

## **The Decline of America** (Why is America Going to the Dogs?)

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As far back as the 1500s, bad or stale food that was not thought to be suitable for human consumption was thrown to the dogs. Eventually an idiom or idiomatic expression developed out of this practice. When something was going bad it was said to be “going to the dogs.” The expression caught on and expanded to include any person or thing that came to a bad end, was ruined, or looked terrible was said to have “gone to the dogs.”

Of all things, the American Heritage Dictionary gives this meaning and sense to the idiom and phrase – “Going to the Dogs.”

### Meanings:

- something is becoming worse than it normally was
- to become worse in quality or character
- becoming very less successful than it was in the past
- to deteriorate, to become bad to decline in looks or health; to be ruined or destroyed.

Your car can go to the dogs when it gets older. Your home can go to the dogs when it needs a lot of repair. Your life can go to the dogs if you don't keep a check on it. Your reputation and business can go to the dogs. With the above definition in mind, we can conclude that America is going to the dogs! Of course, the expression of “going to the dogs” means that this country is quickly becoming a nation that is totally corrupt at every level (morally, ethically, socially, globally, and economically). It is a nation that has been blown off its course and one that is headed toward every-increasing moral decay and ethical decline.

With the push to promote homosexuality, gender changes, the abortion and butchering of babies, and the atheistic goal of getting God out of everything in societal living has brought our country to a new moral low. Added to this, we are on a collision course to an economic collapse through irresponsible leadership and the present course of socialism that we have embarked on. \*

America is rapidly going to the dogs through its moral, ethical, and economic decline.

One out of every three babies conceived in America is now aborted. There are 1.6 million abortions reported in this country every year. Recent statistics tell us that 50 million abortions have taken place since abortion was legalized in 1973. In 1940 teachers identified the top problems in America's schools as: Talking out of turn, chewing gum, making noise and running in the hall. In 1990, teachers listed drugs, alcohol, pregnancy, suicide, rape and assault.

Our modern culture seems almost dedicated to the corruption of the young. We have become desensitized to the cultural rot that is setting in. People are losing their capacity for shock, disgust and outrage. Today 40% of all American births and 80% of minority births will occur out of wedlock. There are many statistics we could give that prove America is going to the dogs. Redefining marriage, the home, and abandoning God on every level is bringing America to a new moral and ethical low.

America is on the decline. She is going to the dogs.

There are four reasons why America is on the decline.

### **I. America is following her sin nature.**

2 Peter 2:22

“But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog *is* turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.”

The Bible says a dog returns to its vomit and a pig returns to the muck and mire (Prov. 26:11). Dogs and pigs follow their natural instincts and unchanged condition. In a similar way, wicked people follow the dictates of their sinful and depraved natures when they are left unchecked. When a country no longer has moral restraints in place, the nation is left to go in the inevitable direction of spiritual ruin and moral collapse.

When you give unregenerate and depraved people the opportunity to do unregenerate and depraved acts, they will do plenty of them (Romans 1:21-28; 3:9-18). This is why in our country we have Planned Parenthood butchering babies, the cultural push for everyone to accept same-sex

marriages, gender changes, and many other kinds of perverse and wicked sins, which are quickly becoming the alleged “new normal” for societal living.

Revelation 20:7-8 reveals:

“And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom *is* as the sand of the sea.”

Amazingly, even after 1,000 years of keeping human nature in check, during the Millennial reign of Jesus Christ over the earth, mankind will rebel when He has the opportunity (Rev. 20:7-8). This fact demonstrates the moral depravity of human nature and that the heart is desperately wicked (Jer. 17:9). The point is this; when you legally and openly endorse wicked acts of behavior and become open to godless atheism in a nation, the worst of human nature will surface and a society will begin to topple. A society will go to the dogs.

America's history has been phenomenal. From the very beginning there were many immigrants coming to America seeking religious liberty. In godly worship they settled our eastern shores, and then moved westward, until they settled almost three million square miles of territory. For approximately 150 years, the true God of the Bible has been the God of this nation, piloting us safely through the pioneer periods, the revival periods of our nation's history, helping us through the past wars that promoted freedom and liberty for oppressed peoples.

The proof of our religious heritage can be seen in looking back upon our history. It can also be seen on our coins (“In God we trust”), in the pledge of our American Flag (“one nation under God”). However, as time has elapsed, our nation and country, after following many years of prosperity, has turned largely away from God, His directives, and morals! America's departure from God and morals is becoming more alarming as time marches on!

