REPENTANCE

Preparing for Revival and Resurrection



Repenting of a Neglected Mission

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- •Subtle but very strong ways of emphasizing our connection to Christ.

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Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,"

⁸ and,

"A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

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Nehemiah 4

When Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became angry and was greatly incensed. He ridiculed the Jews, ² and in the presence of his associates and the army of Samaria, he said, "What are those feeble Jews doing? Will they restore their wall? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they finish in a day? Can they bring the stones back to life from those heaps of rubble—burned as they are?"

The last time "living stone" was mentioned in Scripture (Nehemiah), it was about someone scoffing the worthlessness of what God was doing (rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem).

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a result of,

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Consecrated to God

Residence of the Holy Spirit

Representation of God's power and presence

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What is precious to God is precious to you. You value what God does.

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God is at work, but it is still rejected!

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Chosen People/Clan

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Exodus 19

⁵ Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶ you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

CHOSEN Clan

Is. 43

- 16 This is what the LORD says—
 he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters,
- The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen,
 the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

Chosen CLAN

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Are you growing up (not just getting older)

"Tasted that God is good"

Since you have experienced the goodness of God, do you come to him?

How?

How often?

For what purpose?

"the living Stone—rejected by humans . . you also, like living stones"

If THE living stones was rejected, what should we be expecting?

How and to what extend have you been rejected like Christ?

What does this suggest about how closely we have associated ourselves with him?

"you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house"

How is the building coming along?

Is there progress being made?

Are you established on Christ?

Is your connection to other Christians strong?

"to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

How well are we being a community of priests - presenting God to those around us? Bringing spiritual sacrifices to God? When was the last time your spiritual offering was costly? In what way was it costly?

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How well do we value what God does?

How well are we living out being

A chosen people?

A royal priesthood?

A holy nation?

God's possession?

How well are we proclaiming the praises his works (to him and the world)?

Once not loved, now we are

How much are we living like we have been transformed?

• Repent (turn around – mind, heart, will)

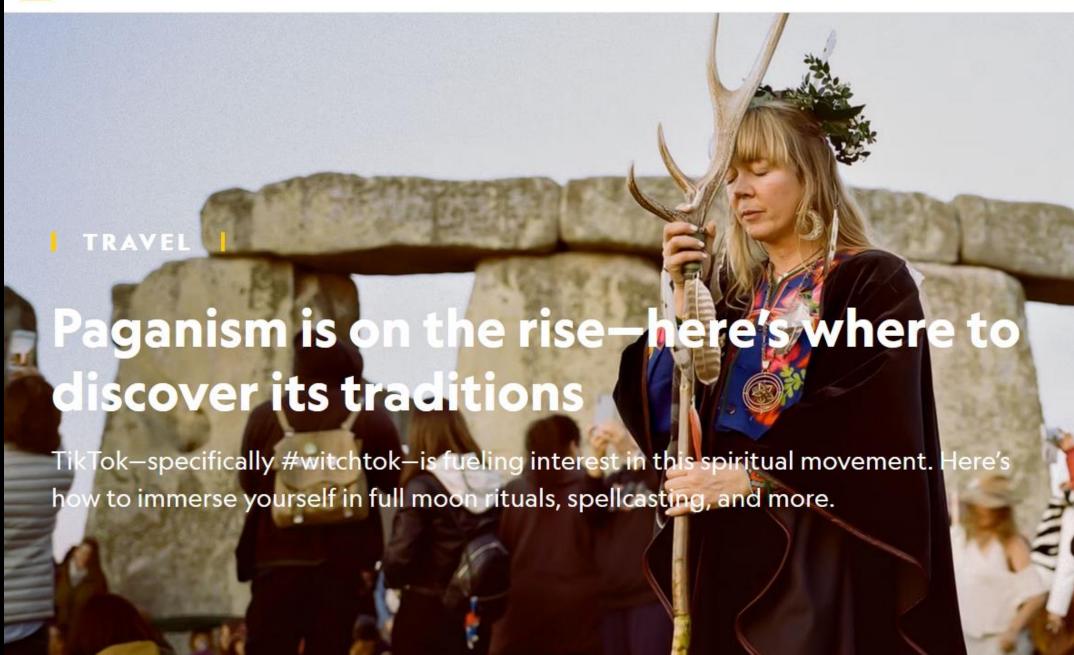
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 - Ask God to heal us of our apathy and lethargy.

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TikTok Is Pushing Incel and Suicide Videos to 13-Year-Olds

It only takes ten minutes on the platform for TikTok's powerful algorithm

to start suggesting extremist content to kids, a new report found.

"The algorithm forces you into a spiral of depression, hopelessness, and self harm, and it's terribly difficult to get out of that spiral once the algorithm thinks it knows what you want to see. And it's extremely alarming to see how easy it is for children to fall into this spiral." - Maen Hammad, co-author of Eko study.

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