



## It's Time America Returns to God (cont)

People today may not want to admit it, but one of the timeless truths that God's word warns us of is this: that a nation's God determines its destiny. If a nation chooses to follow the God of creation, as America did with the Declaration of Independence, that nation is protected by God and blessed of God. Our history bears out that truth. **But a nation that chooses to reject God, will lose that blessing and protection of the Creator and take a path leading to ultimate destruction.**

Recall this nation's choice, made by elected officials acting in their official capacities. The Continental Congress, in approving the Declaration of Independence made their choice of God with these words:

*—We, therefore, the representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress assembled, **appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, . . .** — (emphasis added)*

This language is critical to understand. Not only did it recognize God, but by appealing to "the Supreme Judge of the world," they acknowledged that God was sovereign over their legislative body and of their national government. They acted in a way that insured that the truth of Psalm 33:12 would apply in their favor; and indeed it did.

When people today cynically claim that a move back towards God as sovereign would lead us into a theocracy much like what we see in the Islamic world, they are completely overstating the case. They have forgotten our history; they have forgotten how this nation was birthed. A quick re-reading of our Declaration of Independence reveals a nation who chose God, yet provided for the freedom of other beliefs. That early choice by our founders led to the greatest depth and duration of freedom and prosperity ever witnessed in the history of the earth.

It even led to this nation addressing such morally repugnant inconsistencies to freedom such as

slavery, much earlier than nearly any other nation on earth, and did so as a moral issue that could not endure given our choice of God. In many parts of the world today, slavery continues to exist. In other parts of the world, where slavery gradually subsided, it did so for practical reasons, rather than moral imperatives.

A current deception being taught in our public schools, in our universities, in our media outlets, courts of justice, and everywhere you look states that we must be neutral toward God. That is a lie divergent to what the Bible teaches. We either choose God's way, and there is only one, true, living God, or we choose the devil's ways. Thus, if we claim to merely be a secular, non-faith nation, we are following the god of man's reasoning. We claim that man knows best and man's so-called wisdom becomes our god and our false standard of right and wrong.

Yet contrary to popular belief, **secularism is a very intolerant god that demands public removal of the one, true, God;** hence, the numerous efforts to remove God in the public arena. Removal of even student-led, voluntary prayer in schools, restrictions on legislative prayers in Jesus name, removal of Ten Commandment displays,



Bible reading, and a host of other efforts to push God aside are nothing more than reflections of a society bowing down to the dictates of secularism. **Don't kid yourself: secularism is a false god and it's a very intolerant one.**

The latest proof comes from

New York City Mayor Bloomberg,



who recently announced that during the ten year commemoration services of the 9/11 attack, there would be no religious leaders asked, or allowed, to lead us in prayer and to acknowledge our dependence upon God. That is not neutrality towards God, it is outright rejection of Him. Americans need to wake up to the truth that this nation is trying to choose a false god to replace the true God that our founders gave us and blessed us with.

God will not be mocked. We will reap what we sow. If this nation continues to show shame and embarrassment toward the one, true, living God, then He will remove His hand of protection and blessing. We are seeing the consequences already with debt that is now so heavy, we are economically crippled. Our nation has quickly retreated from the greatest economy on earth to now the 5<sup>th</sup> ranked economy; and the slide backwards continues.

Partisan political rancor is getting more severe, unity is shattered, and there is no longer a common sense of what it means to be an American.

Our founders were not perfect, but then who is? They made mistakes, but because they chose absolute truth and a righteous standard of the one true God, they were able to correct their wrongs. They saw their mistakes because they viewed life through a Biblical standard; **the only true standard for right and wrong.** Rejection today of that standard is a grave mistake that will eventually destroy our nation through lawless rebellion that insists on calling good "evil" and evil "good." The ancient prophet Isaiah gave us

*—Freedom is the natural condition of the human race, in which the Almighty intended men to live. Those who fight the purpose of the Almighty will not succeed. They always have been, they always will be, beaten.‖* — **President Abraham Lincoln**

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God's perspective on that when he said; *"Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter."* (Isaiah 5:20)

Today we have a choice. We can continue to reject God's truths and seek our own rebellious morality, or we can return to the God our founders chose. The consequences for the wrong choice are real. William Penn described it with blunt clarity: *—Men must be governed by God or they will be ruled by tyrants.*¶

We must once again recognize, as did our founders, that our Creator God is the *—supreme judge of the world*¶ over man and over government. Only His standards of righteousness can prevail for this nation to be restored to blessing

and prosperity.

And for those of you who think it's too late, let me remind you of the majesty and power of the God we serve. For decades the former Soviet Union chose a false god, and shook its collective fist at the one, true, living God. Yet God, in His discretion, chose to crumble their communist empire. For decades the oppressive concrete and barbed wire of the Berlin Wall blocked freedom and stood for the intolerance of secularism's false god.

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Yet the true God, in His discretion, chose to remove those concrete blocks, and crumble the communist empire. There is no false god that can continue to stand against the one, true, living God; never has and never will.

We are not calling for a return to an intolerant theocracy as so many falsely claim. We are merely calling for a return to America's unique heritage captured by the poetic and enduring words of our Declaration: *—We hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created equal and are **endowed by their Creator** with certain inalienable rights that among them are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.*¶ (Emphasis added) It was a declaration of dependence upon God!

*—I do not believe human society, including not merely a few persons in any state, but whole masses of men, ever have attained, or ever can attain, a high state of intelligence, virtue, security, liberty, or happiness without the Holy Scriptures, even the whole hope of human progress is suspended on the ever-growing influence of the Bible.*¶ — **William Henry Seward, former Governor of New York (1839-43) and U.S. Senator (1849-61)**