

## AMERICA, DON'T FORGET THE LORD

(Judg 2:10 KJV) And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel.

- I. THERE AROSE A GENERATION THAT KNEW NOT THE LORD AND WHAT HE HAD DONE.
  - A. ***God's commandment to the fathers concerning remembering the Lord.***
  - B. ***Stones of remembrance.***
    1. (Josh 4:21 KJV) And he spake unto the children of Israel, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean these stones? (Josh 4:22 KJV) Then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land. (Josh 4:23 KJV) For the LORD your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over: (Josh 4:24 KJV) That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty: that ye might fear the LORD your God for ever.
    2. (Deu 6:6 KJV) And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: (Deu 6:7 KJV) And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. (Deu 6:8 KJV) And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.
  - C. ***Importance of history.*** Reminds us where we've been and where we're going.
  - D. ***Verna Hall in her introduction to "Christian History of the American Revolution."*** *"America from the days of creation has been for God's glory and for His people and if His people will be willing to learn what He has done for them in the days past, repent, and ask God's forgiveness for forgetting what He has done in bringing America into being, God will deal with the enemies within and without."*
  - E. ***The foundation of America.***
    1. Columbus felt he was on a mission for God - *"It was the Lord who put into my mind (I could feel his hand upon me) the fact that it would be possible to sail from here to the Indies. All who heard of my project rejected it with laughter, ridiculing me. There is no question that the inspiration was from the Holy Spirit, because he comforted me with rays of marvelous inspiration from the Holy Scriptures."*
    2. William Bradford - *"A great hope and inward zeal they had of laying some good foundation, or at least to make some way thereunto, for ye propagating and advancing ye gospell of ye kingdom of Christ in those remote parts of ye world; yea though they should be but even as stepping-steps unto others for ye performing of so great a work."*

II. CELEBRATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

- A. ***Declaration of Independence from tyranny of King of England.***
- B. ***Worldly oppression.***
  - 1. Oppression of Pharaoh in Egypt.
  - 2. Rehoboam, son of Saul. (1 Ki 12:14 KJV) And spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke: my father also chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.
  - 3. Communist oppression.

III. BY WHAT AUTHORITY DID OUR FOREFATHERS ACT?

- A. ***There is no authority except appointed by God (Rom 13:1).***
- B. ***King would remain in office as long as obeyed God and protected the unalienable rights of the people.***
  - 1. Samuel to Saul. “When you were little in your own eyes, were you not head of the tribes of Israel? And did not the Lord anoint you king over Israel?...but...you have rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord has rejected you from being king.”
  - 2. John Calvin. “We are subject to men who rule over us, but subject only in the Lord. If they command anything against Him, let us not pay the least heed to it.”
- C. ***Man’s law is important, but it must reflect God’s law to be truly valid.***
  - 1. When King George of England failed to grant justice, appeal was made to higher authority.
  - 2. It is the right and duty as citizens to judge the laws and the lawmakers of this nation by the laws of God and then to act.

IV. WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS TO BE SELF-EVIDENT.

- A. ***Plain, widely recognized, and needing no further proof or explanation.***
- B. ***All men are created equal.***
- C. ***They are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights.***
  - 1. Life.
  - 2. Liberty.
  - 3. Pursuit of happiness. “And also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor--it is the gift of God.”

V. WITH A FIRM RELIANCE ON THE PROTECTION OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE.

- A. And for the support of this declaration, ***with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence***, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.”
- B. ***Our founders were surrounded by ample evidence of divine providence.***
  - 1. William Bradford (Plymouth Rock). “But these things did not dismay them (though they did sometimes trouble them) for their desires were set on the ways of God, and to enjoy His ordinances; but they rested on His

- Providence and knew whom they had believed.”
2. George Washington. “By the miraculous care of Providence, that protected me beyond all human expectations; I had four bullets through my coat, and two horses shot under me, and yet escaped unhurt.”
  3. Pilot who was shot down over Bosnia.

VI. THE HOPE OF A NATION IS GOD.

- A. (Isa 33:22 KJV) For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us.
  1. Godly Supreme Court.
  2. Godly Congress.
  3. Godly President.
- B. (Prov 14:34 KJV) Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.
- C. (Isa 26:1 KJV) In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks. (Isa 26:2 KJV) Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in.

GOD BLESS AMERICA.

*Stand beside her, and guide her.*

*To the light, with the light from above.*

Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Turning to God, and relying upon the Word of God is our only hope.

Remembering what He has done for us can bring us national revival.