

“PROTECTING AMERICA”

INTRO: Where were you on September 11, 2001? That was the day when the **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** was attacked by foreign enemies who hate us. Most of us can remember very clearly where we were and what we were doing on that terrible day when nearly 3000 of our citizens were killed and many injured...Shortly after 9/11/01 leaders of our government came to realize that we needed to examine and enhance our **DEFENSE SYSTEM** to prevent our nation from being attacked in such a surprising and terrible way again. Consequently, **THE HOMELAND SECURITY DIVISION OF OUR GOVERNMENT WAS ESTABLISHED**, and former PA Governor Tom Ridge became the first director. We can only hope that we have a **STRONG DEFENSE SYSTEM THAT WILL PREVENT ANOTHER 9/11**. Today as we think back 21 years let us consider what it takes to **PROTECT AMERICA**.

QUESTION: WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO PROTECT AMERICA?

I. AMERICA NEEDS POLITICAL PROTECTION

NOTE: Political Protection involves having people in Government who have right attitudes toward God and Country. The Word of God gives very clear teaching on who should be political leaders.

SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 17:18-20; 2 Samuel 23:3

- A. We Need People who have a Deep Relationship and Respect of God
- B. We Need People Who Understand and Support the U.S. Constitution
- C. We Need People who are Committed to the American Way
 1. The Propagation of Freedom
 2. The Protection of Israel
 3. The Preaching of the Gospel

II. AMERICA NEEDS MILITARY PROTECTION

NOTE: Military Protection involves the necessary element to defend our nation from both our foreign and domestic enemies...and they are many!

SCRIPTURE: Joshua 1:5-7; Romans 13:1-6 (Note verse 3)

- A. The Purpose of the Military – **TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUPPORT AND THE DEFENSE OF THE CONSTITUTION AND THE WHOLE IDEA OF AMERICA**
- B. The Process of the Military – **TO PROVIDE A STRONG CORE OF THOSE WHO LOVE AMERICA AND TRAIN THEM TO DEFEND AMERICA, EVEN TO THE POINT OF THEIR DEATH.**

III. AMERICA NEEDS FAMILY PROTECTION

NOTE: Family Protection involves Parents who will take their responsibility seriously and recognize that their **CHILDREN COME FROM GOD** and then teach their children the **TRUTH OF THE WORD OF GOD**. It is the **WORD OF GOD** that will **STRENGTHEN THE FAMILY** which is the Key Institution of Society.

SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 6:6-9; Ephesians 6:4

- A. Train Up Young People to Know, Love and Obey the Lord
- B. Train Up Young People to go into **FULL-TIME VOCATIONAL MINISTRY**.

IV. AMERICA NEEDS SPIRITUAL PROTECTION

NOTE: Spiritual Protection involves the necessary element of building a nation that will **RESPECT GOD**, which will do that which is **MORALLY CORRECT**, and that will **UPHOLD BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES** in every aspect of life.

SCRIPTURE: Joshua 1:8

- A. Protection through Prayer
- B. Protection through Preaching the Word of God
- C. Protection through Promoting Life, Freedom, and Truth
- D. Protection through the Public Display of God in Public Spaces
- E. Protection through Preparing for Revival
- F. Protection through Personal Soul Winning and Evangelism
- G. Protection through Pulpits that Produce Strong Churches

LESSON AND APPLICATION

God truly has given us a GREAT NATION. But in the last several generations we have been LOSING OUR GREATNESS because we have REPLACED GOD with SECULAR HUMANISM and SOCIALISTIC THOUGHT. Those DEVILISH CONCEPTS will weaken America in the political, military, family, and spiritual realm. PROTECTING AMERICA requires that the citizens of this nation LIVE ACCORDING TO THE BIBLICAL WORLD VIEW in all aspects of life. **This will take place when EACH BELIEVER IN CHRIST becomes serious in a personal relationship with Christ by yielding to HIS LORDSHIP and living in TOTAL OBEDIENCE TO THE WORD OF GOD.**