

## “THE SPIRIT OF LAWLESSNESS - PART 4”

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**REVIEW/INTRO:** A spirit of lawlessness is raging in America. It’s cause is rejecting God and His ways (Rom. 1:18-28).

### **I. WHAT DID PETER SAY ABOUT LAWLESSNESS (2Pet. 2:4-10)?**

- A. In the past, God dealt with fallen angels (v. 4), the ungodly in Noah’s day (v. 5), and Sodom & Gomorrah because of their lawlessness (vv. 6-8), while sparing the righteous (Lot & Noah).
- B. God will do the same today, while saving the godly (9-10).

### **II. WHAT DID JOHN SAY ABOUT LAWLESSNESS (1Jn. 3:4-8)?**

- A. Committing sin is lawlessness (v. 4).
- B. The lawless don’t know Jesus (v. 6).
- C. Sin is of the devil (v. 8a).
- D. Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil (v. 8b).

### **III. PRACTICAL PRINCIPLES OF LAWLESSNESS.**

#### **What Leads to More Lawlessness?**

- A. Open borders – allows more lawless people in.
- B. Unfinished walls – makes it very difficult to vet who comes into America. Shouldn’t we protect our citizens?
  - 1. In the O.T., Israel had walls around their cities!
  - 2. America should be open to all who are willing to adopt America’s values, laws & constitution.
  - 3. Does it make sense to lock the doors of your home, but not even have doors to our country?
- C. Financial hardship. Open borders, unfinished walls and our governments out of control spending and unwise polices will lead to financial hardship & more lawlessness.
  - 1. Is America taking in more people than she can care for?

### **IV. WHAT ABOUT CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE?**

- A. Civil disobedience is refusing to comply with certain laws or government orders (typically as a political protest).
- B. Appropriate when you can’t obey both government and God (Acts 4:18-20; 5:27-42; esp. 4:19; 5:29).
- C. Declaration of Independence’s provision.
- D. U.S. Constitution Article V provision.

**CONCLUSION:** What does God want you to do?