

THE NATION THAT BLESSES GOD WILL BE BLESSED BY GOD

PSALM 33:12

INTRO: We all love the song “GOD BLESS AMERICA.” And when Kate Smith sings it most of us have a huge spike in our PATRIOTISM. That particular song is in reality a prayer asking GOD TO BLESS AMERICA. Certainly all of us want God to bless America but the question is, CAN HE DO IT TODAY? There is NO DOUBT that God has blessed America in the past. The book entitled, “*THE 5000 YEAR LEAP*” describes how things in the world went along just about the same for years until America was founded. For instance: The mode of transportation was the same; The method of lighting was the same; The means of communication were the same; The implements for farming were the same; Much of the process for battle in war was the same, etc. But when America was founded (ON BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES, BY THE WAY), things began to change, not only in America, but around the world. **NOT ONLY DID GOD BLESS AMERICA, BUT GOD BLESSED THE ENTIRE WORLD THROUGH AMERICA. WHY DID GOD BLESS AMERICA AND THE WORLD THROUGH AMERICA? BECAUSE THE FOUNDERS AND EARLY FATHERS OF AMERICA BUILT THIS NATION AROUND THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD AND UPON THE PRINCIPLES OF GOD’S LAW.** However in recent generations, the PROVIDENCE OF GOD AND THE LAWS OF GOD have been denied by so many in our nation and the principles of SECULARISM (ANTI-GOD) have been engrafted in the thoughts and actions of contemporary society. Consequently in our current situation, GOD CANNOT BLESS AMERICA! But **GOD WOULD LIKE TO BLESS AMERICA BECAUSE EVERY TIME HE BLESSES SOME ONE OR SOME THING HE RECEIVES THE HONOR.** So, WHAT MUST BE DONE FOR GOD TO BLESS AMERICA? That is what we are going to consider today, and the point is **WHEN AMERICA BLESSES GOD, GOD WILL BLESS AMERICA.**

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PSALM 33:12 GIVES THE FOUNDATION FOR A NATION THAT WANTS TO EXPERIENCE THE BLESSING OF GOD.

THE NATION WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD WILL BE BLESSED!

- 1) This principle is applicable to any or all nations.
- 2) This principle was the basis for God’s original blessing of America.
- 3) This principle is the ONLY WAY for a nation to experience God’s blessing.
- 4) This principle means that a nation will recognize that: “THERE IS ONLY ONE TRUE GOD, WHO IS TO BE WORSHIPPED, WHO ALONE HAS THE POWER TO BRING A NATION INTO EXISTENCE, WHO HAS PROVIDED REDEMPTION FOR HUMANITY THROUGH HIS SON JESUS CHRIST, AND WHO ALONE WILL BLESS THAT NATION THAT EXALTS HIM IN EVERY ASPECT OF IT’S CULTURE, LAW AND LIFE.”

I. HOW DOES A NATION BLESS GOD?

- A. Through It’s People
 1. By Desiring a Relationship with God through Christ.
 2. By Respecting the Authority of Scripture.
 3. By Contending for the Faith.
 4. By Rejecting Secularism.
- B. Through It’s Godliness (Respect for God)
 1. Recognizing the Providence of God
 2. Recognizing the Sanctity of Life
 3. Recognizing the Sanctity of the Family
 4. Recognizing the Nation of Israel
 5. Recognizing Qualified Leaders
- C. Through It’s Laws
 1. Laws Grounded on Biblical Principles (Natural Law)
 2. Laws Maintaining Religious Liberty
 3. Laws Enforced by Pure Justice

D. Through It’s Faith

OUR MOTTO: “IN GOD WE TRUST”

1. In the Church
2. In Business
3. In Government
4. In the Family

- E. Through It's Government
 - 1. Recognizing the Four Levels of Divine Government
 - a. Self - Individual
 - b. Family - Husband
 - c. Civil – The Leaders in Government
 - d. Church – The Leaders in the Church

ILLUSTRATION:

II. NOW DOES GOD BLESS A NATION?

THE BLESSING OF GOD UPON ISRAEL IN THE MILLENNIUM IS AN EXAMPLE OF GOD'S BLESSING ON A NATION – ISAIAH 54

- A. By Expanding National Impact and Value – Vss. 2,3
- B. By Removing Fear and Shame – Vs. 4
- C. By Experiencing God's Mercies – Vs. 7
- D. By Experiencing God's Kindness – Vs. 8
- E. By Experiencing National Peace – Vs. 10
- F. By Receiving the Handiwork of God's Beauty – Vss. 11,12
- G. By Children being taught of the Lord – Vs.13
- H. By Prevailing Righteousness – Vs. 14a
- I. By Freedom from Oppression – Vs. 14b
- J. By Protection from Terror – Vs. 14c
- K. By Protection from Enemies – Vss. 15-17

ILLUSTRATION:

III. HOW DOES A NATION LAY THE FOUNDATION FOR GOD'S BLESSING?

IT STARTS WITH THE CHURCH!

1 PETER 4:17

“FOR THE TIME IS COME THAT JUDGEMENT MUST BEGIN AT THE HOUSE OF GOD.”

- A. Only the Church is the Body of Christ on Earth.
- B. Only the Church Bears the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit.
- C. Only the Church is the Pillar and Ground of the Truth.
- D. Only the Church is God's tool to show His Wisdom in this Dispensation.
- E. Only the Church, through the Holy Spirit, Restrains Sin on the Earth.

ILLUSTRATION:

LESSONS FOR APPLICATION:

- 1) God wants to bless America and every other Nation.
- 2) God will only bless a Nation based upon its Obedience to His Word
- 3) God's blessing of America will begin ONLY When God's People in America Unite in total and personal obedience to His Word.