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SETTING THE STANDARD

David Kubal

John Quincy Adams wrote that standards “may be ranked among the necessities of life to every individual of human society ... the knowledge of them ... is among the first elements of education.”

In our newly formed country, various colonies began with different standards of weights and measures. Imagine the economic chaos and strained business relationships in a nation where a yard was never guaranteed to be the same length! It wasn't until 1832 that we set a standard of measurement for the first time.

Our founders understood the necessity of setting standards on moral issues as well. James Madison wrote, “We've staked our future on our ability to follow the Ten Commandments with all of our heart.” On another occasion he wrote, “It is the mutual duty of all to practice Christian forbearance, love, and charity toward each other.”

Standards are critical, whether in commerce or in relationships. We see this theme throughout Scripture. Hannah understood this as she prayed during her dedication of Samuel,

“For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ”
—1 Corinthians 3:11

“For the Lord is a God of knowledge; and by Him actions are weighed ... for the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and He has set the world upon them” (1 Samuel 2:3, 8).

The mother of one of Israel's greatest judges clearly understood that it is God who determines what is right and wrong.

Surrounded by a pluralistic society based heavily on tolerance, let's intercede that solid, godly standards would be reestablished. Tolerance and apathy have left our nation with differing standards, resulting in economic chaos and relational tension. Paul wrote about this type of predicament in his letter to the Corinthians: “For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 3:11). As he worked to build the Church, he understood that the Son of God, the final King of Israel, is the author of standards that existed before humankind.

As we focus our prayers this month, let's pray that our Foundation, Jesus Christ, would be recognized. May His weights and measures, and His divine judgment, be our frame of reference and our standard for coherence.

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Scripture instructs us to pray for all in authority (1 Timothy 2:1-2), but how do we do that, exactly? Here are 30 ways to pray for our leaders—our judges, educators, police chiefs, school board members, military officers, elected officials, and others who serve our country by leading. By doing this, you are standing in the gap, intervening between God and those in authority. You can also join others who are praying for our nation's leaders by checking out our online prayer community, GetAmericaPraying.com. Stand together with other praying believers, share prayer requests and answers, educate yourself on issues and more 30 Ways to Pray, and one easy way to connect in prayer!

1. That they be God-fearing and recognize that they are

FIRST FRIDAY PRAYER

June 3

On the first Friday of the month we encourage all to fast and pray for our nation.

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Offer thanksgiving for the Lord's inspiration to our Founding Fathers for a system of government based upon political equality and “common consent,” and for how this displaced tyranny and despotism. Intercede for a renewed understanding and appreciation for our representational form of government, for continued freedom of speech, and for a free and responsible press and media.

GRADUATING YOUTH

Intercede that the young people graduating from elementary school, high school and college in your area be won to Christ and/or strengthened in their faith, that they be graced with believing friends and shielded from sexual temptation, alcohol and drug use, and the occult.

FATHERHOOD

Offer thanksgiving for the renewed awareness of the vital importance of fatherhood to healthy child development and social well-being. Pray that the Lord strengthen and encourage the fathers in your local church and community, asking specifically that they plan and seize opportunities to spend time and develop good relationships with each of their children. Pray that the Lord equip and release more fathers and male mentors in your area.

SERVANTHOOD

Read and reflect upon 1 Corinthians 9:19; 16:14—how Jesus willfully adopted the attitude of a servant, how the apostle Paul “made himself a servant to all,” and how all things should “be done with charity,” performed in a spirit of unconditional agape love and service. Pray that the Lord grant grace to exhibit the love of Christ and to live lives of effective community service—to you, your family members, believing neighbors, area church leaders, and public officials.

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“A GATEWAY FOR TRANSFORMATION”

Interview by Nicole Arnoldbik with Robin Glover

PROFILE SNAPSHOT

Intercessor: Robin Glover

Location: Marietta, Oklahoma

Profession: Ret. Business Owner

IFA member since: approx. 2 years

Meetings: Mondays 3 PM (2-20 people), & a phone group (8 people)

“Prayer is not a dutiful thing, it’s a wonderful thing,” says Robin Glover, a retired business owner in Marietta, Oklahoma. “It’s just a matter of asking our Creator, ‘Where are You going to be today, God? Because that’s where I want to be.’”

Glover charts her week according to these words. Connected to Intercessors for America since 2009, her recent involvement embodies a drive to roll up her sleeves and plunge her hands into the center of each spiritual assignment. After hearing about IFA from a friend and Googling the ministry to learn more, she signed up to receive the monthly Prayer Letter, making copies to share with a weekly prayer group that meets inside her home art studio. One thing led to the next, and when the Lord gave her a fresh vision to help establish more local prayer groups, she contacted IFA Community Prayer Watch Coordinator Beth LaRock to receive a mobilization kit.

