

WHAT IS HAPPENING TO OUR GREAT NATION?!

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"If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (Psalm 11:3)

As I hear depressing news concerning America streaming from the media each day, I'm reminded of the passage of Scripture quoted above. It's almost impossible to turn on the TV, or pick up a newspaper without seeing the very foundations of our country crumbling beneath our feet. Our government is in total disarray, our morals are swiftly deteriorating, our schools are becoming breeding grounds for anarchy, lawlessness is startling, our economic stance is a pile of debts beyond words, and the list goes on and on.

Although we are making quantum leaps in technology and roaming the far reaches of mars and pushing the boundaries of space, our ethical values, basic honor and rudimentary human decency are regressing to savage-like status. The very "foundations" of society that made this nation great are collapsing at an alarming rate.

With this in mind, let's take a look back at some of the appraisals made by the founding fathers during the formation of our country – time-proven-statutes that made us a great and prosperous nation. Maybe their observations can steer us back in the right direction.

I) The first and foremost observation put forth by our founding fathers, is to shore up our countries foundations via putting Got back in His rightful position as the Supreme Founding Father.

- "...God governs in 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?" Ben Franklin, at the Constitutional Convention

Without God we are the blind leading the blind – a country set on *"doing that which is right in their own eyes."* In other words, your set of morals is as good as mine and it doesn't matter what I believe and do so long as it doesn't 'invade your space'. You see, without God and His Word, we have no 'yard stick', no 'guide book' to govern society – we are left to our own devices.

II) The second observation to aid in shoring up our foundations was stated by John Adams:

- "The general principles on which the fathers achieved Independence were ... the general principles of Christianity ... I will avow that I then believed, and now believe, that the general principles of Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the existence and attributes of God."

While there are those who would deny Christianity as the foundation upon which the founding fathers began building our country, there is overwhelming evidence that speaks otherwise. Listen to these quotes from our early founding fathers:

- "In this age, there is no substitute for Christianity...That was the religion of the founders of the republic, and they expected it to remain the religion of their descendants." House Judiciary Committee in 1854

- "Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is their duty-as well as privilege and interest- of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers." (John Jay, the first Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, and one of the three men most responsible for the writing of the Constitution)

It sounds like the Founding Fathers knew America was to be founded as, and perpetuated as a Christian nation. Most of the fifty-five Founding Fathers who worked on the Constitution were members of orthodox Christian churches and many were even evangelical Christians. The first official act in the first Continental Congress was to open in Christian prayer, which ended in these words: "...the merits of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Savior. Amen".

III) The observations by our founding fathers that made this nation great, moreover, were: God, Christianity, and the third observation is that of reliance on the Bible to govern it. Listen to the quotes of these great men:

- "I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. "All the good from the Savior of the world is communicated to us thru this book." Abraham Lincoln

- "It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God or the Bible." George Washington

- "That book, sir, is the rock on which our republic rests." Andrew Jackson

- "So great is my veneration for the Bible that the earlier my children begin to read it the more confident will be my hope that they will prove useful citizens of their country and respectable members of society. I have for many years made it a practice to read thru the Bible once every year." John Quincy Adams

- "There are more sure marks of authenticity in the Bible than in any profane history." Sir Isaac Newton

John Jay, the first Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, and one of the three men most responsible for the writing of the Constitution declared:

- "To say that this nation was not founded as a Christian nation or that the Constitution was not founded on Christian principles is totally at odds with the facts of history.

History has recorded, therefore, that the founding fathers relied upon these three things during the infancy and founding of our nation: God, Christianity, and the Bible. Maybe we should return to these principles of success and begin restoring the foundations of our country.

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Dear Lord, while there are those who would contradict that our nation was erected on God, the work of Christ and the infallibility of your Word, the historic records prove otherwise. Help us, as a united people, to return to our roots, shore up the crumbling foundations and restore America to the glory she deserves. To continue on our present course is a slap in the face of all those that worked and gave their lives for our country.

In Jesus name, your son, Pastor Greg.