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God's Promises: Healing Our Land

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We have highlighted the cultures of selected nations ranging from the 8th century BC to the 19th century AD. A student of history would easily conclude that a climate of evil brings great suffering on its people while threatening the very existence of the nation. I have used Scriptural references to show that our God is involved in the affairs of man, judging individuals, and nations. This study reflects on the culture of America today and resulting challenges for leadership from the perspective of Almighty God.

INTRODUCTION

One does not have to acknowledge God to admit that the stability of our state and nation has been shaken during our lifetime. Greed and a government push for diversity in lending threatened to collapse our financial system, closing nearly half of our banks and savings and loans. Lower morality and no-fault divorce laws have dramatically increased the percentage of single-parent families, putting more women in poverty and more young men in prison. Crimes against people and property have risen exponentially, annually costing the American economy hundreds of billions of dollars.

GOD'S WARNING

Jeremiah 8:9-10a This is what the Lord says: "The wise will be put to shame; they will be dismayed and snared. They have rejected the word of the LORD, so what wisdom do they really have? Therefore, I will give their wives to other men, their fields to new occupants, for from the least to the greatest, everyone is making profit dishonestly."¹

Government leaders are held accountable for much of the social and fiscal problems that surface during their season in office. Our mainstream media is quick to headline trouble, yet some will criticize a leader's call for God's help in healing our land. Solomon gave encouragement to the wise leader: ***Wisdom rests in the heart of a man of understanding, but it makes itself known even in the midst of fools*** (Proverbs 14:33). Good results are recognized by our critics too!

GOD'S HELP

Known for his wisdom, the aging Benjamin Franklin addressed a stalled 1787 Constitutional Convention: ***"Have we now forgotten this powerful Friend? Or do we imagine we no longer need His assistance?without His concurring aid, we shall succeed...no better than the builders of Babel; we shall be divided by our little, partial local interests; our projects will be confounded; and we ourselves shall become a reproach and a byword down to future ages."***² Our Nation's founders responded quickly to Franklin's rebuke. They called in pastors to teach God's law and His accountability plan for mankind. This established the role of chaplain in our nation's capitol as well as all of our state capitols.

GOD'S PROMISE

Leviticus 26:3-6a "If you remember my laws and commands and obey them, I will give you rains at the right season; the land will produce crops, and the trees of the field will produce their fruit. Your threshing will continue until the grape harvest, and your grape harvest will continue until it is time to plant. Then you will have plenty to eat and live safely in your land. I will give peace to your country; you will lie down in peace, and no one will make you afraid."³

Wisdom is found in God's Word and His favor is won by seeking help through prayer. In God We Trust!

A PRAYER

Father God, I ask for Your favor in my work and in my relationships. Give me wisdom from your Word and insight from time in prayer with You. Please heal my family, my state and nation. I pray in the Name of Jesus. Amen.

¹ Holman Christian Standard Bible. (Holman Bible Publishers). 2003.

² James Madison, Notes of Debates in the Federal Convention of 1787. (W.W. Norton & Co.). Original 1787; reprinted 1987. p504.

³ The Holy Bible, New Century Version. (Thomas Nelson Inc.) 2005