此祂渴望拯救他们,恢复给他们的祝福。

归回

当上帝惩罚以色列的罪过 的时候,许多以色列人被敌 人屠杀。但其中有些被掳到 巴比伦。后来上帝使用波斯 人击败巴比伦人,让以色列 的余民归回到迦南地,让他 们重新有自己的家。

所以万军之耶和华以色列的上帝如此说:"我必罚巴比伦王和他的地,像我从前罚亚述王一样。我必再领以色列回他的草场,他必在迎密和巴珊吃草,又在以法莲

relationship with Yahweh God.

God chose the nation of Israel to complete His plan of redemption. When Israel drifted away, God disciplined them so that the nation would go back to Yahweh God, as God said in Jeremiah 50:17-20.

Discipline

Israel is a hunted sheep driven away by lions. First the king of Assyria devoured him, and now at last Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has gnawed his bones. (Jeremiah 50:17)

God used Assyria and Babylon to punish the sins of Israel. However God had mercy on His children. He saw Israel as a hunted sheep devoured and gnawed by his enemies.

God does not enjoy punishing His children. He suffers when His children suffer. God loved His children and had pity on His children so that He was eager to save them and restore His blessings to them.

Restore

When God punished the sins of Israel, many Israelites were killed by their enemies. But some of them were taken captives and brought to Babylon. Later God used the Persians to defeat Babylonians and let the remnants of Israelites return to the land of Canaan, so that they might have their homes again.

Therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I am bringing punishment on the

山上和基列境内,得以饱足。(耶利米书 50:18-19)

上帝管教以色列人,他们 认罪悔改,上帝就恢复祂给 他们的祝福。

我希望美国能够认罪悔 改,上帝恢复对这个伟大国 家的各样祝福。

归和

上帝不只是恢复给以色列 人各样祝福, 祂还完全地饶 恕他们的罪过。

耶和华说:"当那日子, 那时候,虽寻以色列的罪孽,一无所有;虽寻犹大的罪恶,也无所见;因为我所留下的人,我必赦免。"(耶利米书50:20)

上帝从物质上和社会上祝 福以色列民族,并且上帝饶 恕他们的罪过,让他们在上 帝眼中成为圣洁。

king of Babylon and his land, as I punished the king of Assyria. I will restore Israel to his pasture, and he shall feed on Carmel and in Bashan, and his desire shall be satisfied on the hills of Ephraim and in Gilead. (Jeremiah 50:18-19)

God restored His blessings to the Israelites after He disciplined them and they repented.

I wished that the United States of America could repent their sins and God might restore His blessings to this great country.

Reconciliation

God did not only restore the blessings to Israel, He also forgave their sins completely.

In those days and in that time, declares the LORD, iniquity shall be sought in Israel, and there shall be none. And sin in Judah, and none shall be found, for I will pardon those whom I leave as a remnant. (Jeremiah 50:20)

God blessed the nation of Israel physically and socially. He also forgave their sins so that they became pure in God's eye.

As a loving Heavenly father, God has been training Israel nation like training a child. He gave them the Ten commandments, laws and precepts and told them the blessings for obeying Him and punishments they would receive when they disobey Him. Throughout Israel's history, Israelites often went astray and rebelled against God. God disciplined them in various ways 这个国家认罪悔改, 回到上 帝面前。否则这个国家会继 续下滑崩溃。

such as using foreign nations to defeat them so that they would know their limitations without God. I wish that God does not give up the USA. Instead I hope that this country would repent and go back to Yahweh God. Otherwise this country will continue to fall.

1. http://time.com/4354522/massachusetts-house-transgender-bill/

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可能是当时的谚语, 指不 同的树或者不同的季节。

May be a proverb at the time, refereeing different seasons or different trees.

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举目意味着仰望。

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这意味着北方的巴比伦会 战胜埃及法老。

That means that the Babylonians in the north would overcome the Pharaoh of Egypt.

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不杀人,不参战的。

Not to kill people, not participate the war.

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