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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"Medicine for America - Peculiar People"

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Titus 2:14 says, "[Christ] gave Himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for Himself a people that are His very own, eager to do what is good." The King James Bible says the Lord will purify unto Himself a "peculiar people."

"Peculiar people" (periousios) are God's chosen people in whom He has a special interest. The phrase can be translated as "His treasured people." (The Complete Word Study of the Bible) The Holy Spirit so powerfully expounds this truth in 1 Peter 2:9-10, "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."

The term "chosen people" which used to apply only to Israel

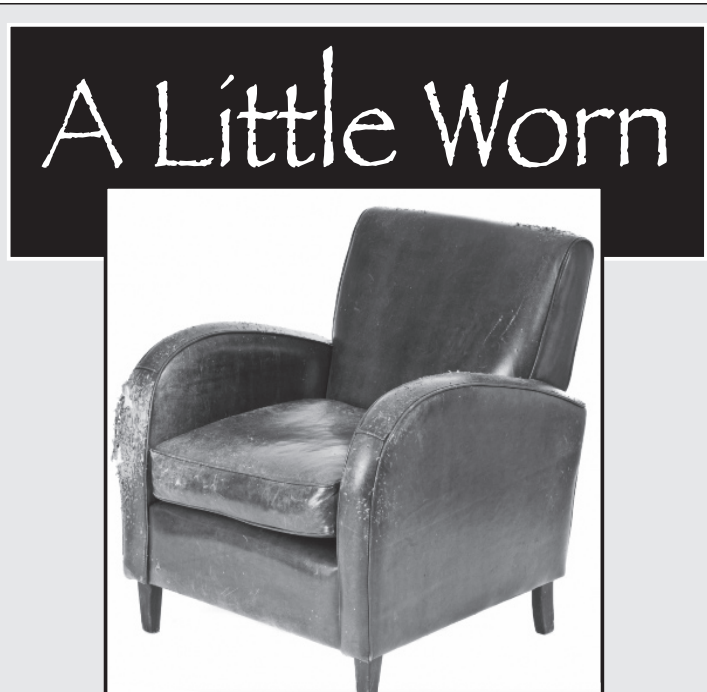
now in this dispensation of grace is applied to all both Christian Jews and Christian Gentiles. The term "belonging to God" is literally "obtaining or preserving" a people called to do service unto the King

of kings. The ultimate price paid upon the Cross of Calvary by Jesus Christ purchased for God a people who will give praise to Him, do good works for the glory of Christ and enables Christians to offer

their bodies as living sacrifices that are holy and pleasing to God. (Hebrews 13:15-16; Romans 12:1)

These "peculiar people" are obedient to the exhortation of the Apostle Paul, "I urge... that prayer, intercession... be made for kings and all those in authority..." (1 Timothy 2:14) True Christians are a chosen people, called by the Name of the Lord that have authority in Christ's name to stand before the throne of grace and petition the Lord to bring a spiritual healing for America, but they must petition the Lord on the basis of confession and with a heart of repentance. All true servants of the Lord in their relationship with God and Christ Jesus are to be consecrated to the Lord's work of prayer. Medicine for America begins with a peculiar people, Christians who will intercede on behalf of the glory of Christ and God's will to be done in this nation.

Are you one of God's peculiar people?



Aworn out chair may get left behind in a move, because it's not nice enough for the new house. It's worn for good reason. Somebody sat in it to read the morning paper and to watch television at night. Perhaps a child was rocked to sleep in his mother's arms while she rested in it. Kids may have jumped and crawled all over it. Some of us might consider forsaking the revered and trusted to search for novel methods for coping and finding contentment. We don't need to - God is faithfully waiting to give our spirit rest and to hold us in His loving arms. Just like a comfortable old chair. There's a place of comfort for you in God's house this week, why not step inside and have a seat?

Sunday Luke 18.1-14	Monday Matthew 6.1-18	Tuesday Acts 3.1-10	Wednesday Acts 3.11-26	Thursday Acts 4.1-22	Friday Acts 4.23-37	Saturday Acts 5.1-16
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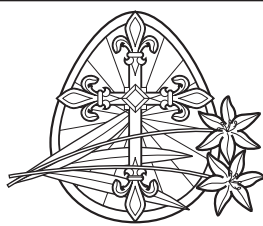
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