

## AMERICA'S DELIMA

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### 2 Timothy 3:1-5

**Introduction:** Without question there are still those who have an admiration and respect for America. This country has had wonderful principles of decency and righteousness. There was a time when everyone seemed to be honest, hard working and religious and it was a great place to grow up in.

However, today, America has changed and it is no longer the same country as years gone by. Some still get chills and tears when our flag is flown or when the "Star Spangled Banner" is played, but today such respect and honor is just about gone, even our president doesn't know how to salute our country's flag.

America has changed and something is dreadfully wrong. The freedoms, the honesty, the morality, the respect and love for God that once was characteristic, those things which made America the greatest nation on earth are gone. What has happened? Where have those wonderful, great things gone?

Those who are remembering our nation when it had it's greatness and world respect are placing the blame on the current president, however he is not America's biggest nor main problem.

### I. TODAY'S GOVERNMENT IS BUT A REFLECFTION OF THE AMERICAN CULTURE

1. America has the president and government it deserves!
  - God always gave His people, Israel, the kind of king they deserved.
    - When Israel forgot God and disobeyed His laws, He gave them weak and wicked leaders.
    - When Israel repented and came back to God, He gave them compassionate and strong leaders.
  - **The leadership is always a reflection of the moral and spiritual condition of the people of the nation themselves.**

### II. TODAY'S POLLS REVEAL THE MORAL CONDITION OF AMERICA

1. A clear majority do not care about the moral character of our leaders which is a direct reflection of the spiritual and moral conditioin of our nation.
2. If God follows His established pattern for His people, it is unlikely that America will be allowed Godly leadership and better government until we, as a nation repent.
  - ***"...If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek myu face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land..." (2 Chronicles 7:14)***

### III. THE FOUNDERS OF AMERICA BELIEVED IN A GODLY NATION

1. Before the first settlers left their ship, the Mayflower, they spent the day in fasting and prayer and signed a statement using these words: **"...In the name of God Almighty, we whose names are underwritten...having undertaken for the glory of God, and the advancement of the Christian faith...a voyage to plant the first colony in Northern Virginia..."**
2. The pilgrims on the Mayflower were driven by their Christianity. They wanted a place where their Christianity could be shared with others.

### IV. AMERICA'S CONSTITUTION WAS MADE FOR/BY A RELIGIOUS PEOPLE

1. The founders of America were well aware that the American Constitution would work here only if the American people remained committed to their faith, based on a belief in the Bible as the Word of God. John Adams, second president of the United States said, **"...We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net....Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other..."**
2. Samuel Adams, another of the creators of our great nation said, **"...He therefore is the truest friend to the liberty of his country who tries to promote its virtue, and who, so far as his power and influence extend, will not suffer a man to be chosen into office of power and trust who is not a wise and virtuous man...the sum of it all is, if we would most truly enjoy this gift of Heaven, let us become a virtuous people..."**
3. It is therefore obvious that:
  - Christians were the first who pioneered America, and they came here seeking freedom for their Christian worship.
  - The writers of the Declaration of Independence were influenced by their Christian beliefs and they included their belief in a Creator and His work in that document.
  - Christians wrote the Constitution with a Biblical view of law. They believed that law came from God as self evident truths and inalienable rights.
  - Christianity has been the largest body of people of faith in the United States since the founding of this nation.

### V. AMERICA'S GOVERNMENT IS NO LONGER LED BY GODLY PEOPLE

1. There are many godly and moral men and women in Washington. But, unfortunately, our leaders, in the main, are a direct reflection of the moral bankruptcy that characterizes our homes, schools, businesses, entertainment industry and the society in general.

2. Look at some of the actions of the government:
  - Zoning laws, prohibiting the free exercise of religion.
  - Laws prohibiting a pupil from bringing a Bible to a public school classroom.
  - Laws punishing a pupil for praying in public schools or convocations.
  - Laws prohibiting the reading of Scripture in public schools.
  - Laws prohibiting the display of religious displays in public places and private properties in some States.
  - Laws prohibiting the posting of the Ten Commandments in schools, courtrooms.
  - Laws prohibiting the teaching of Creationism in public schools along side of evolution.
  - Laws allowing the taking of unborn lives even up to six months pregnancy.
  - Laws allowing homosexuality to be "normal" and such marriages recognized as legal.
  - Etc..Etc...Etc....
  
3. These lawmakers and leaders of our nation are **ELECTED or approved by the people**. Thus the nation's leaders are indeed reflections of the condition of America.

## CONCLUSION:

1. America must return to being God's America.
  - The form of government was established on the principle of "God First" and it will not work any other way. That is why no other country has been able to duplicate this great country's government.
  
2. God has promised that before things come to an end, He will pour out His Spirit one more time and revival will come to those who will listen and call upon His Name.
  
3. God's people must fast and pray for that coming revival. To "fast" means to put aside all non-essential things and focus on that which is of greatest necessity.
  
4. America has broken its covenants with God and God is giving America the leadership and government it deserves. But God's people can change that!  
*"...If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin, and heal their land."*
  
5. What, exactly, is YOUR relationship with God the Heavenly Father at this moment?
  - Are you like the average, typical American of our country?
  - Or are you as God wants every American to be?
  
6. What are you going to do to help America come back to God?