

# God and America

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## A Christian Beginning

America has turned its back on God. Therefore, God has turned His back on America. You heard me right. God has turned His back on America!

At one time, America was a Christian nation and, I believe, was blessed by God. Nowhere in history will you find a nation more blessed by God, except of course, Israel. *“America has become the world’s lone super-power; the model nation that many try to emulate. More constitutions are based on ours than on any other.”*<sup>1</sup> In Psalms 13:12 we read, *“Blessed is the nation whose God is Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.”* God once was our Lord, and this nation once was blessed.

I sincerely believe that America is a nation that was chosen by God. America’s very beginning was the result of religion. In 1620, the pilgrims landed off the shores of Massachusetts. Their long and dangerous journey was undertaken because they wanted the freedom of religion. They didn’t want to be forced to attend a national church, *i.e.*, the Church of England. They wanted to be able to worship freely.

And they freely gave credit to God for this journey in an agreement they drew up before disembarking from their ship, the *Mayflower*. This agreement, known as the Mayflower Compact, begins *“In the name of God. Amen.”*<sup>2</sup> Further in the Compact, the pilgrims wrote that this undertaking was made *“...for the Glory of God, and Advancement of the Christian faith...”*<sup>3</sup>

In his 1954 speech (as reported in Time Magazine), Earl Warren, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, is quoted as saying,

*“I believe that no one can read the history of our country without realizing the good book, (the Bible) and the spirit of the Savior which have from the beginning been our guiding genius. Whether we look at the first charter of Virginia, or the charter of New England, or the charter of Massachusetts Bay,*

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<sup>1</sup> Gibbs Jr., Dr. David C. with Jerry Newcombe. *One Nation Under God: Ten Things Every Christian Should Know About the Founding of America*. (Seminole, FL, Christian Law Association, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed., 2005), p. 11

<sup>2</sup> The Avalon Project at Yale Law School. *Mayflower Compact 1620*  
<<http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/amerdoc/mayflower.htm>> (September 26, 2005)

<sup>3</sup> *ibid*

*or the fundamental orders of Connecticut, the same objective is present, a Christian land governed by Christian principles. ...I believe the entire Bill of Rights came into being because of the knowledge our forefathers had of the Bible and their belief in it. Freedom of belief, of expression, of assembly, of petition, the dignity of the individual, the sanctity of the home, equal justice under the law, and the reservation of the powers to the people. ...I would like to believe that we are living today in the spirit of the Christian religion. I would also like to believe that as long as we do, no great harm can come to our country.”<sup>4</sup>*

In II Corinthians 3:17, Paul tells the people at the church of Corinth “*where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.*” America has had many liberties. People from all over the world have come to these shores to experience and share these liberties. Technology grew rapidly because of these liberties. Compare these shores with those of other nations: France, Germany, Italy, Vietnam, Korea, Russia, Romania, and Yugoslavia. God has blessed and protected these shores.

Yes my friend, America started off as a Christian nation, but as Proverbs 14:34 says, “*Righteous exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.*” It is sin that has caused God to turn his back on America.

“*Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbours: and our enemies laugh among themselves*” (Psalms 80:6). Does this not sound like America today? Do you know what many countries are calling America? The Great Satan. That’s right. The Great Satan! America’s enemies are laughing at us among themselves! No longer is America respected. We need to pray to God to “*Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine: and we shall be saved*” (Psalm 80:3).

### **The Hedge of Protection**

In Biblical times, a farmer would plant a vineyard. Around this vineyard, he would also plant a hedge. This hedge would have thorns in it and would be used to keep thieves and predators out of the vineyard. In other words, the hedge would keep the enemies of the vineyard out. It was the farmer’s security system. In this same manner, God planted a hedge of protection around Israel and America.

Eventually, God tore the hedge down from around Israel. In Psalm 80:12 we read, “*Why hast thou then broken down her hedges, so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her?*” I am sorry to say that the hedge that was built around America has also been torn down.

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<sup>4</sup> Quoted from Adrian Rogers’ *Will God Impeach America?*

The book of Job teaches us something more about hedges. In the first chapter, Satan is talking to God. In verse 10 and 11, he says to God, *“Hast not thou made an hedge about him (Job), and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? Thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.”*

In other words, Satan is telling God that he can't get to Job. God has put this hedge of protection around Job, his house, and his land and every time he tries to get to Job – bang! – he runs head long into the hedge. But if God would only take away the hedge, then Satan would show God what Job really thought of Him.

