

God Blessed America

Psalm 33:12, 22

Preface

Friday is July 4th, Independence day for America. We will all celebrate in different ways. From going to the beach or grilling out with friends to taking a trip, we will celebrate July 4th by exercising our freedom.

Without a doubt, America is the land of freedom and liberty. However, America is much more than just the land of the free. **America is a land that has been blessed by Almighty God.** The Creator himself has blessed this great country.

We stand and sing “God Bless America.” But, we need to realize that God has already blessed America. God’s watchful eye has been on America.

Scripture – Read

¹² *Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance.* ¹³ *From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind;* ¹⁴ *from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth...* Psalm 33:12-14 NIV

²² *May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you.”* Psalm 33:22 NIV

Introduction

Yes, God has blessed this great nation we call America.

God has not blessed this country because it is America. God has not blessed this country because of its great landscape. God has not blessed this country because of its infrastructure. God has not blessed this country because of its form of government.

God has blessed America because of the hearts and attitudes of its people. **God has blessed this nation because its people have worshiped Him.**

God will bless any nation whose people will humble themselves and worship Him.

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1. God Blessed America’s Birth

There are those who say America was not born out of religious freedom. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Make no mistake about it; the birth of this nation was inspired by the Holy Spirit of God in the hearts of men and women whose faith rested in God.

In researching for this sermon I read several letters of Mayflower passengers and early pilgrims. Without a single exception of the letters I read, everyone speaks of God and their faith numerous times.

Illus: The following is an excerpt from a letter from one pilgrim to his family in England.

“No place hath more gooseberries and strawberries, nor better. Timber of all sorts you have in England doth cover this land, that affords beasts of divers sorts, and great flocks of turkeys, quails, pigeons and partridges; many great lakes abounding with fish, fowl, beavers, and otters. The sea affords us great plenty of all excellent sorts of sea-fish, as the rivers and isles doth variety of wild fowl of most useful sorts. Mines we find, to our thinking; but neither the goodness nor quality we know. Better grain cannot be than the Indian corn, if we will to plant it upon as good ground as a man need desire. We are all freeholders; the rent-day doth not trouble us; and all those good blessings we have, of which and what we list in their seasons for taking. Our company are, for the most part, very religious, honest people; the word of God sincerely taught us ever Sabbath; so that I know not any thing a contented mind can here want.

Your loving kinsman,
William Hilton”

When that band of people crossed the Atlantic and landed in America, it was the bitter cold of winter. As they stepped off the boat they signed a compact which became known as the Mayflower Compact. The first paragraph began with the words, “In the name of God.” The second paragraph began with the words, “For the glory of God.”

No one can honestly say this country was not founded by Christians and upon Christian principles.

Woodrow Wilson, our 28th President said, “America was born a Christian nation. America was born to exemplify that devotion to the elements of righteousness which are derived from the revelations of the Holy Scripture.”

Calvin Coolidge, our 30th President said about the founding fathers, “They were intent upon establishing a Christian commonwealth in accordance with the principle of self-government. They were an inspired body of men... Who can fail to see in it the hand of destiny? Who can doubt that it has been guided by Divine Providence?”

Patrick Henry said, “It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists, but by Christians, not on religion, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ.”

Yes, the very concept of a free America was inspired in the hearts of men and women by God. **If it were not for God, we would have no concept of freedom.**

When the 58 pilgrims gathered and celebrated three days of thanksgiving, it was a time of preaching, praying, singing and eating. Unfortunately, our textbooks today say they were thanking one another but that is not the case. They were thanking God and worshipping God.

God himself had his hand on the birth of the United States of America and we must never lose sight of that.

2. God Blessed America's People

God was not only faithful in the birth of America but also faithful to her people. God has blessed Americans through the ages for their commitment to Him and to His Word.

No one can argue that the United States of America is the greatest, wealthiest and most progressive nation on earth. Our success as a young nation is astonishing.

No other nation can lay claim to such prosperity. Likewise, no other nation can lay claim to such selfless giving and generosity as the United States of America. No other nation can lay claim to the many great inventions that were birthed in America from the hearts of free men.

Truly God has blessed the people of America. Only the unwilling can fail to see God's inspiration to the founders and people of this nation.

When our first President George Washington took the oath of office, he put his hand on the Bible. His first act as President was to kiss the Bible and hold a two hour worship service.

In 1776, 11 of 13 colonies required that one had to be a Christian to be eligible to hold a political office.

In 1777, the Continental Congress voted to spend \$300,000 to purchase Bibles for distribution in the nation.

