

**“AMERICA! AMERICA! GOD SHED HIS GRACE ON THEE”**

Proverbs 14:34 “Righteous exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people”

Psalm 33:12 “Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his inheritance.”

Intro: America is a nation that God has blessed and, I believe, wants to continue to bless. When I was in Junior High, I was taught that America was a melting pot of peoples. I believed it and have thought of myself, not as a French American, but as an American period.

As Americans, we need to define ourselves and do so plainly and clearly. If you do not want to be an America, go back to your country and your customs. Here is a definition of what an American is:

- I am an American- I forsake any and all allegiance to the ethnic background of the country my ancestors came from.
- I am an American- I will not join in the criticisms of the language and Judeo-Christian history of my country. I will not downgrade, without cause, the founders of my country.
- I am an American- I will pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America as long as it flies over us as the symbol of separate states voluntarily joined together. And as long as the central government does not take away the rights of states to govern themselves.
- I am an American- when I pledge the flag of this country I will do so by proudly saying, as I remember what it was founded to be “One Nation, Under God!”
- I am an American- I will endeavor to flee from the corruptions of this world that weaken us as a nation and keep myself pure.
- I am an American- I will openly and without any apology whatsoever worship the God of the Bible, the God of America as it was founded, Jehovah.

I hope that I have made myself clear: I am an American.

On Memorial Day, we remember those who died to give us the freedoms that we cherish. Did our service men and women die in vain? Are we losing the very freedoms that they fought for? I do believe that they are slipping away one by one. The ACLU and other such organizations are dead set on destroying America.

How is that we can once again see a great revival and an outpouring of God’s blessings upon America?

Our country is in trouble, and there are several reasons for it, and likewise there are several remedies.

## I. AMERICA IS TROUBLED BECAUSE OF UNGODLY LIVING

A. America has forsaken the commandments of Jehovah God; and because of this, we are losing our prosperity economically and spiritually (2 Chronicles 24:20).

1. A forsaking of the commandments of God leads to ungodly living.

2. This country is walking away from God, and He is walking away from us (Judges 10:13 "Yet ye have forsaken me, and served other gods: wherefore I will deliver you no more"). One of these days God will say: "That is it."

B. America has gotten away from Jehovah God and has become an idolatrous nation, a sinful ungodly people.

1. Jeremiah says that Israel had committed two evils and they had to pay for it. They forsook the God of living waters and had hewed out their own cisterns that could not hold water (2:7,8,11-13).

2. In Lamentations, one of the saddest books in the Bible, Jeremiah says: "The crown is fallen from our head: woe unto us, we have sinned."

a. Let me ask you a question. Is America the respected nation that it once was? The answer is NO!

b. America, our Crown has Fallen!

C. Because of the ungodliness of America, we need a resurgence of godly living.

1. We are not serious about the sin problem, and there will not be healing until the infection is dealt with.

2. We allow many things now that we did not allow in the past. We are slipping, and we need to get hold of the truth of God's Word concerning sin.

a. What is in your life that you once considered to be sinful?

b. We are slipping in our modesty, even at church.

c. We are far too tolerant of sin. We need to get back to God and Biblical convictions.

3. Can God bless this country in the shape that it is in?

a. Our country is a land of whoredom, perversion, violence, abortion, murder and euthanasia.

b. How can we expect the blessings of God in the

midst of such sin.

D. If this nation is to survive, the church must take the lead.

1. 1 Peter 4:17 tells us that a return to righteousness must begin at God's house.

2. Friends, the church and the world are too close together! The line between the two is not clearly defined as it once was.

## II. AMERICA IS IN TROUBLE BECAUSE OF PRAYER IS NOT FERVENT

A. There will be no healing without fervent prayer.

1. To pray as we should, we need to be humble. It humbles me to know that God sought me out and saved me. It humbles me to know that I can go into the throne room through the blood of my Lord Jesus Christ.

2. We do not need more programs and planning to get revived. We need more prayer.

B. 2 Chronicles 7:14 is a key verse for the reviving of our often blessed nation. Humble yourself and pray.

1. Prayer was a characteristic of the early church.

a. They prayed before Pentecost (Acts 1:14).

b. The power of God worked mightily in the early church through prayer (Acts 4:31-33).

2. Will you pray for America?

Conclusion: When the church gets revived, sinners will be converted and the country will be a better place. Let us pray for America and preach the blessed Gospel, and do so with fervency and conviction.

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