The kit inspired her efforts to bring transformation to her community. “My passion is that bridges are built and that churches can come together in one accord and watch God manifest His presence in this area,” she says. “This is key because this is a gateway into Oklahoma.” According to Glover, church splits and “clannishness” characterize the region, and she is saddened by the number of people who’ve left the church, wounded by petty arguments and wary of ever affiliating themselves with another congregation. They are hungry to connect with other believers and join in prayer, but they don’t know where to turn. That’s why IFA provides a safe place, neutral ground, where new intercessors can step outside the roadblocks and compartmental barriers of their communities and find a host of others—from all denominations—who also have a strong burden to pray for restoration and healing.

“I am beginning to see churches reach across the board to one another, and some are becoming less territorial,” says Glover as she describes her efforts to plan a community-wide prayer gathering on the courthouse lawn in September. So far, two pastors have offered their full support for the event, and she expects the gathering to be a portal for healing. “I’ve found that the best way to motivate others to pray—what works for me—is to go out into the mar-

ket places and say, ‘God, send me somewhere to someone who needs you today.’ Then I just start talking to people and passing out my business card with IFA’s contact information on it.”

God always orchestrates the connections. And sometimes He even sends the answers to her prayers (someone in need) straight to her door. One Sunday evening, after her church prayer group of about 30 people had been consistently interceding for two individuals in town who were known for their alcoholism and drug addiction, one of the individuals walked through the door of their prayer meeting. “Are you having church?” he asked, describing how he had walked these streets again and again and felt drawn to come inside each Sunday night but resisted the impulse. His appearance was nothing short of a miracle. The group prayed with him, and to this day he is drug and alcohol free, faithfully serving God in their community.

During that time, Glover admits she had felt discouraged in her prayer life. She couldn’t get people to commit or take initiative, and her exhaustion gave way to private pity-parties. “God used this encounter to show me that I was not alone after all. If all those months of prayer didn’t do anything else but change one man, and get him to change others, this alone was worth it.” She went on to recommend worship as the antidote for discouragement and the perfect structure for weekly prayer gatherings: “I tell people, I don’t care what your gifting or your calling is, our first call is to worship and our second is to intercede. This is non-negotiable. There’s so much to be grateful for, and we are so blessed. Give the thanks and blessing back to God.”

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Jesus Christ: The Nine-fold Stone

Lars Widerberg

Let us examine what scripture says about Jesus as the nine-fold stone. This truth is something you might use under the direction of the Holy Spirit in certain prayer assignments, at the national and state levels, and even where you live.

First: Christ is the “Stone of Israel.”

(Genesis 49:24) In any given nation or city, in every society, in the construction of buildings, and in every organization, there are standards and instruments such as measuring rods or plumb lines. A squared stone, an aligning instrument or set of standards is used to order, to adjust and to correct things. Absolute standards are needed everywhere. Spirits of anti-christ (1 John 4:3) and the principalities of “Ahab and Jezebel” and of “death and hell” say to give these standards up. They work to plunge individuals and nations into deep deception and destruction. Christ is not only interested in those meek, humble persons that are called Christians, He is also interested in being the Stone for an entire nation. Christ is the “Rock” that can be trusted.

Second: Christ is the “Foundation.”

(Isaiah 28:16) He wants to be the foundation of all and everything. He must be regarded as the foundation. If there is any other type of foundation in a nation, a city, a society, a corporation—you name it—a family even, it has to be replaced.

Third: Christ is the “Cornerstone.”

(1 Peter 2:6) He is also called the “precious cornerstone” and Psalm 118:22 proclaims Him to be “the chief cornerstone.” This stone, this specific perfect stone, has to be put right in the middle, in the core, or right in the corner, or at the start of the foundation. He is the cornerstone.

Fourth: Christ is a “Tested Stone.”

(Isaiah 28:16) He is a “sure” or rather a “tried” stone. The forces of Ahab/Jezebel are very prophetic. Jezebel is the “spiritus.” She motivates, stimulates and agitates. When operating in a church or nation, whether working through a man or woman, one thing this spirit says is: “You cannot test my prophecies.” Jezebel

“He is the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone.” —Acts 4:11 NIV

doesn’t dare to be tested. But Jesus and His testimony and Truth dare to be tested. You are allowed, you are even commanded to test what spirit is operating through official pronouncements, prophetic words, in a prayer session, whatever. We are required to discern and test the spirits. (1 John 4:1)

Fifth: Christ is “a Chosen Stone.”

