**AMERICA – THE PRICE OF FREEDOM**

**TRACING OUR NATION’S CHRISTIAN ROOTS**

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How many of you who are reading these Newsletters really love your nation? Do you really love God who made her great? The population of people living in America is now 327.2 million precious souls. Our nation is 243 years old since she won her Independence from Great Britain in 1776. America started off as a Christian nation. Our very bedrock and foundation is Christian because our forefathers – the Puritan Pilgrim Christians sailed over here on the Mayflower ship from England and started a colony based on the Bible and true worship of God! O how she has grown from her infancy in the early 1600’s! America’s laws were built on God’s Word. Thanks to these dedicated Christian Pilgrims who broke away from the harlot catholic church that persecuted them and sailed to America to build a Church on Christs’ teachings.

 We are blessed because of these dedicated believers! God has blessed this nation and made her the greatest in military might. She’s had the best technology and enjoyed the strongest economy. America has had her dark times in history, but O how God has smiled on her. Mighty revivals have swept through her land. Praying men and women of righteousness was born in her. Preachers have blazed her trails through the country sides and towns preaching the Gospel. God made America a beacon of light to the whole world. People in her have known freedom and prosperity because she honored God in the beginning. Out of this nation, missionaries were born that has went to the whole world to proclaim the good news of Christ and Salvation.

 Do we really know the blessings of freedom we all enjoy? Do we know the price of that freedom and what it has cost our God loving forefathers? Thanks to them, we can still go to the House of God, to the church of our choice and worship God freely!

 It was the great Lawyer and diplomat Thomas Jefferson who was the 3rd president of the United States (1801–1809) that uttered these words: Quote – “Can the liberties of a nation be secure, when we have removed the conviction that these liberties are a gift of God? My God! How little do my country men know what precious blessings they are in possession of, and which no other people on earth enjoy!”

 The great Frenchman Alexis de Tocqeville from France was a historian and one of the greatest

political writers of all time. He studied the democracy of America. He wrote about her freedoms and our form

of Government. In the 1850’s he traveled to America to learn her secret of success. He wrote about his findings. Quote – “I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her commodious harbors and her ample rivers and it was not there; in her fertile fields and boundless forests and it was not there; in her rich mines and vast world commerce and it was not there. I searched in her democratic congress and her matchless Constitution and it was not there – not until I went into the Churches of America and heard her pulpits aflame with Righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power! America is great because America is good; and if America ceases to be good, she will cease to be great!”

**PRAY FOR OUR NATION!**

 If we ever needed to pray and agonize before God and Cry to Him for our Nation, it is now!! **WE ARE JUST ABOUT TO LOSE IT!** Unless we pray and intercede and get ahold of the Lord and He sends Revival to America, we are GONE! If He doesn’t move and show us mercy, we will lose our God given heritage of Religious Freedoms in this next upcoming presidential election!

 My heart has been broken and spirit stirred during this past whole year! We are living in the closing moments of time and what we are seeing is the **battle between the forces of Good and Evil** being played out on the world stage. It’s more than Democrats against the Republicans. It’s a spiritual proverbial Chess board game with God on one side and the devil on the other. What we are seeing going on in the political field, the war between liberals and conservatives, the clash of cultures and battle of ideologies is a spiritual conflict. The devil wants full control, he wants to rule governments and people. So with the help of his Powers of Darkness and spiritual wickedness in high places, he moves his Kings, Queens, Bishops and Knights into strategic positions to block and defeat God and conquer the board. **Don’t ever forget**: - in this spiritual warfare, God can only move His Chosen pieces across the board to advance and bring victory and conquer only when His people earnestly Prays!! God has the help of Angels and ministering spirits that come to help His children. He elevates them to power and key positions to thwart evil and defeat the devil’s plans! Satan’s principalities and powers are operating in world governments. Government leaders are mere puppets on a string and are being manipulated by the powers of darkness. Never have I seen such spiritual blindness, a spirit of delusion has swept over America. Satan has blinded the minds of people to keep them from believing in God. He knows if he can shut down, restrain, and hold back God’s Truth and replace it with human philosophy and evolution, he’s won the human race.