94% of the writings of the founding fathers of the US contain quotations from the Holy Bible.

The state constitutions of all 50 states contain references to God. The famous “Liberty Bell” has part of Leviticus 25:10 inscribed on it.

The Gettysburg Address states “...this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom...”

Even the city hall building of Los Angeles, CA bears the inscription on the door from Proverbs 14:34, “Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.”

Our 6th President, John Quincy Adams said, “No book in the world deserves to be so unceasingly studied, and so profoundly meditated upon as the Bible.”

Benjamin Franklin once said, “...I see this truth – That God governs the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an Empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the Sacred Writings, that except the Lord build the house they labor in vain who build it.”

Our text today from Psalms says it best, “*Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord...*”

I know that not all Americans have been Christians and I understand that not all founding fathers were saints.

However, God has blessed the faith of those who place their trust in Him. **Yes, God has blessed Americans because of the faith of His people.**

3. God Blessed America's Future

God blessed the birth of America and God blessed her people. In addition, God has blessed the future of America. This may seem like a contradicting statement to say that God has blessed the future of America. But it is a fact, a fact with conditions.

Look again at our text from Psalms, *"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord..." Psalm 33:12*

We are promised that God will bless our nation if we continue to make Him Lord. **If we will make Him Lord and trust in Him for guidance, our nation will remain blessed. If we do not then "all bets are off" and God is likely to punish.**

There is an underlying problem in our country today. Much of our society **worships the created rather than the Creator.** We have elevated the government to a place above the very God who inspired its creation. In doing so, we are removing God from every element of our society.

"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven... But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, **we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace,** too proud to pray to the God that made us. It behooves us then, to humble ourselves before the offended power, to confess our national sins, and pray for clemency and forgiveness." Abraham Lincoln 1863

Today we hear references of "separation of church and state" daily. Organizations and individuals herald this concept as they work to remove any reference of God from public life and government.

The phrase separation of church and state first appeared in a letter written from Thomas Jefferson to the Danbury Baptist Association. The purpose of the letter was to assure them that he would keep the government out of the church. It never meant that the church would stay out of government. He was saying that never again will there be a government controlled church like they had in England.

The idea that Christianity and God have no place in society is a lie belched straight from the belly of Hell. Yet this lie has become the basis of one court decision after another.

Today Christians are intimidated by organizations such as the ACLU who is determined to remove God from public life. We must not stand for such foolishness. We must declare our loyalty first to God and secondly to our country. We must stand here today and refuse to have anyone, anywhere tell us we cannot speak of what God has done for us. Our loyalty is first to our savior and secondly to other things. We must speak of our salvation and what God has done for us.

We must not confuse patriotism with godliness. Without godliness there will be no patriotism. Without God there will be no fairness in laws. Without God there will be no love for our brother. Without God there will be no respect for parents. Without God there will be no honor for the spouse. Without God there will be no government by the people and for the people. Without God there will be no free United States of America. **Without God there will be no liberty.**

It was our Second President, John Adams who wrote in 1798, "Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

Today we perceive our country as strong in might and strong economically. But, we are weak in spirit. **We are weak in our morality because we are weak in faith in God.**

George Washington said in his farewell address, "Do not let anyone claim tribute of American patriotism if they even attempt to remove religion from politics."

All sorts of eccentric groups are shouting out and influencing our country towards immorality and selfishness. **The very fiber of our country is withering away as they poison our sons and daughters with their lies.**

Someone must turn the tide of the United States of America. Someone must lead the people back to a fervent trust in God and His Word. Someone must declare the truth of Jesus Christ and stand firm on that foundation.

¹⁴If my people, who are called by my name, will 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. 2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV

Who has God chosen to reach the heart of America so that He may bless its future? The answer is, The Church! **The church is God's chosen vessel to reach this nation with the gospel of Jesus Christ.**

➤ **Conclusion**

The most patriotic thing you can do is not to set off fireworks or to sing patriotic songs. The best thing we can do for our country is:

1. **Pray** for our country, our leaders and our people.
2. **Live Righteously.** You and I must live our lives according to God's word and we must never surrender to the false teaching of the world.
3. **Share Christ.** Real change will come when people's hearts are changed.

George W. Bush was asked to name the philosopher that had the greatest influence on his life. His answer was, "Christ, because He changed my heart."

Imagine a supreme court where the judges truly seek God's guidance rather than their own reasoning and logic. Image a congress that gets on their knees and asks God, "What would you have us do?"

Imagine a day when we return to the time when the Bible is the standard for the decisions made across this land.

This may seem like a dream but it starts with the church.