

# GLEANINGS

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## **GET THE MAN RIGHT**

The story is told of a father who brought work home from his office. He was attempting to complete it on a Saturday morning while at the same time babysitting his young son. His son wanted his father to go out and play ball with him but the father felt it important for him to complete the work first. All he needed was another hour without interruption so he came up with a plan. He tore a map of the world out of a magazine, cut it up in small pieces, and scattered the pieces on the floor of the kitchen. He promised his son that as soon he put the map of the world back together properly, they would go out and play. He was surprised to hear his son knock on the door after only fifteen minutes. His son had completed the task and had all the pieces taped together properly. The boy had noticed there was a picture of a man on the backside of the page. "I knew that if I got the man right, the world would be right," the son said.

Most of us would agree that our world is coming apart. The citizens of this world think that securing a different president or a different king or a different government administration will put their world back together again. The world, however, will never be moral and honorable until the citizens of this world become moral and honorable.

God detects a stench coming up to Him from the world today. It is not coming from the outside but rather it is coming from the inside of the average citizen. Until we are clean on the inside, we will never get rid of the smell that is offending God. We may be able to bathe and clean the outside but only God can clean the inside of a person. He is only able to clean the inside of a person if that person is willing to repent of their sins, ask forgiveness and request the blood that Jesus Christ shed on Calvary pay their sin debt (Revelation 7:13-14).