

**“The Truth As We Know It”**  
**"God Bless America"**  
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This week we are approaching the Day of Independence, July the 4th. I want to address the beauty of this country. People migrated to this country to have the freedom to worship God according to the dictates of their conscience. They established the laws of this country following the laws of God's word in many ways. Many of the towns and cities of this country were named after names in the Bible such as Bethlehem, Mt Zion, Bethany, Macedonia. Mt Vernon, Philadelphia and many others. We name our children Bible names such as John, James, Matthew, Sarah, Martha, Mary, Ruth and many others. We are a Bible believing people.

God is our shield. God is all we need as long as we follow His direction. He told Abraham in Gen 15:1, "The word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward." And in Deu 33:27 we read, "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them." In Zechariah 2:4-5 we read, "..Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein: For I, said the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her."

We are a blessed people because our founding fathers were

God fearing. They obviously believed in God. Fifty-two of the 55 signers of the Constitution were members of the established orthodox churches in the colonies.

The many sculptures portray their beliefs. There are Bible verses etched in stone all over the Federal Buildings and Monuments in Washington , D.C. As you walk up the steps to the building which houses the U.S. Supreme Court you can see near the top of the building a row of the world's law givers and each one is facing the one in the middle who is facing forward with a full frontal view. It is Moses and he is holding the Ten Commandments!

As you enter the Supreme Court courtroom, the two huge oak doors have the Ten Commandments engraved on the lower portion of each door. As you sit inside the courtroom, you can see the wall, right above where the Supreme Court judges sit, a display of the Ten Commandments!

James Madison, the fourth president, known as "The Father of Our Constitution" made the following statement: "We have staked the whole of all our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government, upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God." If we do not control ourselves in an honorable way within the basic laws of God, we will lose all control of our society and chaos will be the result.

Patrick Henry, that patriot and Founding Father of our country said: "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too

often that this great nation was founded not by religionists but by Christians, not on religions, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Every session of Congress begins with a prayer by a paid preacher, whose salary has been paid by the taxpayer since 1777.

But we have come to believe that Politics is dirty and that we as Christians should stay away from it and let unbelievers run the country. But that is a sad mistake. We should run for office and never fail to do our duty and vote. The very first Supreme Court Justice, John Jay, said: "Americans should select and prefer Christians as their rulers."

The Bible tells us in Proverbs 29:2, "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked bear rule, the people mourn." And in Proverbs 11:10 we read, "When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices: and when the wicked perish, there is shouting."

To have a righteous man as our leader is like having a shelter over you. In Isa 32:1-2 we read, "Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment. And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land." Certainly this scripture is a prophesy about Jesus and there will be a time when He will rule this world in peace for one thousand years. But this scripture also applies to righteous

leaders for our land.

How, then, have we gotten to the point that everything we have done for 220 years in this country is now suddenly wrong and unconstitutional? We as a country have forsaken God in too many ways! We have excepted the concept that Separation between Church and State means the State is not to be influenced by the church, when just the opposite is true. I believe in the Separation of Church and State. The State has no right to dictate what the people are to believe or teach.

Isa 5:2-5 we read, "And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also made a winepress therein: and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard. What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes? And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; *and* break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down."

When the people forsake God, He will remove the hedge of protection.

In Psa 89:40-42 we read, "Thou hast broken down all his hedges; thou hast brought his strong holds to ruin. All that pass by the way spoil him: he is a reproach to his

neighbors. Thou hast set up the right hand of his adversaries; thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice."

The Bible says in Proverbs 28:28, "When the wicked rise, men hide themselves: but when they perish, the righteous increase." And in Psalms 9:17 we read, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God."

Many of our national leaders are recognizing that we are in deep trouble as a nation. Governor Sam Brownback of Kansas said, "Any nation that walks away from God walks away from its own future." And Pastor Rick Joyner recognized that we need a great awakening again. He said, "Without this awakening we will not long survive as a great nation, but will be reduced to being a shell of the superpower that we are now. It is that important." I agree!

Government is certainly necessary and there is no government but of God. The Apostle Paul tells us in Romans 13:1-4, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resists the power, resists the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shall have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he bears not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil."

So let us celebrate our freedom once again this

Independence Day.

Listen again next week.

This we do know, The Bible is God's Word, God's word is true, Jesus Christ is God's son, Jesus died to save us from our sin, Without Jesus we are eternally lost. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we might be saved. Atheism is a temporary condition, for every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord! Jesus stands ready to save you now, Will you call on Him today?

Until next week, God bless.