God has by in large been kicked out of the public schools; evolutionism and socialism (living without God and the Bible) are being taught in our universities (our young people are being brainwashed by godless professors), the atheists of our generation are aggressively pushing their agenda against Christianity and the Bible, the gays and modern TV shows

are promoting their godless and grotesque lifestyle on America and breaking down traditional and Biblical marriage.

Once again, the pseudo-science of Darwinism has propagated the evolutionary myth that man came from the stars, primordial slime, and monkeys. It's really not evolution; it's devolution!

The women's liberation movement continues to obliterate traditional and Biblical roles in the home. We now have "Frosty the snowperson" instead of "Frosty the snowman." Instead of "mankind" we have "humankind" being written in our books (even Christian books!).

Speaking of books, most of the modern history books which are being used in most schools have completely left out the historic roots of this country, why it was founded, and how God and the Bible were honored and revered in the country from its inception.

Our government by enlarge has adopted an anti-God, secular, and progressive approach to running the country. Socialism and eventual communism has NEVER been established upon faith in God; but rather, upon faith in the government. Without an oppressive government to regulate everything, without brainwash children coming through public schooling, and without the heavily taxation of its citizens; men naturally tend toward capitalism and freedom. Communism is the end result of an immoral society that abandons God. Added to all this, as we've mentioned already, some 50 million babies have been murdered inside and outside the wombs of mothers.

## **II. America is forgetting to honor God.**

Deuteronomy 4:23 declares:

"Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which he made with you, and make you a graven image, *or* the likeness of any *thing*, which the LORD thy God hath forbidden thee."

Deuteronomy 8:11 adds:

"Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day."

Deuteronomy 8:14

“Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.”

It's clear that a nation can forget God even as the nation of Israel did. Let's state it clearly. In the 1960's we forgot God by removing prayer and the Bible from our schools. Women began their Feminist Movement against God's structured order. In the 1970's we forgot God by legalizing abortion. In the 21<sup>st</sup> century we have now legalized same-sex marriages!

In the midst of peace, popularity in the world, pleasures, and plenty (money) America has forgotten God. America has chosen to forget God who was behind the founding of this once great nation. Yes, God founded and birthed America! There really can be no doubt about this. Many are rewriting America's history to rid it of its Christian origins and heritage. In fact, even Christians organization try and dismiss the facts about a Christian America but the facts still stand above all of this mindless rhetoric.

I think of the first colonies in Jamestown, Virginia. Did you know that the first community building was a church? The Puritans first action at Plymouth Rock was to kneel, praise and dedicate the new colony to God. Lord Baltimore held church service in establishing Maryland. William Penn (Quaker) was responsible for establishing Pennsylvania, the state where I live. As one of the earlier supporters of colonial unification, Penn wrote and urged for a Union of all the English colonies in what was to become the United States of America. In fact, William Penn in writing government policies for PA made sure “all treasurers, judges, and all elected officials professed faith in Christ.”

When you read the writings of the Puritans you see no doubt that God birthed America. Our Founding Fathers consistently spoke of the need for utilizing the Bible and Judeo-Christian values in defining and preserving this nation. Twelve of the original 13 colonies incorporated the entire Ten Commandments into their civil and criminal codes.

President John Adams stated:

"The law given from Sinai was a civil and municipal code as well as a moral and religious code. These are laws essential to the existence of men in society and most of which have been enacted by every Nation which ever professed any code of laws. Vain indeed would be the search among the

writings of secular history to find so broad, so complete and so solid a basis of morality as the Ten Commandments lay down."

Remember that the American Bible Society was started by an act of Congress and John Adams, our second president, served as its first leader. My Country, 'Tis of Thee was written by a Baptist minister, Samuel Francis Smith. The Pledge of Allegiance was written in 1892 by a Baptist minister, Francis Bellamy. The words "In God We Trust" are traced to the efforts of Rev. W.R. Watkinson. Rev. John Witherspoon, a Presbyterian minister was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Our laws in this country were based on 10 commandments and Bible. The Supreme Court building was built in 1935 and carved on front were Moses and the Ten Commandments.

President George Washington said:

"It is impossible to govern the world without God and the Bible. Of all dispositions and habits that lead to political prosperity, our religion and morality are indispensable supporters."

