

AMERICA NEEDS TO BE REBORN

Jeremiah 29:13

(Not entirely original with me)

Introduction: There is no doubt that the United States of America has been the world's greatest nation for many years and people from every country in the world has come to this great land. Although this nation has been prosperous it is hardly the Christian nation it started out to be. The government is becoming secular and has become openly hostile to Christianity. Our nation faces a great crisis of national and moral character that is causing the nations of the world to begin to look down upon America instead of looking up to it. What is the answer? America needs to go back to its grass roots, back to what it was founded on, back to God.

I. AMERICA IS FOUNDED UPON THE GREATEST DOCUMENT EVER WRITTEN BY MAN

1. The bible is God's Word, divinely and verbally inspired although men who were moved by the Holy Spirit did actually put in writing what they were inspired to write, but what is the greatest document ever written by people themselves?
 - Not Martin Luther's 95 Theses which inspired the Protestant Reformation.
 - Not the Magna Carta, signed by King John of England, providing liberty for England.
2. The greatest document written by human beings is what this country was founded upon, the Declaration of Independence - the birth certificate of the United States of America.
 - The United States Constitution is an outgrowth of the Declaration of Independence.
 - "We hold these truths to be self evident: That all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. (August 2, 1776).
 - "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our Sacred Honor."
 - 56 American heroes signed this Declaration and in doing so, paid with their lives, fortunes and their families.
3. Look at what the Declaration of Independence produced.
 - It promised the greatest good - It influenced the greatest number of people - It provided the greatest quality of life - It gave birth to the greatest nation and that nation provided the greatest freedom in history - It led to the greatest advancement in civilizing this world that has ever been known.
4. Those who produced the Declaration of Independence believed in four basic Christian truths:
 - They believed in a Creator - They believed that God created them in His own image - They believed that God's supernatural act to create mankind should continue to be extended to every person.
 - They believed in absolute truth which they called the "unalienable rights or self-evident truths."
 - The Founders of this nation were men of the Bible - they considered this "absolute truth, self-evident truths.
5. The 56 men who formed the Declaration of Independence paid dearly for their actions.
 - Lewis Morris said "Damn the consequences, give me the pen..."
 - Five who signed were captured by the British, treated as traitors and were tortured to death.
 - Twelve who signed had their homes ransacked and burned.

- Two lost their sons who were serving in the Revolutionary Army.
- Another man who signed had two sons captured.
- 9 of the 56 fought and died from wounds/hardships of the war.
- 24 of the men were lawyers and jurists.
- 11 of the men were merchants.
- 9 were farmers and had large plantations, well educated and men of means.
- Carter Braxton saw his ships destroyed by the British Navy and died in rags.
- Thomas McKean was forced to move his family frequently, serving in Congress without pay, constantly hiding his family, losing his possessions and died in poverty.
- Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge and Middleton had their properties looted and vandalized by the British army.
- Thomas Nelson, Jr. had his home destroyed and died in bankruptcy.
- Francis Lewis has his home/properties destroyed and his wife died in jail.
- John Hart was driven from his dying wife's side and their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields were laid to waste and he lived in the woods and caves, returning to find his wife dead and his children gone. He died a few weeks later of a broken heart and exhaustion.
- Norris and Livingston suffered similar fates.

6. These 56 men pledged "For the support of this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of the Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."
- These men gave us a free and independent America.
 - This country was under British rule and these men and others actually fought their own government.
- DO NOT TAKE YOUR LIBERTIES SO MUCH FOR GRANTED....LET US REMEMBER THAT FREEDOM IS NEVER FREE!!!**

7. There was a cry heard throughout the colonies "No king but Jesus!"
- When Ethan Allen led "The Green Mountain Boys" to capture Ft. Ticonderoga he demanded that the commander surrender and he asked by what authority, Ethan Allen answered, "In the name of the great Jehovah, and the Continental Congress."

