



## **God Bless America**

In 1918 Irving Berlin wrote the song God Bless America. “God bless America, Land that I love, Stand beside her, And guide her, Through the night with a light from above, From the mountains, To the prairies, To the oceans white with foam, God bless America, My home, sweet home.”

“The highest, the transcendent glory of the American Revolution was this—it connected, in one indissoluble bond, the principles of civil government with the precepts of Christianity.” John Quincy Adams August 22, 1837. “The Bible is the rock on which our republic rests.” Andrew Jackson, June 8, 1845

French writer Alexis de Tocqueville, after visiting America in 1831, said, “I sought for the greatness of the United States in her commodious harbors, her ample rivers, her fertile fields, and boundless forests—and it was not there. I sought for it in her rich mines, her vast world commerce, her public school system, and in her institutions of higher learning—and it was not there. I looked for it in her democratic Congress and her matchless Constitution—and it was not there. Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great!”

Today freedom in America is almost lost. We are in a state of great moral decay. Yet there is hope for America and this hope rests in the hands of Christians. All Christians have to do is to sit on our hands and do nothing and complete moral decay will occur as surely as night follows day. Our elected officials at the highest levels in government are pushing for a rejection of God in all forms of government and everyday life. It has been said that there are three important trends

that demonstrate national moral decay. 1. The rise in immorality. 2. The decay of religious belief. 3. The devaluing of human life. Our government at the highest levels is encouraging all three of these trends.

Our government is calling what is evil as good, what is good as evil. There are great spiritual and financial forces warring for the hearts and souls of Americans. This is not new. Ungodliness has existed for a long time. **Romans 1:18-32 (NASB)** *“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.*

*For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.*

*Therefore, God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason, God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.*

*And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips,*

*slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.”*

However, I believe the future for America rest not in the halls of government, but in the hearts and minds of the many Christians in America. We should not underestimate the power available to us. God has eternally settled the victory over Satan by Jesus' resurrection. Satan is angry that he has lost the eternal battle with God and is thus working very hard to take as many people as he can with him and his angels to the abyss where their eternal destination will be. We as Christians need to remember that we have the only message that will bring peace, joy, and happiness to America and all mankind. We need to work as hard to provide the message of salvation in America, as Satan's forces are working to destroy America. We live in a greatly blessed country and we owe it to our country to share God's eternal saving message with all and to pray and pay attention to what we have the power to do. With God's help we can turn this country back to being a moral nation. Pay attention to what our elected officials are doing, not to what they are saying. Satan is the father of lies and uses lies masqueraded as truth to deceive men. I urge you to spend some time in prayer each day for our country and also ask God what He would have you do for our country. God gave His Son for all mankind, and He does not want any to perish. The gospel will be victorious if we teach the gospel to mankind. It is good news and America needs a good dose of good news, in the midst of its rush toward destruction.

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