

BRING OUR COUNTRY BACK TO GOD

Lamentations 5:21

Introduction: It doesn't take a brain surgeon or a physics expert or anybody of superior knowledge or experience to recognize that our country is in trouble. Serious trouble. The national debt is in trillions of dollars, financial bankruptcy, bankrupt business, tens of thousands without jobs, sky high prices, our soldiers in foreign lands trying to keep peace but involved in war every day. No matter how much difficulty our country gets into, it need not mark the end of the United States of America. Our country's greatest need is to get back to God and if it doesn't, then *"The nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish."*

I. OUR COUNTRY IS LOSING IT'S HERITAGE

1. Our text tells of Israel leaving it's golden days of following God and unbelief and idol worship began to set in.
2. Jeremiah cried out, *"Bring back those glorious years when Israel served God gladly..."*
3. Our country needs to cry out as did Jeremiah, *"...O God, renew our days as of old..."*
 - The settling colonies of this country were Christians.
 - Charters of all colonies were formed around the Bible and God.
 - Even in time of war for freedom, God was in the thoughts of the minds for in 1776 on our day Day of Independence, God was mentioned.
 - In 1777 congress ordered the first Thanksgiving Day. A day to thank God.
 - In the civil war in 1863, the U.S. Senate paused and asked God for help.
4. Our founding Fathers were not atheists, skeptics, unbelievers, or any such, but since then all manner of "beliefs" have sprung in our country.
5. Today there are more Churches than ever before, but not stronger Churches.
 - People of the leadership of our nation refuse to recognize Jesus Christ.
 - Religious groups once speaking for Jesus Christ are now silent.
 - Churches have fine buildings, interesting programs but Jesus Christ is absent.
6. Movements against Jesus Christ and Christianity have started.
 - Atheistic organizations have forced prayer, Bible Readings, Christian organizations out of our public schools and places.
 - Think: Denials of God and Jesus Christ by the very country founded upon God and Jesus.
7. We need to cry out as did Jeremiah, *"...O God, renew our days as of old..."*
 - An America not ashamed of God and Jesus Christ.
 - An America on which Sunday was the day when the entire family worshipped almighty God.
 - An America where men of God didn't compromise the Word of God.
 - An America that had no electricity but it had God and Jesus Christ.

8. *"...Renew our days as of old..."*

- When American households had devoted mothers and fathers, parents who were aware of their responsibilities to God and to their children and family.
- Children who were obedient and respectful of their parents.
- Homes where God and Jesus Christ were regular members.

9. A leader of a great country once spoke saying: **"We need God. We have ignored the ringing of Church bells for worship and now we ring them to warn of war. We left our Churches half empty and now they are in ruins. The money we would not give to God is now being given for higher prices and taxes. The food for which we forgot to say "thanks" for is almost gone and unobtainable. Nights we would not spend in prayer are spent in air raid shelters. We used our automobiles to take us away from God's house, now we have no automobiles or we cannot afford to use them. We did not send enough missionaries to Japan, now we must send soldiers to destroy them. We have not trained our youth for Christ, now we must train them for slaughter and war."**

II. WE NEED TO BRING BACK AND PRESERVE OUR CHRISTIAN HERITAGE

1. We must do more than just cry our "Keep America Christian!"
2. Let every person find strength to speak out for the Lord God.
3. Let every preacher preach as GOD moves, not as people dictate.
4. Take the lead! Don't wait for some "non"- Christian to do it.
5. Speak out against sin and evil.
6. Jeremiah realized that without God he wouldn't be heard, therefore he prayed the words of our text.
7. Let us get BACK on bended knee. Let us once again bow our heads in prayer. Let us pray for our homes, our Church, our communities, towns and cities and most of all, our country.

CONCLUSION:

1. Let the Christian turn to Jesus Christ for help.
2. Let the lost turn to Jesus Christ for salvation.
3. Let our country turn to Jesus Christ for guidance.
4. Do not let any one or any thing keep you from turning to Jesus Christ.
5. May God help our country to come back to HIM.