(1 Peter 2:6) Choices have to be made. Our prayers must focus the machinery of choice in our nation and cities. Shortly after our arrival for this conference we visited various sites in Washington, D.C. We were looking for instruction from the Lord. We discovered a fairly new monument, one related to law enforcement and the officers who were killed while on duty. More than 13,200 local U.S. police officers and federal law enforcement officers have now been slain.

Who is the Lord interested in more than anyone else? The widows and orphans and poor and needy, those who cannot do anything at all when violated, when offended, when hurt in many ways.

The Lord said something to us. We as “grass roots” people, common citizens, need to say “Enough!” We will not tolerate it anymore—this manipulation, this offense. When small people cry out to the Lord, He is there listening. A choice to be made is that we cannot keep silent, we must not. You cannot be silent anymore concerning what is going on in this nation. You have to make the Lord your “chosen Stone.” Then, He will again make “justice the measuring line” and release “hail to sweep away the refuge of lies.” (Isaiah 28:17)

Sixth: Christ is “a Living Stone.”

(1 Peter 2:4) You cannot ignore life where there is “death and hell” operat-

ing. What could be easier than just asking for this “Living Stone” to be planted in the midst of what is death and hell? Simple prayer. A prayer that anyone can pray. One of my favorite prayer scriptures is 1 John 5:14-16. When you see sinful practice, what are you supposed to do? You are to pray life into such situations.

Seventh: Christ is the “Stone of Stumbling” and “Rock of Offense.”

(1 Peter 2:8) Concerning corrupt persons in high positions, what are you to do? Like your President, many paint themselves into a corner, don’t they? “They stumble because they are disobedient to the Word” and “to this doom they were also appointed.” (1 Peter 2:8) Law shall come forth from Zion. (Isaiah 2:3) If corrupt officials do not react to law immediately, they will eventually. Christ was ordained by God to be Judge of the living and the dead. (Acts 10:42) He has been “placed” and can prayerfully be affirmed as the “stone of stumbling.”

Eighth: Christ is the “Rejected Stone.”

(Acts 4:11; 1 Peter 2:4,7) The stone which men and builders rejected became the “very cornerstone.” He is still rejected by some church and society builders and multitudes today. No matter, He is still elect and precious in the sight of God.

Ninth: Christ is the “Capstone.”

(Zechariah 4:7) No, not the one on your 1 dollar bill. Ever full of grace, Christ is the living completion, the headstone or capstone, to all appointed and enduring works.

Hide these nine aspects of Christ in your heart. Rotate them in your mind. Form them into your prayers for the scandals and situations you are struggling with right now.

Christ remains the Founding Stone, the Measuring Stone, the Correcting Stone, and the Living Stone. Consider that you can replace false standards, fill voids and release life by prayerfully “setting” Christ, the nine-fold Stone of Israel, in the places of lies, manipulation, death and need in your nation.

—The above was transcribed and adapted from a message delivered by Lars Widerberg of Sweden at the IEA “As In The Days Of Noah” April 1997 conference.

GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER JUNE 12

★ Join the 2011 global prayer to see the fulfillment of Habakkuk 2:14. www.globaldayofprayer.com

WORLD PRAYER ASSEMBLY 2012

★ Jakarta, Indonesia will host the World Prayer Assembly, May 14-18, 2012. Focusing on paramount international concerns that need the Lord's transformation, the event will incorporate significant times of prayer, listening and response. Anyone with a heart for prayer who is making an impact on his/her community or sphere of influence is invited to attend the assembly. Current or aspiring ministry leaders under age 30 are especially encouraged to join. To learn more and respond to a preliminary invitation, visit www.worldprayerassembly.com. (WPA 5/14/2011)

GALLUP POLL: CHARITABLE GIVING

★ Americans are more likely to oppose eliminating the tax deduction for charitable contributions than to oppose getting rid of mortgage interest and state and local taxes. About 7 in 10 oppose eliminating charitable deductions, contrasted with roughly 6 in 10 who oppose eliminating other types of deductions. (G 4/2011)

