

JULY 3RD 2022 HANDOUT “A NATION IN NEED!”

Psalms 33:12 “Blessed is the Nation whose God is the LORD; and the People whom He hath Chosen for His Own Inheritance”.

- Today, the Spiritual Foundation the 56 Originators Built into the Declaration of Independence have been All but Demolished and Uprooted by Leaders who Do NOT Stand on Godly Principles.
- **READ 2nd Chronicles Chapter 15: 1-15**

OUR TEXT GIVES US 3 CONDITIONS FOR GOD’S BLESSINGS

1-The Lord is With You WHEN You Are With Him. When you get with God, He’ll get with you. Again, we may not like this, but it is still God’s word. **James 4: 8**

2-If You Seek Him, THEN He Will Be Found by You. **Jeremiah 29:12-13**

3-If You Abandon Him, THEN He Will Allow You to Go and Choose Your Way.

- Wishful thinking Says...“Surely if God is a God of love, He will Never Abandon us.”
- YES...The Bible Teaches that God will Never Leave or Forsake Us...BUT...God Allows Us the Choice to either Follow Him...Or Forsake Him.

“The Consequences Without God’s Blessings Are Costly” Parallel For the USA Is Striking.

First...The Land is Filled with Chaos. Today’s Text says that there was “No Teaching and No Law” When No one Teaches Right from Wrong, Everyone is Free to Do what is Right in Their Own Eyes.

- When this happens, there is NO Standard NO Foundation for Society...It Leads To Confusion & Chaos. {Humanism...I’m OK, You’re OK! NO ABSOLUTE TRUTH!}
- Look At America Today. People are Confused about Almost Every Foundational Issue...Leading a Nation into Chaos Not Knowing Right from Wrong.

Chaos is Progressive And Leads Us to a...Land Filled with Conflict... Today, in America, Conflict Rages from the House to the School House to the White house. We can track its beginnings in this country. When We Began Removing God from Our Schools, Government, and other Public Places.

- Vs 3 says, “*that for Many Years Israel Was Without a TRUE GOD.*”
- God’s Word tells us that God the Holy Spirit is a Restrainer of Evil...When People Turn from God...The Holy Spirit Cannot Work and Corruption Comes to a Nation.

The Consequences of the USA being Without God’s Covering has Led to Killing of the Unborn at an Alarming Rate, a Gender-Neutral Society...This has increased Violence, Killings, Senseless Murders.

The Cost of Walking Away from God is High. And Our Text Tells Us What We Must Do! We are a Country in Need of God’s Renewed Blessings. To Experience God’s Blessings & Approval Again, **We Need to Learn and Adopt 2 things from our Text.**

First...We Need Godly People! {Beatitudes} Mourning Over Our Sin and The Sins of the World.

- To Stand Firm on Gods Word and Seek His Blessings!

The people we’re Grateful for a Leader who stepped forward with Godly leadership. They Repented, and became godly by their Changed Attitudes and Actions. **America, at this Point, has Not Done This!**

- Sacrifice would Not have taken place, Worship would Not have been experienced, and what follows would Not be recorded had they not recognized their own corruption.
- **This is the starting point, for any nation, church or person.**
- When we Refuse to Acknowledge Our Sinfulness, there will be NO Change in Us. But, When We Admit Our SIN, God Moves In Our Hearts and Conforms Us to His Image.

Israel Made the Choice to Confess and Turn from Sin to God...**And They Sealed It with a Covenant.**

- NOTE: A Contract is Based on Law, while a Covenant is Based on LOVE.
- Covenant *"I will Seek the Lord with All My Mind and Heart."* **LOVE GOD! VS 14-15**
- **And the LORD gave them rest on Every Side.** When a Nation invites and acknowledges God's presence there is Joy, Love, Peace and Contentment.

Finally, We Need Godly Leaders! READ 2 Chron 15:8,9 "He took Courage." He LED with Courage. And 4 Things Followed his Leadership:

1-He Removed the Idols. Anything that takes Precedence Over God is an Idol!

2-He Renovated the House of Worship. Actively Honoring God!

3-He Reunited the People. (A house Divided cannot stand!) He gathered everyone together. Asa knew the importance of building unity among the people...Matthew 12:25 Jesus said, *"A House Divided Against Itself Cannot Stand"*.

Then He Restored Authentic Worship. He turned people's hearts toward God and they offered "Sacrifices" to the Lord.

- Today...America is a Country in Need...And A Relationship with God Through Jesus Christ is the Only Thing Which Will Heal Our Land!

President Ronald Reagan, *"America was founded by people who believe that God was their rock of safety. I recognize we must be cautious in claiming that God is on our side, but I think it's all right to keep asking If We're On His Side."* **READ 2 Chronicles 7:14**

As Christians God has Given US A SINGLE MISSION! David Jeremiah says, *"There is a moral and spiritual war for the souls of Americans. And this war must be waged by preaching the Gospel, prayer, and obedience to God's Word."*

OUR MISSION: Matthew 28:19-20 *"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

Consider how Moths are Drawn to LIGHT... Moths use the moon to navigate in the darkness, so they are only doing what comes natural to them, but unsaved people prefer the darkness and don't like the light because it exposes their sin.

- **Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life"** (John 8:12),
- Matthew 5:14 tells us, "We are the Light of the World. A City Set on a Hill Can Not Be Hidden".

What He is saying is that if You Truly have the Light of the World Living in You, it Can't be Hidden. And Others Will be Drawn to that Light like a Moth to a Porchlight...

"LIFE" POINT: As they Come...I Will Point Them to Jesus...the "Light of the World".

Ronald Reagan *The Time has Come to Turn to God and Reassert Our Trust in Him for the Healing of America - Our Country is in Need of and Ready for a Spiritual Renewal.*