What a mess we are in when people call evil good, and good evil; they put darkness for light and light for darkness; they call bitter sweet and sweet bitter. Our Lord is returning any time now and the battle of the ages is taking place. This world and most of the Church is not ready for Jesus to come!! **Rev. 20:8** – says that Satan goes forth to **deceive** the nations. **Rev. 12:9** – says “that great dragon was cast out of Heaven, that old serpent called the Devil, and Satan which **deceiveth** the whole world was cast into the earth and his angels (demonic spirits) were cast out with him.”

Satan utterly hates America and Israel. He wants them both destroyed. Christ is the most hated figure in the world right now! Jesus is despised. God and His laws are rejected! You know if you are spiritual that God had mercy on America and He worked a miracle in putting Donald Trump in office as president. Seventy-two hours after Trump was elected president, U.S. representative Maxine Waters from California, one of the most powerful women in American politics, said – “we must get this man **impeached!”** Hell hates Trump and has done everything in their power to lie and accuse him of every move he makes to have him removed from office. Though this man is not a true born again Christian, he is a true friend to Israel, he stands against abortion, he backs our constitutional right of freedom of speech and fights to protect our Religious liberties. He told a group of pastors recently in a meeting to go back to their churches and stand up for what they believe in and fight. Many people don’t know this, but his mother was a Christian and a prayer intercessor in New York city and Trump was brought up in church. This is the reason our president respects Christians. Please dear reader – Pray for him!

 We are the only nation now that fully stands for and backs the state of Israel. God said if you bless my people, I will bless you; if you curse my people Israel that I have chosen, I will curse you! O God, help us! Our Nation now stands at a crossroads – we’ll either pray and have revival and God will have mercy or we will go down! Children, please – Start praying now! I’m not playing politics, but if the ungodly democratic liberals get in office in this next election, God’s people will face persecution like they’ve never known in American history. Christians of the Church of Jesus Christ will have a bullseye on their chest and back and it will be all out war on the remaining religious freedoms we have and enjoy. You think it’s bad now, this nation will sink in immorality. It will become like a communist country.

**THE CHURCH MUST PRAY!** If the Lord doesn’t return soon, I don’t want to be here in the next four years! Hasten thy coming Lord Jesus – Come Quickly! I still believe that God has the final say in all things, He’s still in control! We must understand that none of this we hear and see has caught God off guard. Prophecy shall be fulfilled! **But** God will move, deliver, keep and bless if His people will pray! I believe this is the Churches greatest hour to stand forth and shine! We are not defeated! We are made more than Conquerors! Jesus is coming after a Glorious Church and we may have to go through the fire to be refined and made ready! There’s a call of the Holy Ghost going out right now for God’s Church to PRAY and call on the Lord!

 On December the 28th as I sat in my study, I looked over at the globe of the earth that stands on a pedestal in my room. As I focused on the United States of America, my heart broke within me. I looked across the deep blue Atlantic ocean to the mother land of England which is 3,034 miles across the waters. It was there that our forefathers, the Puritan Pilgrims boarded the Mayflower ship to sail over the stormy waters to America’s shore in search of Religious freedom so they could serve and worship God freely! As I pondered on the price they paid to live and exercise their faith, the Lord gave me the words of this poem:

**O AMERICA**

**PLEASE TURN TO GOD AND PRAY!**

[O America, America, how did you come to be? This mighty land upon the waters God’s eye did see; O ye righteous Pilgrims, ye were guided by God’s precious hand, Ye sailed across the vast deep ocean to seek a better land; To England’s false religion, you would not bow your knee, So you came to America to worship God and be free; Ye Holy remnant aboard the Mayflower, God’s faithful little flock, Sixty six days you sailed the waters to reach Plymouth Rock; It was cold December your feet stepped on Massachusetts sod, We’re going to make America great, we’ll build our new Nation on God; God’s Holy Bible you brought with you, it was our Nation’s humble start, The freedoms we all now enjoy is because of your committed heart; Upon God’s Word and precepts our country’s foundation was built, It cost our forefathers something, O the tears and blood that was spilt; You labored, planted and builded, You made your Colony strong, You lived the precious Word of God, Victory was ye Pilgrims’ song; O America, America, heed the warning and hearken to the Spirit’s Call, You must return to God who chose you, lest you utterly fall; For ye have forgotten the Hand of Providence of the God you once knew, You’ve drifted from the Bible’s moorings that held you fast and true; O America, please repent, Humble your heart and Pray, Lest the Blessings of Freedom you’ve enjoyed will all be taken away!]

Can I ask my readers – “Do you really Love God? Do you know what you are in possession of and enjoy? Do you cherish your freedom? Do you want to hold on to it and not let the devil take it away? It’s time to Pray, stand up for God and fight the good fight of faith! Hold on to the Truth and what God had given you! Pray for your nation and ask God to have mercy and move one more time for us. United we stand, divided we fall. Only the Truth will prevail!”

**AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL**

 I want to take us back in history now and see our nation’s humble beginning. America started off so beautiful – its virgin forests, lofty mountains, lakes and streams, its flower covered valleys and flowing rivers. When Christopher Columbus sailed here from England in search of new land and discovered America in 1492, he returned back to the motherland and it was told that America was “The Land of Promise, filled with treasures and opportunity”! Thirty three year old Kathern Lee Bates wrote the Song – “America the Beautiful” back in 1895. It’s one of the most popular patriotic songs about our nation. Katherine was an English professor. She was on a train from Massachusetts across the nation to Colorado to teach a summer school session. As the train passed through the city, the country sides and plains, she saw from the trains window the wheat fields of America’s heart land - Kansas. She beheld the majestic view of the great plains from high atop Pikes Peak. On the pinnacle of that tall mountain, her heart was overwhelmed with a sense of awe of our Wonderful Mighty Nation. She said – “We hired a prairie wagon. Near the top we had to leave the wagon and went the rest of the way on mules. I was very tired, but when I saw the view, I felt great joy – all the wonder of America seemed displayed there.” The words of inspiration came to her and she returned to her hotel room and wrote them down. The lyrics to the Great Song – America the Beautiful : -

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain; For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plains! America, America, God shed His grave on thee and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for Pilgrims feet, whose stern impassioned stress, A thoroughfare for freedom beat, across the wilderness. America, America, God mend thy every flaw, confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life! America, America, may God thy gold refine, till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream, that sees beyond the years, thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears! America, America, God shed His grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

Dear reader, do you really love your nation? I am greatly thankful that I was born in the U.S.A.! God’s word still stands true: **Ps. 33:2** – Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. (His hand will surely be on it. The enemy cannot destroy it. God will fight for it and prosper it.) But God also said – **Ps. 9:17** – The wicked shall be turned into Hell and all nations that forget God. **Prov. 14:34** – Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.

Testimonies have been given about people traveling to other parts of the world and feeling a sense of pride and relief when they returned back to their blessed homeland – America! Soldiers on foreign battlefields, when they returned to the United States and got off their plane, they fell to their knees and kissed American soil, being thankful to be back in the country of the free! O God help us!

 A minister by the name of Samuel F. Smith wrote a song back in 1832 entitled: “America.” [My country tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing; Land where my fathers died, land of Pilgrims pride, from every mountain side, Let Freedom Ring. Our Father God to thee, Author of Liberty, to thee we sing; Long may our land be bright, with freedoms Holy light, protect us by thy might, great God our King!]

It’s interesting to note that our Nation’s symbol of freedom is the mighty Eagle. May our God keep her flying high and free!

