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TEXT: Ecclesiastes 8:1 Who is as the wise man? and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? a man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed.

8 There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death: and there is no discharge in that war...

2 Timothy 4:7 I have fought a **good fight**, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

1960: "*Mayor apologizes to Kennedy. Indianapolis Anti-Catholic demonstration renounced...*" "...the Rev. Greg Dixon conducted an all night prayer meeting at his church....members of this group challenged...Kennedy to debate..."

"The 'three great enemies' of American freedom are communism, fascism, and the Roman Catholic Church, a former federal judge said...The chairman of the meeting, the Rev. Greg Dixon...said the Christian Patriots of America was formed this year...The meeting was called to discuss the 'Vatican threat to American political freedom,' the Rev. Mr. Dixon said." (*Chicago Tribune*, July 5, 1960)

1973: "...Greg Dixon, Pastor of Central Indiana's largest and one of the ten fastest growing churches in the nation..." (*Anderson Herald*, Feb. 17, 1973)

1977: "A campaign against homosexuality and pornography is being launched in Indiana, members of a coalition for 'decency' announced Thursday...[Rep. Don] Boys said he will also offer the 1978 legislature a 'right to decency' bill containing felony punishments for sodomy, rape, bigamy, seduction, incest and enticing a minor to a place of prostitution...Rev. Greg Dixon, also an Indianapolis Baptist,

called for the immediate resignation of Marion County Prosecutor James Kelley on grounds he was not enforcing the law fully against homosexuals..."
(*Jasper Herald*, July 15, 1977)

"More than 12,500 persons rallied...in the second day of the 'right to decency' demonstration...A gathering at the Indiana State Fairgrounds with singer Anita Bryant...preceded...**The Rev. Greg Dixon**...preached during the parade - by loudspeaker - and at the rally, saying **homosexuality and sodomy are sins.**"
(*Linton Daily Citizen*, Oct. 10, 1977)

1979: "Fearing government interference in their church-run schools, several thousand Baptists have rallied at the Statehouse to urge legislators to pass bills to free them from state regulation. The measures being supported by the Baptists included bills to exempt...church schools from unemployment laws and to prohibit the state from defining the type of education church schools must offer...Speakers at the rally included Indiana Attorney General Theodore L Sendak, who told demonstrators, 'You are part of the group that works, believes in God and stands up for this country'...The Rev. Greg Dixon, pastor of the Indianapolis Baptist Temple and a rally organizer, said the nation 'needs some good, old-fashioned, rocked-ribbed conservative Christians'...Dixon and other pastors said that state regulation of church schools is an infringement of the 1st Amendment separation of church and state...Late last year, Dixon and other Baptist pastors won a victory on the unemployment issue, when the state Employment Security Division ruled that schools not accredited by the state do not have to pay unemployment taxes. The bill before the legislature would write that ruling into state law..." (*Anderson Herald Bulletin*, Jan. 17, 1979)

1982: "The Rev. Greg Dixon, national secretary of the Moral Majority, spoke Thursday...The 'Beast' Dixon referred to is 'the Antichrist that is to rule,' he said... Dixon said. 'There are those that have burrowed themselves into high levels of government who do not have the best interest of the nation in mind,' he said. The remainder of Dixon's presentation dealt with accusations against Methodist Bishop James Armstrong of Indianapolis, who Dixon had referred to as an 'antichrist'... In 1964 according to Armstrong himself...he was saying this with glee...that a great victory had been won, he said that only eight and a half percent of the Methodists in America believed that the Bible is the word of God'...'Now I think you can understand how they could install a man like James Armstrong, who does not believe in the bodily resurrection of Christ...the deity of Christ, of the great historic doctrines of the Christian faith. He does not preach the Gospel, he preaches the gospel of Karl Marx...Remember those...words...because the war between Christianity and Communism in our lifetime will never be finished,' Dixon said."

