

To our Leaders, Great Defender

Statement from the Lawyers' Christian Fellowship

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It was as if Sir Hugh Sherlock, when he penned Jamaica's National Anthem, had insight into or even the prophetic revelation of the issues facing Jamaica today: that without Justice, Truth and the True Wisdom that only comes from Above our nation would find itself in a situation where its moral fabric would be destroyed, its international reputation sullied, its people would lose their love and respect for each other and their fear of the Almighty God, evil would become pervasive and the country would disintegrate into anarchy.

It is clear, from the events which have unfolded recently in our Parliament through to the spiraling unabated murder rate, that Jamaica is unraveling. This is particularly manifest in the legislative agenda where laws intended to preserve the family and defend the rights of the defenseless, such as the unborn child, are being challenged and laws intended to facilitate lifestyles that only lead to societal degradation are being promoted. The country seems to be paralyzed by a fear of man rather than being propelled to action out of a fear of God.

There are urgent calls, and a need for, change; but a change to what? The truth is that Jamaica is infected by the cancer of sin and lawlessness. In large part we acknowledge God through Jesus Christ and symbolically pray to Him through our National Anthem but are we truly God Fearing? To fear God is to hate evil in all forms. It is to hate the blatant as well as the hidden wrongs; the wanton crime and violence as well as injustices and unseen corruption. To fear God is to love Him and embrace His law of love. We espouse civic duty, respect and honour in our Pledge but our actions do not match up. True and lasting change for Jamaica will only come with a progressive change of our hearts towards God.

The Lawyers' Christian Fellowship calls on persons in all spheres of leadership - political, private sector, spiritual - to return to the tenets of our Nation as expressed in our National Anthem and Pledge. We must recognize that with leadership comes the responsibility to dispense duty and service with honour, truth and justice. God has already shown us in His word what is good and what He requires of Man. **It is to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God.**

We truly pray that our Leaders will be humble enough to seek God so that God may grant to them true wisdom which only comes from Him, and that justice and truth will become our vanguard in this Jamaica land we love.