8. The story was the same throughout the war.
- Men yearning to be free and believing that God would give them their hearts' desire, created a nation from the grasp of tyranny and established "free and independent States", all based on the recognition and reliance on God.
 - What happened in the formation of the United States of America could not have happened without the evident blessing and assistance of Heaven - Almighty God formed this country of ours.

II. TODAY'S UNITED STATES OF AMERICA LOOKS NOTHING LIKE THOSE GLORY YEARS

1. The government has made intrusions that would not be recognized by the founding fathers.
- Meddlesome regulations, burdensome taxation.
 - The spirit of faith and fearlessness has disappeared from the nation's leaders.
 - Prayer has been removed from public schools when 80% at least want it returned.
 - Abortion has been legalized
 - Same sex marriage now legal.
 - Gay men and women recognized and accepted in the military and other government institutions.
 - The Supreme Court forces the American people to accept non Christian actions and sadly the people of America sit idly by.

2. Some things have not changed, however.
 - God is still holy.
 - Freedom is still worth fighting for.
 - Faith and fearlessness are still qualities of genuine patriotic Americans.

3. Two things stand out in the Declaration of Independence and other writings of these 56 men:
 - They understood the warning of **Proverbs 14:34** - and had intense public spirituality and a comprehension of the linkage between national virtue and national blessings.
 - Americans of today have little appreciation for what these 56 men founded this country upon.

4. What has been taught for 175 years about the history of the foundation of this nation is no longer being taught in public schools. Ask YOUR Children what they know about the foundation of this country and the men who wrote the Declaration of Independence, etc.
 - Benjamin Franklin, not a strong Christian, said, "I have lived, Sirs, a long time and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth - that God governs the affairs of men."
 - What benefit is there to looking back at the spirit that produced this country?
 - President Woodrow Wilson said, "A nation which does not remember what it was yesterday, does not know what it is today, nor what is trying to do. We are trying to do a futile thing if we don't know where we have come from or what we have been about."
 - Douglas MacArthur stated that "no nation in history which lost its moral and cultural core was able to recover from decline.

5. The United States of America has violated all previous covenants with God. No longer can America be called "Christian" nation as it once was. America must claim **2 Chronicles 7:14**.

II. WHAT MUST THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DO?

1. Prepare to meet God (**Amos 4:12**). The United States of America must return to God.
 - America must recognize the unalienable right of absolute truth - return to a national commitment to the Bible - have right living- right thinking - right solutions - right principles with all being found in God's eternal truth and God's absolute authority.
 - America must recognize its' obligation to almighty God who created it, the ONE originally recognized in the Declaration of Independence. America must teach its children that they were created in God's image, did not evolve from some animal form.
 - America must recognize that every American citizen has an equal right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness because they were created in the image of his/her Creator. Racism of every sort must be renounced.
 - Abortion must stop
 - Infanticide must stop
 - Euthanasia must stop.
 - Stop human cloning.
 - America must repent of its personal sins and rebellion. Each person must do this.
 - Forsake the pursuit of selfish pleasures just for the sake of pleasure.
 - Stop the indulgence of sexual pursuits.
 - America must confess its national sin in REPENTANCE.
 - Recognize that national sin will bring God's judgment on this nation
 - Confess and beg God to turn His judgment from this nation.
 - America must fast and pray for revival.
 - Private and corporate pleading for Divine intervention.

- America must restore hope to the hearts of all Americans.
 - Even though America is wicked in things such as abortion, America is still the best hope for the rest of the world.
 - Drug abuse, robberies, rape and violence all over America, yet America is still the best place to live.
 - America can still have revival.

CONCLUSION:

1. The only hope for the United States of America is to have faith in the future, faith in the bible, faith in the Constitution, but most of all, FAITH IN GOD.
2. IF America really did know God in His power, IF America really knew God as the ONE who created this world and this great country, IF America really understood that every single American was created in God's own image, perhaps, just perhaps the greatness of God would be recognized once again and America would seek after Him.
3. *"...Ye shall seek me and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart..." (Jeremiah 29:13)*
4. Pray that God will be merciful and send Christian leadership once again to this great nation.