(Rushville-Republican, Feb. 12, 1982)

"The Rev. Greg Dixon, national secretary of the Moral Majority, continued his attack on Methodist Bishop James Armstrong, the country's educational system and child protection laws in an interview...'There's not very many children can be raised without a good thrashing now and then'...The government is trying to take over the family literally from the cradle to the grave...They believe that the state owns the child, I happen to believe that the child belongs to the parents'...They want to prepare children, he said, for the radical change that is coming, which will be a collectivist society, a socialistic society, a one-world government.' The schools, he said were breaking down patriotism and nationalism. This indoctrination, according to Dixon, is prevalent in all subjects from math to science...Children are subjected to 'death education,' Dixon said...Dixon said...He said that J. Edgar Hoover in his book, '*Masters of Deceit*,' said that Communists had infiltrated the pulpits of America. 'Now J. Edgar Hoover ought to know what he was talking about. He was director of the FBI...'" *(Rushville-Republican, Feb. 12, 1982)*

1983: "The United States is controlled by 'a hidden government' of world socialism emanating from the United Nations that threatens freedom of religion in this country, the Rev. Greg Dixon says. To combat that trend, Dixon and some fundamentalist colleagues have formed the American Coalition of Unregistered Churches...'We have now entered the post-Christian era in the United States,' Dixon told reporters...'The repressive boot of tyranny has kicked down the door to the sanctuary.' Dixon said mainline churches don't perceive this threat because 'most of the leadership of the mainline churches are part of this elitist apparatus that believes in one-worldism.'" *(Kokomo Tribune, Sep. 21, 1983)*

1984: "*The Rev. Greg Dixon Jr. (standing) at Indy conference. He's with three of seven women jailed in Nebraska...*Seven Baptist women say they are wanted on arrest warrants and their husbands are in jail all because they want their children taught by church-approved rather than state-accredited teachers...'We cannot return home, there are warrants out for our arrest, and that makes us feel very uncomfortable,' said Mrs. Nolle, who added many townspeople in Louisville, Neb., were angry with the church members for disrupting the town...Nebraska officials have said the church school, operated in the basement of the Faith Baptist Church,

should be closed because it uses teachers not certified by the state...'Once you accept a license from the system, you have to teach their way,' Mrs. Carlson said. 'That includes all sorts of things, including spending only a certain amount of time on religion. And once the license is given to you, it also can be taken away if you aren't following the rules'..." (*Pharos-Tribune*, Jan. 24, 1984)

1986: "When priests, preachers and rabbis from all over Indiana met Thursday to show unity in urging expansion of Indiana's welfare system, the Rev. Greg Dixon of Indianapolis Baptist Temple was not among them...'For all practical purposes the welfare program is anti-family...'...Dixon wants government to provide no welfare system...Dixon has sometimes come to the Legislature with believers by the busload...But he said they never come seeking state aid. 'We're only asking them to let us alone...'..." (*Pharos-Tribune*, Oct. 13, 1986)

1990: "Age hasn't mellowed the Rev. Greg Dixon. Dixon, always in the center of controversy and never afraid to speak his mind, celebrated his 35th anniversary at the Indianapolis Baptist Temple on Sunday. While overseeing the southside church's growth from 200 to 8,000 members, Dixon has flailed out at all levels of government, courts and judges, public schools, social and moral issues to the point of being jailed for his beliefs..." (*Kokomo-Tribune*, Jun., 25, 1990)

1995: "The Rev, Greg Dixon of the Indianapolis Baptist Temple, who led the protest, said Reno was to blame for the Waco deaths..." (*Pharos-Tribune*, May 07, 1995)

2001: "Federal marshals strapped a praying church pastor to a gurney Tuesday and wheeled him into the street, taking control of his church to satisfy a \$6 million tax debt and peacefully ending a 91-day vigil. It's believed to be the first time in in American history the federal government has seized a church. As the Rev. Greg J. Dixon...was lifted off the gurney...he admonished police officers. 'I pray for you that God will forgive you,' he shouted. '**Welcome to communism, America!**'..." (*Kokomo-Tribune*, Feb. 14, 2001)

2 Thessalonians 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

Psalms 11:3 If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

Isaiah 58:12...thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.

1 Timothy 3:15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in **the house of God, which is the church** of the living God, **the pillar** and ground of the truth.

Proverbs 2:3 Yea, **if** thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;

4 **If** thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;

5 **Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD**, and find the knowledge of God.

Proverbs 27:10 Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not...