



# SHIELD OF FAITH

"Take Up the Shield of Faith" - Paul

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*The church world is full of still-born Christians with no bark, no bite, no courage and no life.  
— Coach Dave Daubenmire*

## **Still Born Watchmen**

Inspired by the Old Testament prophet Isaiah Coach Dave Daubenmire closed his Weekly Word this week titled "Still Born Christians" with the above thought. He based his conclusion on a passage from the prophet Isaiah.

He said, "His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter. Come ye, say they, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and tomorrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant."

I watched a travelogue on YouTube last night before drifting off to sleep. It was about Venezuela and was created in June of 2019, so it is current. The recently economically stable nation is now experiencing hyper inflation. A hamburger costs one months wages in the local currency. The people are surviving by relying on a family member living abroad who sends one or two hundred American dollars a month to sustain the family.

Gas is made available for a donation ... what gas there is. There isn't enough gas for everyone so there are long lines when gas becomes available at a station.

The economic principles of reality as taught by God through the Bible and His Church down through the centuries were perverted in South America many decades ago. The continent divided into many mostly Roman Catholic nations, and then the Roman Catholic Church went socialist and cultural marxist as a result of liberation theology. American Protestant Christianity in the form of a prosperity gospel tinged evangelical Protestantism surged in the twentieth century.

The continent is becoming a toxic stew of Leftism. Venezuela is the future for the continent, and perhaps for North America as well, if we all continue to ignore watchmen who aren't blind and ignorant.

I saw a video of a true watchman yesterday. He was surrounded by rainbow clad aggressive individuals taking turns shouting in his face as he stood his ground on an American street corner proclaiming Jesus Christ's gospel of repentance. The preacher wasn't angry. He was firm. In a more reality-grounded era in the home of the First Amendment the police would have secured the right of the preacher to proclaim the gospel unmolested by demons.

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No more. And this crisis has been a long time developing.

Who were Isaiah's watchmen? To whom in the national life of Israel was he referring? The watchmen were the people in high places, the men and women of power who God made responsible for the life and culture of the people. So, this included those with religious as well as political power.

With that in mind listen to Isaiah once again, "His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter. Come ye, say they, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and tomorrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant."

While I am arguing that Isaiah's condemnation includes the political class let's allow for a moment that he is talking only about those with a prophetic duty before God. That would have been the priests etc. who maintained the Temple and awareness of God's law in the citizenry. Be honest now. A mountain of evidence is now emerging that proves that the West's religious shepherds fit perfectly into Isaiah's description. They are better fitted to an American corporate system of the world than they are to being God's watchmen — tasked with the duty to declare the Father's moral law, call for repentance and nurture eternal reliance on God's son, Jesus Christ and His Holy Spirit.

It is instructive to note what is keeping Venezuela from collapsing into absolute desperation, starvation and chaos. It is the American dollar, which is being propped up using voodoo economics managed by powerful global banking cabals.

What happens when the dollar collapses? Every single fiat currency in human history has been inflated to zero value. Why would the American dollar be an exception to that rule? And what happens next?

Well, in Isaiah's case God abandoned his beloved nation, Israel. Four hundred years of silence preceded the appearance on earth of God incarnate, Jesus Christ. Israel became a minor regional player ... very minor. By the time Jesus Christ arrived they couldn't even enforce their own laws. Rome wielded absolute power over the region once ruled by God.

I can think of nothing better to close with than Isaiah's words once again. The ruling class of the West fits his denunciation so perfectly.

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