

Meeker Christian Church  
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GOD, patriotism and Country

The election is over - we serve God then patriotism and Country.

The election is over and moves into the transition phase until inauguration day January 20, 2025. Our prayers are always needed and as a part of the Christian Character and duty the Bible reminds us in James 5:16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Your prayers are effective, NEVER minimize the importance of your personal duty and obligation that God placed you here for at this time in HIS creation. Satan loves to play with your mind that your one vote, or that your one prayer do not matter - they do and you are. At the very moment I was writing this sentence I received this text: "Still praying that God will move the hearts of America back to Him and again bless this world with a strong and God revering people here in America." ...

Tomorrow is Veterans Day. It is a special day for all who have served in the military. And it is special for those wives, children and other family who served and continue to live under the shadow of its circumstances. Portions of highway 13 are dedicated to Congregational Medal Of Honor winner Gerald Adams who gave up his life to rescue others with the helicopter he flew in Viet Nam. I remember him as he a year or two ahead of us in school. I was reminded of the circumstances of veterans and families as we attended Jeans cousin's funeral whose father was killed in WWII and served in the military himself. You have your own stories and memories - to them we salute in their honor this veterans Day 2024.

This morning I want to remind us of a few things that will reinforce and clarify our God relationship. We asked the question last week How Big Is Your God? I pray you have dealt carefully with an answer because the first scripture today will impact you in direct proportion to that answer -

Matthew 6:30-34 30 Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'" 32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

God always has been, is presently, and always will be in control and will take care of we who are His confessed children - according to the need for which He has determined to carry us through the troubles of earth to the glories and new responsibilities of the millennium and later eternity.

Permit me to caution you about something - the ease of life goal has in our world and in our nation become a syndrome of entitlement rather than acknowledged as the reward of liberty that has been purchased by the blood of veterans, patriots and martyrs. We agree we have been incredibly blessed as a people and nation.

In the final book of the Bible which was written by the same author as the Gospel of John and the epistles, 1,2,3 John - the book of Revelation -there is a letter to the Ephesian church that perhaps speaks to our current situation, see what you think as I read Revelation 2:1-3:

"To the angel of the church of Ephesus write, 'These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lamp stands: 2 "I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; 3 and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary.

Last Sunday afternoon's lesson gave us some interesting and profound reasons why I believe our nation finds itself in the target of God's impending discipline - our prayers, willingness and effectiveness in witnessing the Christian Message will determine the timing of His discipline. Let me show you what I mean.

Are you familiar with the contemporary term: Historical revisionism. It's mildest definition is : "to describe the reinterpretation of a historical account.

In our western vernacular it means to re-write history to make it say what supports your agenda. or as one author puts it: retrospective falsification.

It is manifest for us from 1859 when the book The Origin of Species by Charles Darwin was released and scientists and educators chose to make it the foundation of all knowledge, not just evolution of physical species. Education gradually changed when John Dewey (born October 20, 1859, died June 1, 1952. He was an American philosopher and educator who was a cofounder of the philosophical movement known as pragmatism, a pioneer in functional psychology, an innovative theorist of democracy, and a leader of the progressive movement in education in the United States.

Pragmatism - an approach that assesses the truth of meaning of theories or beliefs in terms of the success of their practical application. We are being referred to as a pragmatic nation which by its definition is anti-Christian. I will show later on.

The so-called progressive movement in education in the first half of the 20th century was based on pragmatism and historical revisionism. You may want to take some time and do your own research. But fundamental to their movement and removing religion from education lies at the feet of these two men though there were an abundance of others adherents.

Prior to Darwin and Dewey and progressive separation of church and state all education in America was from the New England Primer which was a book designed to

train children in reading, writing and arithmetic all from the context and content of the Bible. Those of the generations prior to my own were educated from it. I remember seeing copies in the old abandoned school house bordering our ranch as a child. Have any of you ever seen The New England Primer?

To facilitate the Historical revisionists views and enforce them on our education systems the pragmatism philosophy became the crown jewel of academia and hence the need for Historical revisionism. Academics decided the founding Fathers of this nation really meant something different than what they wrote and therefore set about literally rewriting much of history to facilitate and support their pragmatic views.

Let me show you what I mean: Ron Sunceri's (sinsara) message at this years Kiamich Clinic entitled – America: The Untold Story contained the following: [Ron was a State Representative in Oregon for 3 terms] From Bradford's history of the Plymouth Plantation - when they arrived in Dec 20, 1620 they clearly outlined why this became a great nation.

First of all they constructed the birth certificate of this nation in the hull of the Mayflower by saying: "In the name of GOD Amen We do plant this colony for the glory of GOD and the advancement of the Christian faith." Never in the history of the world had a nation been established for the glory of GOD and the advancement of the Christian faith. But our founding fathers did precisely that and they had a purpose. They knew GOD did not permit believers to investigate or practice other religions. They came here to practice the dictates of their Christian conscience. And they laid a foundation for us. In fact they said, "for the propagating of the gospel of JESUS CHRIST to the remotest parts of the world. Yea we be but stepping stones unto others for the performing of so great a task."

