

AMERICA'S GREAT AWAKENING

As we celebrate America's freedom, we should remember the catalyst that preceded July 4th, 1776. It was something known as the Great Awakening. America's political revolution was instigated by a spiritual one that began in the 1740's. America's hope today is not in the political realm but in another Great Awakening. As we listen to God's promise: '*Draw near to God and God will draw near to you.*' - James 4:8, **Times of refreshing** will come from the Lord when God's people humbly turn from sin and seek after Him - Acts 3:19. Fruits of repentance come:

The churches fill up.

The righteous rise up.

Soldiers of Christ stand up.

Lukewarm Christians fire up.

Sleepy Christians wake up.

Carnal Christians grow up.

Religious people give up.

The complacent are shaken up.

Ignorant people wise up.

Bitter people sweeten up.

Crooked people straighten up.

The hardhearted soften up.

Feuding people make up.

Dishonest people 'fess up.

Sick people get up.

The discouraged brighten up

And gossips shut up!

These are all signs that a Great Awakening has come and all praises go up to the God that made it all happen! May God bless America with another Great Awakening!

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