This hedge of protection prevents Satan from getting through. Isaiah tells us more about the hedge in chapter 5, verses 1-6:

*“Now will I sing to my wellbeloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My wellbeloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill: 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: And I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briars and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it”*

In this story, a farmer dug up a field, removed all the rocks and planted a wonderful vineyard. Around this vineyard, he planted a hedge to protect it. He then sat back and waited for his grapes to grow. But instead of good grapes, the vineyard brought forth wild grapes: grapes that he could not use. So he tore down the surrounding hedge and allowed any and everything to happen to his vineyard.

In Isaiah 5:7 we learn that *“the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.”* The vineyard is a nation that has been blessed by God, but because of sin, the vineyard did not bring forth good grapes. Because of this, the hedge, or the protection of God, was torn down and the enemy was allowed in.

This is what has happened to America. The hedge has been torn down and we have been turned over to the enemy – Satan. We are now in danger. According to Adrian Rogers, there are three types of dangers to be exact: external danger, internal danger and eternal danger.<sup>5</sup>

### **External Danger**

Remember Psalm 80:12? It reads, “*Why hast thou then broken down her hedges, so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her?*” As I stated earlier, I believe that America’s hedge has been torn down and now America’s resources are being plucked. People are plucking our vineyards.

Nuclear secrets are being plucked out of our national security by foreign countries with whom we supposedly have diplomatic and trade relations with. Trade secrets, ideas, patents, *etc.* are being siphoned away to other nations almost on a daily basis.

Our nation’s resources are crumbling away. Silos full of grain are just sitting, rotting away, because it is cheaper to buy that grain from other countries. The same goes for other resources and products including clothing and workers. If a third-world country can do the job and manufacture the product at a third of the rate, then cooperate America jumps in their direction!

### **Internal Danger**

Morally, America has fallen, and fallen hard. Everywhere you look, you can find evidence of this degeneration. Want proof? Just read your local newspaper.

A tidal wave is covering America today. A tidal wave of corruption. “America is number 1” is said so often by so many people. And they are right. We are number one in homosexuality, divorce, destruction of family values, abortion, political correctness, occult humanistic new age religion, and more!

I believe Adrian Rogers said it best:

*“Think of what is happening among our children and teenagers in our public school system. Prayer is out, policemen are in. Bibles are out, values clarification is in. The Ten Commandments are out, rape, armed robbery, murder, and bombs are in. Creation is out, evolution is in. Corporal punishment is out, disrespect and rebellion are in. Traditional values are out, unwed motherhood is in. Abstinence is out, condoms and abortion are in. Learning is*

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<sup>5</sup> Rogers, Adrian. *Will God Impeach America?*

*out, social engineering is in. Happy days are out, Gothic fashion, gangster rap, heavy rock, heavy metal are in. Blasphemy is in, praise is out.”*<sup>6</sup>

At one time, the Bible was the major textbook in both public and private schools. It was used to teach our children to read. “*By the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, John Adams could state that finding an illiterate man in New England was as rare as a comet.*”<sup>7</sup> That cannot be said of America today.

In public schools today, students can tell others to go to hell. Wouldn't it be fantastic if students were allowed to tell others to go to Heaven?

### **Eternal Danger**

America started off as a Christian nation. Now, America has banned God. God, it seems, is no longer welcomed in America.

In 1962, the United States Supreme Court banned prayer from the public schools. In the following year, the Bible was banned. The Ten Commandments came next in 1980. Legally speaking, our nation has gone from a Christian state to that of an atheistic state.

1973 may be the worst. In January of that year, abortion was made legal when it was deemed that unborn babies were not real human beings. Since that time, American soil has been stained with the blood of over forty billion aborted babies.

In a public school in Colorado, teens were allowed to walk down the hallway wearing trench coats and crying out “Heil Hitler!” Yet I would venture to say that Cassie Bernall, a born-again Christian in that same school, would have been escorted to the principle's office if she went down the hallways carrying a Bible and praising the Lord Jesus. She was killed on April 20, 1999 after confessing her faith in God.<sup>8</sup> The school I speak of is Columbine High School. Cassie Bernall was just one of the many victims of the trench coat wearing, Heil Hitler crying teens.