**TRACING AMERICA’S HERITAGE**

 The true story of America’s humble beginning is very heart warming and touching. America never came to be without much pain, sorrow and sacrifice. We would not be here today had not a group of God loving praying people paid the price! They literally laid their lives on the line. This God chosen clan faced sickness and the sword. They were persecuted and imprisoned, mocked and made fun of. These Puritan Pilgrim believers suffered reproach, but they stood for what they believed in and held on to God! They refused to compromise with this world.

 Let’s go back 400 years now in history to the mother land of England from whence we came. The distance from Plymouth Rock Massachusetts where the Pilgrims landed in 1620 to England is 3,034 miles across the cold deep waters of the Atlantic ocean. The average depth of the ocean is 3,600 ft. (How far will you go dear reader to have victory? What’s the distance you will travel to be free and serve God in truth?)

 So, let’s go back in time now and put on the shoes of an English speaking people, let’s put on the clothes of these Christian Puritans and enter their lives and homes. In the early 1600’s in England, Catholicism ruled. This false religion was forced on all the people! It was a state religion that everyone must conform to!

**GOD’S HOLY REMNANT – PURITANS**

 But there was a true Bible believing remnant of people who loved God and would not go along with their false religion. This Holy group of people were known as the **Puritans** who believed in the true teachings of Christ. They were dedicated believers who committed themselves and agreed to walk in Purity and unity of the true Gospel of Jesus Christ. They rose up in protest and became the **Protestants**. The Puritans protested against the false church of England, stood up to the royal authority and opposed the church’s unscriptural ceremonial worship. “We are not going along with your Episcopal Catholic doctrine. We don’t believe in your statues, idols and images!”

 These Puritan Protestants abhorred the false doctrine and rituals and made it plain to the King and Queen that they believed only in the Purity of Christs’ teachings and true worship of God! History says that these Protestants tried to reform the Catholic church from within. They rose up in an effort to change Catholicism and bring their nation back to God’s Word and true worship. These Puritan Protestants destroyed idols, statues, images and tore up their altars as was done in the Old Testament in an effort to bring the Harlot church to true Christianity.

 This Holiness clan made it known to the leaders – “We believe in the supremacy of God and His inspired Word. Ye must be pure and live Holy. We Puritans are fed up with the excessiveness and carnality and rituals of the Catholic clergy. Christ must be obeyed.” A footnote here: \*O America, America, where do your churches stand in the eyes of God?

The Puritan’s favorite scriptures they believed and preached were: **2Cor. 6:14** - Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

 **15** And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

 **16** And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

 **17** Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

 **18** And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

 No matter what the Puritans did, all their prayers and efforts were vain, they could not change or turn the Catholic church to true Christianity. The harlot mother church was corrupt to the core. It was filled with Astrology and Witchcraft and licentious living ruled the day!

**GOVERNMENT CRACK DOWN**

 Time is now getting closer and closer that the Puritans are going to have to make a move. Their stand for Holiness and Righteousness has now ran head to head with the false church of England! The Government said to the people – “You must conform to our religion, agree with us and join.” Their answer back to the government ran church was – “No! We serve only God by the Holy Scriptures!”

 The Puritans and Pilgrims were the same people. It was only when they left England to come to America, they became Pilgrims! These Puritans in order to hold true to God will have to leave the Catholic church and go where they will be free. I have done many hours of study and searching history to give you this accurate information. I want to ask you – does history repeat itself? YES! You would think that history would teach people and they would learn by it not to make the same mistakes and allow bad things to happen again. I sense and feel the same spirit the Puritans faced by the government in England is raising its ungodly head right now in America. If Jesus should tarry His coming much longer and God’s people – the Church, doesn’t pray and get ahold of God in prayer we are headed for trying times. O America, it’s time to awake out of sleep! What happens in Europe always filters its way here. The nations overseas have forgotten God and the great awakenings of Holy Ghost revivals they experienced in the 18th and 19th century. In **Part 2** next month, we will trace the Puritan’s steps as they leave England in order to be free and serve God and how they ended up coming to America’s shores to bring Christianity….. May God Bless My Readers !