

GOING “ALL OUT” FOR GOD

Every once in a while you and I may have heard a coach or a boss say, “We’re going all out. Pulling out all the stops!” Sometimes a business will be purchased and the new owners will submit their determination to make the operation of the business a success by saying “Nothing is sacred...we will evaluate every phase of this business to succeed.” Whenever

there is an election, at least one candidate may carry a broom to indicate a “clean sweep—no holds barred—everything will be considered and changed” attitude.

We often like this declaration of change and renovation—until it touches us! Change what you want, but don’t change me. Don’t think of touching my “sacred cows.” Weed out the non-essential, modify the innermost, but leave ME out of it!

There is nothing on the face of the earth invented or directed or produced by man that is “sacred” to God. God alone is completely pure and holy. Even governments “that have been established by God” (Romans 13:1-7) are not *specifically* sanctioned by God. If a government, even those considered to be benevolent to all that is good, is *not* essential to the eternal purpose of God, *it will fall*. God remains completely and utterly good. There is none good but God. That honor is His alone.

Psalm 46:9-11 tells us “Come, behold the works of the LORD, Who has made desolations in the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire. Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! The LORD of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.” “Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain (Psalm 127:1).

Mankind foolishly builds houses, businesses, governments, and lives *without* regarding the will of the Lord. Manmade installations that are considered to be permanent and secure are not exempt from God’s scrutiny. He sees.

There are no “sacred cows” in the economy of God. God’s eternal love and redemptive purpose can bring about the fall and death of anything—even the death of His beloved, unique, one-of-a-kind Son (John 3:16). Consider this...if souls can be saved, then the loss of all “things” for your salvation is NOT impossible (see Philippians 3:8-11). In fact, it is entirely probable! Nothing is sacred. Every stone can be turned over, removed, and even destroyed for the salvation of YOUR soul.

You are that valuable!

It is only when we live under the ultimate, loving sovereignty of God in Christ that we will find true freedom, joy, and salvation that He purposed to proceed in time. Will we be people who “go all out for God” or give Him lip service and mediocrity?

Bday/Anniv Lunch: ...when we can!

Bible Study: Consider your study of God’s Word (**2 Timothy 2:15**) Make time to learn Scripture that may apply to your life today...

NMCCH: collecting aluminum foil and kitchen trash bags (pick up is later...)

— THANK YOU for reading!