What seems to me as a Historical revisionism account was the first thing that came up online this week says as I investigated the Mayflower record: I quote "It was before setting anchor that the male Pilgrims and non-Pilgrim passengers (whom members of the congregation referred to as "Strangers") drew up and signed the Mayflower Compact. Among the resolutions in the Compact were those establishing legal order and meant to quell increasing strife within the ranks."

I remind you that you are here today because of 2 Kings 8:19 Yet the Lord would not destroy Judah, for the sake of His servant David, as He promised him to give a lamp to him and his sons forever. 2 Kings 8:19 NIV Nevertheless, for the sake of his servant David, the LORD was not willing to destroy Judah. He had promised to maintain a lamp for David and his descendants forever. That was about 1,000 BC, well after Abraham and Moses. For a time GOD protected the Jewish nation because of the greatness of their forefather, but when the people abandoned GOD, they were forsaken by God. The promised lamp for David continued - that is the spiritual hope through JESUS CHRIST, and the direct connection to us and the Jewish Nation through the generations of people and nations that have suffered and continue to suffer the consequence of the dereliction of their duty under GOD. And the inevitable result of any nation who forsakes God.

Perhaps our encouragement can come from The Faithful Church of Revelation 3:7-13 "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, 'He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens': 8 'I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name. 9 Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie—indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you. 10 Because you have kept [My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. 11 ]Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. 12 He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name. 13 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.' "

Have you ever noticed how often those who inherit great wealth squander it in the first generation or two or worse yet who squander potentially productive lives because they existed off the estate of their ancestors? That application is for us as citizens of the USA today to carefully consider that in our own lives and experience we do not squander the freedoms we have inherited.

We live in the greatest nation in the history of the world. It did not happen accidentally... but we cannot continue to live off the blessings GOD has given to our father, grandfather's and the founders of this nation because of their attaining and maintaining freedom.

Psalms 33:12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance.

Psalms 144:15 Blessed are the people of whom this is true; blessed are the people whose God is the LORD.

The common thread of blessing is obedience to God's word. We have been given a mandate from GOD - we have a duty to GOD - in this country it was first made apparent by our founding fathers. That responsibility has been passed on to us.: 1 Timothy 4:16 Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

If other gods continue being allowed and propagated in our country, GOD will respond as just like with Israel and so much of the present world.

Even years after the pilgrims were here, our founding father's of the colonial generation understood clearly that GOD'S word applies to all of life and living. They had a Biblical world view, they understood that if you wanted to be successful in business you look it

up in GOD'S word, if you want to have good relationships with family and friends you find the principles in GOD'S word. Whatever we want to do in life there are principles in GOD'S word that dictate and guide us. They implemented GOD'S principles in every area of their lives. The result was there was conflict between them and their mother country. Of course, England tried to oppress this nation. But what they found was a strange kind of resistance, what they found were men and women who were considered the most literate people on the face of the earth in the American colonies. They found a strange kind of resistance, a resistance based on character and principle.

Because you see, America is not just a form of government, America is a heart condition that must be passed on from generation to generation. We need heroes - great men and women of Character whom GOD has worked through - that need held up to each generation. It was George Washington who said: "The indispensable supports of good government are religion and morality. Let us move with caution if we think one can exist without the other.

After the battles of the Revolutionary war were over, and the words of the Declaration of Independence were being framed, another battle was set to be fought. And that was in the halls of congress. A little old man stood up and faced General Washington who chaired the committee and he said these words: "we have not hitherto once thought of humbly appealing ourselves to our FATHER of lights to illumine our understanding. In the beginning of the contest with Great Britain when we were sensible to danger and had daily prayers in this room for divine protection, our prayers sir, were graciously heard and answered. Do we assume that we no longer need HIS help? I have lived sir, a long time and the longer I live the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that GOD governs 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? We have been assured sir in the sacred writings, that unless the LORD build the house, they labor in vain that build it. I firmly believe this." And when Benjamin Franklin sat down, there was a hush on the Continental Congress.

They devised the concept of our form of government that was unique in the history of the world. And the pattern came straight from scripture. Straight from Isaiah 33:22 (For the LORD is our Judge, The LORD is our Lawgiver, The LORD is our King; He will save us);

For the LORD is our judge = judicial;

the LORD is our lawgiver,= legislative;

the LORD is our king =executive.

Our principles, our foundation are Christian, distinctly Christian, but we live in a society that wants to rub that out. To make us think we are a pluralistic society . (Pluralism means in this context the concept of existing in the United States as an American, but retaining all of one's ethnic, religious, linguistic, traditions brought from somewhere

else. The doctrine of tolerance rubs out the concept of sin. We are not a pluralistic society. We live in a Christian nation.

To be a Christian in American and this world is dangerous. Dangerous because we believe and choose to live by the Bible. Our lives are focused on GOD. Patriotism and Country and all the rest are apparent and possible only under the guidance, sustenance, protection of Our Father Who Are In Heaven. And that starts for each one of us when we confess Christ as Lord of our lives and baptism...or transfer...