



God Can't Bless America

Unless...

By Bro. June Gentry

As I watched the news and traveled around East Texas in the days and weeks following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, I was amazed at all the references to God. There were songs, prayers, pleas, and even cursing over the day's events.

But as I listened to all these apparently well-meaning people appeal to God, I had to wonder, which God – whose God? Is it the God of the Bible Who took on flesh, became the Son of God, Jesus Christ, died for our sin and rose from the dead, or just any **concept** of God that can be found in any of the many religions found around the world?

We call on the people of America to pray, but pray to whom? The one true God or to one of the “gods many and lords many” spoken of in First Corinthians 8:5? Most of God's people do not even recognize the hand of God in the horrific events in New York and Washington D.C., and they are blaming the devil. Yet, the Bible is clear that Job understood not to blame the devil. In Job 2:10 he says, “What? Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?” In all this did not Job sin with his lips.”

This country was established on the God of the Bible, the God of Christianity, but I noticed that from the President down, none of the speeches even mentioned our Lord Jesus Christ, as though we are attempting to keep His name from offending anyone - and everyone. Yet, His is the **only name** that has the power to save. (Acts 4:12)

There was a time when God blessed America because our forefathers, at least most of them, honored the Son, which honored the Father. (John 5:23) We were a nation made up, mainly, of Christians who would seek God and obey His precepts. When we did stray, we would seek His forgiveness for our sin and repent -- turn away from that sin.

But now, we merely mention God in passing, to salve our conscience, as we worship at the idols of immorality, materialism, drunkenness, and a multitude of other vices.

How can God bless us when homosexuals are picketing for equal rights and we tolerate their abominable sin?

How can God bless America when she has killed over 30,000,000 of her tiniest citizens, “legitimizing” their murder behind the guise of “freedom of choice”?

How can God bless a nation that allows fortunetellers, witches, and satanic churches to operate openly?

How can God even bless our preachers when most have compromised their message and integrity to bow to the idols of wealth and prestige? They tell their congregations what they **want** to hear -- like the Pharisees, Sadducees, and scribes before them -- inspiring the very greed and covetousness they preach against.

Yes, **God has blessed America** because of those who went before us, but I honestly believe we have crossed the line, and there will be no more blessings unless America repents of her sin and takes action to put those sins behind her. Although Jesus did not condemn the woman caught in adultery,, neither did He condone her sin nor show tolerance of it. He told her to go and **sin no more**.

God cannot bless America unless we bring forth fruit to demonstrate our repentance; just as John the Baptist told the religious leaders of his day. (Matthew 3:7-9) (Also Acts 26:20 -- Paul to King Agrippa.)

If this nation does not repent soon, from the top down, the judgment hand of God will be felt. It has been said that if God does **not** judge America, He owes Sodom and Gomorrah an apology!

When God’s judgment does come, I believe that the “prosperity preachers,” who preach that material blessings and good health is evidence of Christianity, will be among the first to feel His wrath. Their message will be seen for what it is worth – dust blown by the wind. 2 Timothy 3:12 declares, “Yea, and all that will live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.” (Also read 2 Timothy, Chapter 4.)

As a nation, we will answer for our murder of pre-born children, all our immorality, pleasure seeking, and rejection of the poor and needy in our society. Just as God brought judgment upon Sodom for “pride, fullness of bread, and abundance of idleness, . . . *failure* to strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away as I saw good.” (Ezekiel 16:49-50) We will also answer for sending our tax money to help support nations of anti-Christ religious fanatics, some of which are the very ones attacking and trying to kill us. (*For a more clear understanding of God’s nature and requirements for blessing or chastisement, read 2 Chronicles 7:13-22 – not just verse 14, and Hosea, Chapters 7 and 8. Read Hosea 7:1 like this, “When I would have healed America, then the iniquity of New York – or Washington D.C. -- was discovered, and the wickedness of San Francisco -- or Hollywood: for they commit falsehood; and . . .*)

We will be brought down to the very pits of hell unless we repent -- turn from our sin and take God seriously by getting obedient to His will. Even many Christians are headed down the road of judgment toward chastisement, because we have been silent too long. There are some who have not stained themselves with the sins of the nation, but, as a whole, they are few.

We must return to our first love – our Lord Jesus Christ and proclaim His Name from the highest podiums of the land. We must unashamedly bow to the God of the Bible, believe His Word, do what it says, and quit worrying about who we offend -- or our Lord will be ashamed of us. (Mark 8:38 & Luke 9:26)

President Bush knows the truth. He needs to “tell it like it is” and not worry about re-election. Our Lord Jesus Christ is the **only** hope we have – there is none other.

Again I say -- **God can't bless America unless America repents.** John 8:44 records that Jesus said to the **religious leaders** of His day, “You are of your father the devil.” Could He not just as easily be speaking to the majority of us today?

The world, in general, hates our Lord Jesus because He testifies, “the works thereof are evil.” (John 7:7) Therefore, we must daily live in obedience to Scripture and proclaim Christ from the highest pinnacles of our society if we want peace in our hearts on the Day of Judgment.

God can't bless America without our repentance. He will only be ready to judge us in holy righteousness.

Wake up, America!

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