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*"America is not merely an **idea**. If America was only an idea, then we are free to hate the **actual Christian people** who founded our nation... but America is not just an idea...America is a **people**, a **land**, a **culture**."*

*"In so many instances we can see the **direct intervention of God's hand** in the American story...**GOD** is the one doing this."*

Psalm 105:1-11

"¹ Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. ² Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. ³ Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. ⁴ Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always. ⁵ Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced, ⁶ you his servants, the descendants of Abraham, his chosen ones, the children of Jacob. ⁷ He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth. ⁸ He remembers his covenant forever, the promise he made, for a thousand generations, ⁹ the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac. ¹⁰ He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree, to Israel as an everlasting covenant: ¹¹ "To you I will give the land of Canaan as the portion you will inherit."

BIG IDEA:

National Identity is biblical and good.

Principle #1:

- 1) Nations, not just individuals, should acknowledge and give thanks God.

Principle #2:

- 2) History should not be the hobby of some but the responsibility of all.

Principle #3:

- 3) Biblical patriotism requires practical effort, not mere sentimentality.



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Discussion Questions:

Getting to Know Me

1. What did you do to celebrate 250 years of God's grace to America?
2. What blessings of being an American are you specifically grateful for?

Into the Bible/Sermon

1. Psalm 105 encourages us to "tell of [God's] wonderful acts". Why is reminding one another of God's wonderful acts so important?
2. What cultural buzzwords/phrases sound good, but are used to promote ideas that do not have their roots in the Bible?
3. Pastor Kyle stated "cultures are not created equal". What were some of the accomplishments of Puritan Christian culture within 20 years of landing at Plymouth?
4. How can growing in love for our nation actually help us grow in our love for God?

Application

1. How were you impacted/encouraged by Pastor Kyle's sermon?
2. What did you learn from Pastor Kyle's sermon?
3. When people assert America is NOT a Christian nation, what theological/historical ammo do you use to point to America's Christian founding?
4. What would it look like for you to grow in gratitude to God as an American?
5. What is your knowledge of the true story of American History? What can you do to familiarize yourself with the national and historical story you are a character in?
6. What sort of practical effort can you make to be an involved Christian in our political system?