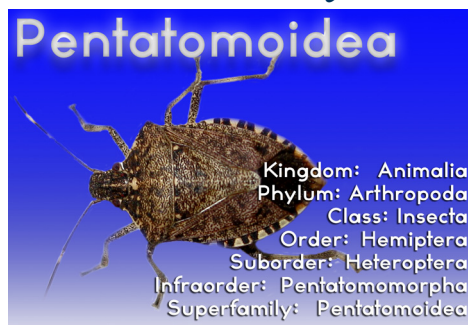
MISSISSIPPI SHOWDOWN

★ The Mississippi Supreme Court plans to hear oral arguments on June 6 in a pre-emptive court challenge against Measure 26, a ballot question defining a person as a "human being" at the point of fertilization. If voters are given the chance to vote on the issue this November, Mississippi is likely to be the first state in the nation to add "personhood" language to its constitution—effectively banning abortion. (WT 4/21/11)

OK PASSES PERSONHOOD BILLS

★ Oklahoma (OK) is now the fourth state (joining Kansas, Idaho, and Nebraska) to enact legislation that protects from abortion unborn children capable of feeling pain. OK Governor Mary Fallin signed into law HB 1888, the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, and SB 547, the Abortion-Is-Not-Health-Care bill. SB 547 prevents coverage for elective abortions under OK health insurance plans, protecting the conscience rights of pro-life premium payers so they're not implicated in the killing of unborn children, and reinforcing the principle that abortion is not health care. The act passed in the OK House with a vote of 85-7, also passing in the Senate with a vote of 38-8. (NRL 4/11)

In America Today...



FARMERS FEAR CROP DAMAGE

The National Pest Management Association warns that this season's stink bug population, (officially known as *pentatomoidea* or brown marmorated stink bugs), will significantly increase. Assumed to have arrived in the United States from Asia in the late '90s, the pest has made its way into 33 states, an increase of eight states since last year. Only the Rockies and Plains states have escaped infestation thus far. According to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the presence of stink bugs in a state does not necessarily mean that agricultural damage has been reported; however, farmers are wary of potential devastation to their crops during the current growing season. Last year, sweet corn, apples, pears, grapes, berries, peaches, tomatoes, and peppers were especially vulnerable.

A USDA research entomologist reports, "Some growers have lost their entire crop to stink bug infestations. This adds up to many millions of dollars of losses in crop values. It's a serious economic loss to some growers." While USDA officials are tackling effective ways to manage the pest, (research in 2010 totaled nearly \$1.09 million), universities and research centers are also pouring their energy into a potential combat strategy. A solution is difficult because the bugs have few natural predators in North America. Researchers believe that an Asian parasitic wasp, known as a *Trissolcus* wasp, could be released into the USA as a biological control; however, studies are underway to determine whether releasing the wasps would cause problems for other species that are beneficial. (UST 3/2011)

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MONSANTO: MOST EVIL COMPANY?

According to Forbes, readers voted the Monsanto Company, the leading producer of genetically engineered seed (GE), as the world's most evil corporation, giving the company "a whopping 51 percent of the vote." Google's first suggested search term for the U.S.-based multinational agricultural biotechnology corporation is 'Monsanto evil'—evidence that environmentalists' opinions of Monsanto are not improving. While a growing number of Americans are becoming critics of genetically modified (GM) technology and taking action in a "Millions Against Monsanto" campaign, a new study adds fuel to their fire, suggesting that consuming GM food is linked to significant organ disruptions in rats and mice. GM critics also continue to warn that hybrids and Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) produce less nutrition per acre, are vulnerable to climate change, disease and pests, and are therefore a recipe for food insecurity. (OCA 4/2011)

TOUR D'UGANDA OUTREACH

The Global Orphan Project (GO Project) announced the Tour d'Uganda, taking place January 7-17, 2012. Twenty-one riders will bike more than 250 miles cross-country, stopping at three GO Project-partner villages caring for orphaned and abandoned children. The Tour will worship with the local church and visit sewing centers, which offer quality jobs for women in the community and whose profits are used to fund orphan care operations. The Tour d'Uganda is open to any person age 18 or older who can ride 250 miles over seven days. Space is limited. Each participant makes a donation of \$15,000, which is largely tax deductible, to The Global Orphan Project. Earlier this year, The Global Orphan Project and GO Adventures hosted the inaugural Tour d'Haiti, honoring the stamina of the Haitian people and delivering bicycles to children on the one-year anniversary of the earthquake. To learn more about the GO Project's work of transforming lives through orphan care, visit www.theglobalorphanproject.org. For more about the Tour d'Uganda, e-mail trace@goproject.org.

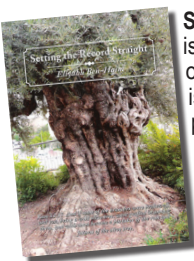
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