

“Mudslinging!”

This term was originally used in the 1850s, and meant that if you throw enough mud at a wall (or a person) some of it might stick. We certainly see this being played out in our political arenas right now! I struggled with what to write this week, and I think God wants me to throw a little “spiritual mud” at YOUR wall and see what sticks, and what might need to be addressed in your life.

I’ll let 2 Timothy 3:1-5 set the tone for what I have to say: *“But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!”* (NKJV)

We see this being lived out all around us, right in the midst of our everyday lives! I might be wrong, but I believe WHOEVER wins the election, all hell is going to break loose in America, and what we’ve witnessed up until now is nothing compared to what is about to come! Here’s my question - are YOU ready? In the book of Esther, when Haman had plotted to kill all the Jews, Mordecai sent word to Esther that she needed to go before the king and DO something, or the Jews would have no hope!

Just like Esther, we have been called and are (hopefully) prepared for the times we are in, but are we really ready? Have we prepared our families to defend our beliefs in a hostile environment? In our schools? In our communities? In the workplace! I’m afraid many family fortifications look like the walls of Jerusalem which God sent Nehemiah to repair! I dare say in many families, the husbands, wives, and children have erected “walls” of self defense around themselves, while the walls meant to protect the family from attacks have been neglected!

Here’s what Neh. 4:13-15 says: *“Therefore I stationed some of the people behind the lowest points of the wall at the exposed places, posting them by families, with their swords, spears and bows. After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, “Don’t be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes. When our enemies heard that we were aware of their plot and that God had frustrated it, we all returned to the wall, each to our own work.”*

We need some “Esthers” to step forward for such a time as this, and some “Nehemiahs” who will work to rebuild walls around their families! We all need to do some serious preparation work, or we are going to be in very deep trouble! Amen!