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<sup>6</sup> Rogers, Adrian. *Will God Impeach America?*

<sup>7</sup> Gibbs Jr., Dr. David C. with Jerry Newcombe. *One Nation Under God: Ten Things Every Christian Should Know About the Founding of America.* (Seminole, FL, Christian Law Association, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed., 2005), p. 66

<sup>8</sup> Cassie Rene Bernall <<http://www.cassierenebernall.org>> (October 30, 2005)

America is falling fast. Here are just a few more examples from the book *One Nation Under God*:<sup>9</sup>

- A pastor is sued for what he preached.
- A church sued for trying to build on its own property.
- Public school students were told they would be expelled if they talked about Jesus in school.
- A world culture teacher brought in an outside speaker to present the Muslim faith to students, but refused to provide the same access for a Christian speaker.
- A public high school student failed a test because he refused to answer a question asking students to prove the scientific falsity of the Biblical claim that Moses parted the Red Sea.
- University students were prohibited from mentioning Jesus by name in an advertisement for their Christian group, while school authorities did not censor the ads of secular groups.
- Members of a Christian club were told their group could not meet unless they agreed to permit non-Christians to be elected to the club leaderships. Other clubs were permitted to limit membership (and leadership) to students who shared their objectives.
- One state supreme court upheld a local regulation permitting businesses to have street preachers arrested if their message was loud enough to be heard inside the buildings.
- A local government attempted to outlaw religious displays in some public parks.
- Churches are unreasonably limited in how they may use the property and facilities they own.
- Home Bible studies are being limited and, in some case, even declared illegal and shut down.
- One city banned a couple from holding more than one prayer meeting in their home each month.
- One Christian was told he could not display the Ten Commandments in front of his trailer in a mobile home park because the display would offend atheist residents.
- Senior citizens were told they could not say grace before eating a common meal in a state-run senior center.
- A hostess at a theme park was told it was against federal law to mention the name of Jesus in the park. She was told she would be terminated immediately if she mentioned that name again in the park, despite all those who routinely took Jesus Christ's name in vain and were not threatened with termination.

These are just some of the many examples of how America has banned God.

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<sup>9</sup> Gibbs Jr., Dr. David C. with Jerry Newcombe. *One Nation Under God: Ten Things Every Christian Should Know About the Founding of America*. (Seminole, FL, Christian Law Association, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed., 2005), pp. 5-9

## God's Judgment

In Psalm 80:16 we read that the vineyard *“is burned with fire, it is cut down: they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.”* God is America's only hope **and** is America's biggest threat. My friend, God's judgment is falling on America in the here and now.

- A. In the 1980's:
  - a. The Midwest and California suffered the worst drought in history, followed by heavy rains resulting in severe flooding.
  - b. Hurricane Hugo struck Charleston, SC. This was then followed by a powerful earthquake in San Francisco, CA.
  - c. America went from being the world's greatest creditor nation to the world's largest debtor nation
- B. In the 1990's:
  - a. More powerful earthquakes rocked California, including a 7.6 magnitude one.
  - b. Hurricane Andrew hit southern Florida.
  - c. Worst rioting since the Civil War took place in Los Angeles.
  - d. Tornadoes devastated the American heartland.
  - e. Record breaking wildfires in California.
  - f. Severe storms up and down the East Coast.
  - g. Record-breaking cold in the Midwest, reaching 90 degrees below zero in some states.
  - h. Terrorist attacks on New York City's World Trade Center.
  - i. Nine million Americans filed for bankruptcy. This is the greatest number since the Great Depression.
- C. In the 2000's:
  - a. Further terrorist attacks against America including the USS Cole, the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.
  - b. And most recently, devastating hurricanes striking the Gulf Coast states, resulting in thousands of people being displaced.

We have said to God, “We don't need You. We don't need You in our schools. We don't need You in our courtrooms. We don't need You in our libraries or bookstores. We don't need You at all.”

And God has replied, “Then I will remove the hedge.”

*“And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants”*  
(Leviticus 18:25).

