



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT THIS 4TH OF JULY!

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America the beautiful is fast becoming America the depraved! Things are going on in this land that would have been unthinkable fifty years ago. And the situation is getting worse day by day. DeTocqueville of France visited America over 175 years ago. Upon his return home, he wrote: "I sought for the greatness of America in her harbors and rivers and fertile fields, and her mines and her commerce. It was not there. Not until I went into the churches and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the greatness of her power. America is great because she is good; and if America ever ceases to be good, she shall cease to be great." I do not believe that very many of our pulpits flame with righteousness these days. Very few of our people want to hear it; most will not tolerate it. The reason we do not have revival is God's people do not want it! After all, revival is for those who are saved; if revival comes to God's people, then it will go out to the unsaved. **"Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people."** ~Proverbs 14:34.

How could anyone say that the United States today is good? While it is still the best place on this earth, it is not good - it is evil. Yet most, including many professing Christians, go on as if everything was all right and that God is pleased with what He sees here. Think of the sins of greed, abortion, pornography, sodomy, immorality in high places (low ones too), etc. I have read that today there are over a million pornography sites on the Internet. Television is not fit to watch, what with lust, homosexuality, four letter words as common fare. There are well over one million abortions a year (including the merciless partial abortion procedure). What about sex education in the public schools from the youngest grades, where young people are commonly told that they can do what they wish with their bodies. We have personally heard this from a number of young people. Then, parents are to have no say in their child's decision to have an abortion. Prisoners are turned loose because there is no more room in the prisons to put them. What about all the pandering to the homosexuals; homosexual marriage (what would the founding fathers think), etc. The country is becoming more and more socialist. I have read that one in two Americans have been to a psychiatrist - it seems like half all Americans are on drugs, some legal but nonetheless debilitating, besides all the illegal drugs that are peddled. The Bible says, **"God is angry with the wicked every day."** ~Psalm 7:11. The people of this land need to be reminded of the words of the Psalmist: **"The wicked shall be turned into hell and all the nations that forget God."** ~Psalm 9:17.

America has lost its moorings. By-in-large, America has buried the Bible and precepts upon which it was founded. George Washington stated: "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible." John Adams, second president said, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." John Quincy Adams, the sixth president of the U.S., when a Congressman was also chairman of the American Bible Society. He said: "The highest glory of the American Revolution was this; it connected in one insoluble bond the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity." Can anybody see that in this land today! Thomas Jefferson wrote that "...it was a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the Gift of God." Patrick Henry said, "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians..." (It has been commonly taught for many years that the founding fathers were primarily Deists). I am not exaggerating, literally hundreds of statements similar to those above could be brought forth from the founding fathers and those who followed them.

We hear a lot of talk about revival and praying for America. Indeed, we should pray for our land. But I am afraid that revival is not coming - would to God that it was. As I said earlier, revival is for God's people. But how many children of God want it. Many of God's people are worldly and living for this life. Revival will mean true, heartfelt confession of sin. It will require some serious time in effectual prayer. Most Fundamental churches can only get a corporal's guard out to a weekly Prayer Meeting and some churches no longer conduct a mid-week service. Often where they do, there is precious little prayer. But I think our prayer might be that God would give us the grace and strength to stand in an evil day. It seems that judgment rather than national revival might be in store. I would not be surprised if we are on the verge of God's judgment. Christian, **"It is high time to wake out of sleep..."** It is time for every professing Christian to get serious about the work of the Lord and the things of Christ. What about you? Of course, the best thing that could happen is the return of Christ for His own. **"Even so, come Lord Jesus!"** One of the saddest things in all this is the failure of many Christians to be faithful witnesses for Christ. Multitudes all around us do not know the truth of the Gospel, and the reason is we have not told them. How shameful! Hear God's voice: **"Awake unto righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame."** ~I Corinthians 15:34.

Now, a word to those who have never been "born again." My Friend, God says in His Word, the Bible, that **"There is none righteous, no not one..."** ~Romans 3:10-12. We are all born sinners and need a new birth - a spiritual birth. Please read John 3 where it says, **"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."** Jesus Christ, God's Son came into the world for one purpose - to die for our sins - your sins! The remedy for sin is in John 3:16: **"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."** Notice: **"WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM..."** It is so simple. Trust Christ as your Savior NOW! **"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."**

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