

Daily Devotional by Dr. Gloria P. Holmes

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"Gateway to God's Glory in the Midst of the Coronavirus Pandemic"

"LOOKING UNTO JESUS"

"Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2

The Reverend Dr. RB Holmes gives us plenty of reasons why we must keep looking unto Jesus. In the *Capital Outlook* Newspaper, May 28-June 3, 2020, edition, he wrote a powerful editorial piece titled "*Michelle Obama will make a great Vice President.*" I agree wholeheartedly, but Pastor Holmes also seriously described the current state of the United States of America. I will quote several of his comments. "America is in a national crisis. America is perhaps in one of the most dangerous, divisive, delusional, and desperate places of our lifetime. Our beloved country is sick morally, spiritually, mentally, financially, socially, medically, politically, and racially. As a person of faith, I sincerely believe that America can be healed again. This pandemic is a product of our lack of civility, peace, justice and good hygiene. The leadership of our country, our homes, our schools, our industries, our criminal justice system, our houses of worship and our communities really matter! All elections matter! This (upcoming) election is extremely critical to the recovery and revival of our beloved U.S.A." Pastor Holmes goes on to make the case for Michelle Obama as Vice President in the article. However, because Pastor has a charge to keep and a God to glorify, a few days ago, he called for a press conference related to the racial pandemic. During the justified protest movements happening all over the world, he convened local faith leaders, political leaders, and members of the community to pray for peace and call for justice at a prayer vigil at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church. Well, Jesus came to bring peace and justice to our world. And before He left the world to return to heaven, Jesus spoke these powerful words in St. John 14: 27: "*Peace I leave with you; My peace I give unto you; not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*" Therefore, what do we do as we face life's struggles? Where do we go for help? To whom do we look for answers? I recommend Jesus. When our minds are confused and our hearts are broken for all the families struck by tragedy and devastation, we seek the One who is a mind fixer and a heart regulator. When our burdens are too heavy for us to bear, we seek the One who is a burden bearer and a heavy load sharer. Yes, we intercede with prayer, and we encourage everyone we know to vote. Yes, we keep looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith. One hymn writer proclaimed: "*I must tell Jesus, all of my trials, I cannot bear these burdens alone. I must tell Jesus, I must tell Jesus, Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.*" Sisters and brothers, keep looking to Jesus, no matter what.

How will you respond to today's message?

Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus,
Thank You for sitting on the right hand of our Heavenly Father and making intercession for us. We pray that justice will roll down like mighty streams. During the confusion and chaos which characterize our society. We pray for peace and praise You for Your love and peace which passes all understanding.
Amen