## **Too Late?**

Is it too late for America? I don't believe so. We need to follow the example of the Psalmist when he writes, "*Return, we beseech Thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine. And the vineyard which Thy right hand hath planted, and the branch that Thou madest strong for Thyself*" (Psalms 80:14)

We must turn back to God. We need a revival in America. We need another Great Awakening like the one that took place prior to the Revolutionary War. That Great Awakening brought the colonies together, resulting in the defeat of the British.

We don't need to worry about who is in charge in Washington, DC. We don't need to worry about who is sitting in the White House or the State House. This revival doesn't need to go through our Nation's Capital. It needs to come from our hearts: from your heart; from my heart; from within every individual's heart.

We need to confess. Remember it is sin that has caused God to remove the hedge of protection from around America. We must confess and turn away from our wicked ways. We must do what is stated in 2 Chronicles 7:14:

*"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 will heal their land."*

And we must speak up. We must speak up in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. In Psalm 80:17 we read, "*Let Thy hand be upon the man of Thy right hand, upon the Son of Man whom Thou madest strong for Thyself.*"

The Psalmist is telling us that our hope is in the Son of Man. Who is the Son of Man? Jesus is the Son of Man. We must speak up in His name. When Christians are told to go back under the rock, we must shout "NO!" We must stand on the Rock: the Rock of Ages, the Rock of Jesus Christ.

We must let people know that our children have First Amendment Rights every time they step onto school property. They have the right to free speech, **which includes praying**. Will some people be offended? Yes, some people will be offended, but remember that the First Amendment says nothing about protecting people from being offended. Christians are offended everyday by militant atheism, humanism, pornography, heavy rock music, profanity, and by amoral sex education.

Not only does the Bible say we have the right to speak, but the Constitution of America does as well. And that nobody shall abridge that right.



## **In Conclusion**

Remember that we don't need a lot of people to start. Jesus started His ministry with only twelve people. Joshua 20:10 tells us "*One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the Lord your God, He it is that fighteth for you, as He hath promised you.*"

America joined World War II after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. Afterwards, Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto allegedly said, "*I had intended to deal a fatal blow to the American fleet by attacking Pearl Harbor. I fear that all we have done is to awaken a sleeping giant and fill him with a terrible resolve.*"<sup>10</sup>

We as Christians also must have a resolve. A resolve to turn America back to God. We must beg for His forgiveness, to have Him turn His face back toward us.

At the opening of the 1996 Kansas Senate, Pastor Joe Wright gave a very politically **in-correct** prayer. This prayer passionately called our nation to repentance and righteousness. Of course many legislators walked out during the prayer. Within six weeks however "*Central Christian Church logged more than 5,000 phone calls, with only 47 of those calls responding negatively.*"<sup>11</sup>

May each one of us have that type of resolve. May each one of us pray that God will stay His hand of mercy on this nation.

May God bless America again.

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<sup>10</sup> Isoroku Yamamoto <[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yamamoto\\_Isoroku](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yamamoto_Isoroku)> (October 29, 2005)

<sup>11</sup> Pastor Joe Wright's Prayer. <<http://www.the-grizz.com/burns/7.html>> (October 29, 2005)

Following is the prayer of Pastor Wright.

*“Heavenly Father, we come before You today to ask Your forgiveness and seek Your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, “Woe on those who call evil good,” but that’s exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and inverted our values*

*We confess that:*

*We have ridiculed the absolute truth of Your Word and called it pluralism;*

*We have worshiped other gods and called it multi-culturalism;*

*We have endorsed perversion and called it an alternative lifestyle;*

*We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery;*

*We have neglected the needy and called it self-preservation;*

*We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare;*

*We have killed our unborn and called it choice;*

*We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable;*

*We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem;*

*We have abused power and called it political savvy;*

*We have coveted our neighbor’s possessions and called it ambition;*

*We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression;*

*We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.*

*Search us, O God, and know our hearts today; try us and see if there be some wicked way in us; cleanse us from every sin and set us free.*

*Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent here by the people of Kansas, and who have been ordained by You, to govern this great state.*

*Grant them Your wisdom to rule and may their decisions direct us to the center of Your will. I ask it in the name of Your Son, the Living Savior, Jesus Christ.*

*Amen”<sup>12</sup>*

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