What’s Right With America?
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Introduction

What’s Wrong With America?

*Ask that question of 1,000 different Americans and you would probably get a thousand different answers.

What’s Wrong With America?

*Step into the classroom of most any secular College or University..........and you’ll hear liberal, atheistic professors spewing forth venomous propoganda about America and her godly heritage.

What’s Wrong With America?

*Turn on the evening news and listen to all the stories about murder .......about war........about our economic woes ............and the unemployment rate.........AND ONE CAN EASILY GET DEPRESSED!
Tonight as we come to the close of our 234th celebration of our Nation’s Independence, I want us to think for a just few moments about “What’s Right With America?”

First of all, let me remind you....................

I. AMERICA WAS FOUND BY THE RIGHT PEOPLE

1. In the summer of 1787, representatives met in Philadelphia to write the Constitution of the United States. After they had struggled for several weeks and had made little or no progress...............81 year old Benjamin Franklin rose and addressed the discouraged men who were about to adjourn and go home.

Here are the words Benjamin Franklin spoke to that assembly............

“In the beginning of the contest with Britain, when we were sensible of danger, we had daily prayers in this room for DIVINE protection. Our prayers, Sirs, were heard and were graciously answered.

All of us who were engaged in the struggle must have observed frequent instances of a super-intending Providence in our favor. Have we now forgotten this POWERFUL FRIEND? Or do we imagine we no longer need His divine assistance? I have lived, Sirs, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: that GOD governs in the affairs of man. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid?”

2. One of the first official acts of our very first President was to designate a national day of Thanksgiving.
President George Washington proclaimed............

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for His benefits, and to humbly implore His protection and favor .......I do hereby recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November, to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious BEING who is the beneficent AUTHOR of all the good that was, that is, or that will be.......that we may then all unite in rendering unto HIM our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection.

3. Many years later, our 16TH President, Abraham Lincoln said.............

   It is the duty of nations, as well as of men, to own their dependence on the overruling power of God and to recognize the sublime truth announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD.”

4. The pages of our History books are filled with numerous quotes such as this from our FOUNDING FOREFATHERS ...........men who not ashamed of their FAITH in Almighty God.

5. Had America been founded by GODLESS MEN...........this nation would never have risen to GREATNESS.

   As our scripture in Psalm 33:12 says...........

   “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance.”  (Psalm 33:12)

6. Yes.....AMERICA was founded by THE RIGHT PEOPLE!
There is something else that is RIGHT with AMERICA and that is....... 

II. AMERICA WAS FOUNDED FOR THE RIGHT PURPOSE

1. When we Americans look back upon our humble beginnings, we usually point that little band of sea-weary travelers that landed in 1620 on Plymouth Rock.

We have come to refer to them as PILGRIMS.

2. Those pilgrims did not come here for ECONOMIC reasons or POLITICAL reasons.........they came here for RELIGIOUS reasons.

Believing the liberal Church of England had strayed far from the scriptures, the 100+ Pilgrims boarded the Mayflower and made a perilous journey across the Atlantic to lay the groundwork for a new nation where they could worship GOD according to the SCRIPTURES.

3. When they arrived at Plymouth Rock they drew up what is now called The Mayflower Compact.

In that document the Pilgrims stated.........

“In the name of God, Amen. We, whose names are underwritten, have undertaken for the Glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia.”
4. It has been about 390 years since those Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock. Over one half of the 102 passengers aboard the Mayflower never even survived the first Winter.

But you and I owe a debt of gratitude to those brave men and women who came here to FOUND THIS GREAT NATION for the RIGHT PURPOSE and that was in order that Biblical Christianity might advance.

5. And as this nation grew she became home to more CHURCHES......more CHRISTIAN PRIVATE SCHOOLS .........more BIBLE COLLEGES......and more CHRISTIAN ORPHANAGES than any other nation in history.

6. This nation has also trained MORE PREACHERS......SENT MORE MISSIONARIES and PRINTED MORE BIBLES and CHRISTIAN LITERATURE than any other nation on earth.

YES......

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AMERICA WAS FOUND FOR THE RIGHT PURPOSE

And thirdly, I would have you consider........
III. AMERICA WAS FOUND ON THE RIGHT PRINCIPLES

1. Listen to these words of one of our great American Forefathers, Noah Webster............

“The moral principles and precepts contained in the scriptures ought to form the basis of all civil constitutions and laws. All the miseries and evils which men suffer from vice, crime, ambition, injustice, oppression, slavery and war proceeds from their despising or neglecting the precepts contained in the Bible.”

----Noah Webster

2. Let’s suppose you turned on the evening NEWS tonight and heard Brian Williams or Katie Couric report the following................

“Today, in a shocking development, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court announced that “It is our duty as a Christian nation to select and prefer Christian men as our rulers. As of this day, constitutional law requires that all elected officials must take the Oath of Faith, which states:

I do profess faith in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ, his only Son, and I do hereby acknowledge the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be given by Divine inspiration, and do hereby support the Holy Bible for use in our schools.

3. What do you think the reaction would be to such an announcement? While Christians would applaud such an announcement..........in all likelihood it would set off a religious war and persecution of Christians unlike anything we have ever seen before.
4. Would you believe that announcement was actually made by JOHN JAY, the first Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court?

And not only did the Congress of 1782 approve the use of the Bible in our schools......they even paid for it with tax dollars!

5. CHRISTIANS........we must never forget that AMERICA was founded upon the BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES that we PREACH from our PULPITS and TEACH in our Sunday School Classrooms every week!

6. And that is ONE OF THE THINGS that is RIGHT about America.

CONCLUSION

If AMERICA was FOUND BY THE RIGHT PEOPLE............and.....FOUND FOR THE RIGHT PURPOSE........and.......FOUND ON THE RIGHT PRINCIPLES..............why are there so many things WRONG with AMERICA today?

The answer is obvious..................

There came a time in our nation’s past when we stood by and allowed the WRONG PEOPLE who lived by the WRONG PRINCIPLES to use this Nation for their own WRONG PURPOSES.

And now, this once great nation is reaping what it has sown!
Is there any hope for America? And if so, what is our hope? You and I know the answer to that don’t we?

OUR ONLY HOPE IS TO RETURN TO GOD!

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord!”