

WE CAN LOOSE OUR FREEDOM:

Years ago when I was much younger I use to hunt.
In the 1950's it was almost a right of passage for a young boy.
However, it has been a long time passing and I no longer hunt or even have an interest.

But, all the talk about gun laws and control under the 2nd amendment has absolutely nothing to do with a constitutional right to hunt with a gun. Our fathers were not talking about sport shooting or hunting.

The 2nd Amendment was placed in our Bill of Rights to protect the people from the overbearing and oppressive control of a central government, be it England or the United States government.

I see that the issue is one of Freedom. If our government should gut our Bill of Rights we may in fact find ourselves under a king, dictatorship or like Russia.

The problem as I see it is bad people doing bad things.
We need to focus on the character and nature of the people that are doing the bad things.
Our country was formed under God.
Sadly the people have removed God from the character and focus of our laws.

As a result the people no longer have a standard or guide to follow regarding right and wrong.
We have and continue to follow a downward slippery slope.
We allow all kinds of trash in the media and call it freedom of speech or art.

The reality is that gun laws will not stop bad people from killing people.
We promote killing in many forms in our media, TV, Movies, etc.
But do not speak out against this, or stand up for Godly principles.

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness,
who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.
[ISAIAH 5:20 NIV]

All this that our nation is experiencing reminds me of the judgment on Israel in the prophet Habakkuk. A judgment in time that may well be what we in America are heading toward unless we hear, learn and repent as a people.

Habakkuk's Plea:

1 The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet received.

2 How long, O Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save?

3 Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds.

4 Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.

The Lord's Reply:

5 "Look at the nations and watch — and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told.

6 I am raising up the Babylonians, that ruthless and impetuous people, who sweep across the whole earth to seize dwelling places not their own.

7 They are a feared and dreaded people; they are a law to themselves and promote their own honor.

8 Their horses are swifter than leopards, fiercer than wolves at dusk. Their cavalry gallops headlong; their horsemen come from afar. They fly like a vulture swooping to devour;

9 they all come bent on violence. Their hordes advance like a desert wind and gather prisoners like sand.

10 They deride kings and scoff at rulers. They laugh at all fortified cities; they build earthen ramps and capture them.

11 Then they sweep past like the wind and go on — guilty men, whose own strength is their god."

Habakkuk's Response – How can this be? We are bad but they are worse!

12 O Lord, are you not from everlasting? My God, my Holy One, we will not die. O Lord, you have appointed them to execute judgment; O Rock, you have ordained them to punish.

13 Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrong. Why then do you tolerate the treacherous? Why are you silent while the wicked swallow up those more righteous than themselves?

14 You have made men like fish in the sea, like sea creatures that have no ruler.

15 The wicked foe pulls all of them up with hooks, he catches them in his net, he gathers them up in his dragnet; and so he rejoices and is glad.

16 Therefore he sacrifices to his net and burns incense to his dragnet, for by his net he lives in luxury and enjoys the choicest food.

17 Is he to keep on emptying his net, destroying nations without mercy?
[HABAKKUK 1:1-17 NIV]