In 1782, the U.S. Congress voted in favor of a resolution recommending and approving the Bible for use in the schools. Henry Laurens, fourth president of the Continental Congress, stated, "I had the honor of being one who framed the Constitution. In order effectually to accomplish these great constitutional ends, it is especially the duty of those who bear rule to promote and encourage respect for God and virtue."

Patrick Henry, first governor of Virginia and a member of the Continental Congress, stated, "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ." Our Constitution ends "in the year of our Lord." The Nation's motto: "In God we trust" We Pledge "One nation under God." At least I'm still doing it!!

What has happened over the years to create the moral, ethical, and religious decline in this country? The answer is very simple. America has forgotten God. She has repeatedly and strategically taken God out of the picture. The phrase "out of sight and out of mind" seems to be America's motto today.

Romans chapter 1 deals with a nation that has forgotten God. We live among the asphalt jungles of heathenism today in America. The idea that

heathenism is ONLY overseas in some far away land is simply not the case. It's right here in our own country.

Romans chapter 1 gives information on a society that abandons God.

a. The reason for abandoning God.

Romans 1:18-19

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed *it* unto them.”

This tells us that people within the human race and a particular nation or society can and do suppress the truth about God's existence and the moral code, which He has intuitively placed within all people. Every person that is born is born with a sense of God's existence, a basic moral code that reflects the Creator, and a sense of accountability to the Creator. However, people within a nation can choose to suppress this truth in their conscience. In other words, they put God out of their minds or thinking. Notice the downward trend in the next verses.

Romans 1:21 goes on to say:

Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Romans 1:28

“And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient.”

The reasons why America is on the decline and going to the dogs is because Americans are choosing more and more to put God out of their minds. They willfully choose ignorance over truth and reality by promoting the idea that God does not exist. Denying God results in the denial of a moral code and moral accountability to a God who created them.

b. The result of abandoning God.

Romans 1:21-25

“Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.”

This is atheism 101. It's a picture of atheism taking over a society. This is what is happening in America. You can see the downward trend. When a society gets rid of God in its thinking, it eventually gets rid of longstanding morals and replaces creationism with evolutionary and atheistic dogma or teaching. The aim of many in this country is to take God out of the picture and follow secular humanism. However, when people put God out of their mind, the intuitive knowledge that God has placed within all people regarding His existence and moral code, the result is reckless abandonment.

Two results of abandoning God are given.

1. Man worships the animals (evolution)

A society that forgets God will replace the worship of the true God with idolatry and other forms of pagan religion and worship that are centered on animals. This passage presents the lie of evolution. Man is instinctively religious. He must have some object to worship. This is the way God created him. However, Romans 1:23 says that when man refuses to worship the living God, he makes his own gods of wood and stone representing man, birds, animals, and creeping things, or reptiles.

Notice the downward progression from worshipping man, birds, animals, to creeping things (insects), and reptiles. Man worships that which he loves (the creation – including himself) and places above the true Creator and God. This is really the story of evolution. Man is at the top of the evolving chain or link and below him is birds, animals, creeping things and reptiles. So, what we have here is a perfect illustration of evolution.



You will also notice that the underlying cause of this idolatry is the worship of animals. The heathen made idols in the form of animals and insects. In doing this they were actually worshipping animals instead of God since it is believed that man came from the animals. This is what is taking place in our country today with the continued blind acceptance of evolution and the glorification of animals over God and His moral code.

Evolution is a religion that revolves around animals. Man came from the animals and we are nothing more than an animal. In evolution dogma, animals are worshipped as our ancestors and origins instead of God! Evolution is just another form of idolatry – the worshipping of animals. We might not make statues of animals in our country but we might as well do this, since we are worshipping animals today through the false religion of evolutionary teaching, which glorifies animals as our ancient ancestors.

This verse brings out the truth that evolution is a god to people. This is because evolutionary teaching brings people to the place of worshipping and glorifying animals (our alleged ancestors) over God, the true Creator. People use evolution as a way to replace God. They actually worship animals and insects over God! The reckless abandonment of God and morals result in a society that is worshipping false gods which are based upon nature and the animal kingdom.

When believing in evolution (animal worship), they change the truth of God's existence into a lie, by substituting something else in God's place. As a result, people begin to worship creation more than the Creator. They worship and glorify animals over the Creator of the animals. The fact that America glorifies godless evolution through animals proves the truth that people do serve "the creature more than the Creator" (Rom. 1:25).

Today animals are placed ABOVE God and His moral code. Animals actually REPLACE God and are worshipped today. In fact, we are now called upon to adopt animals like children. We must now provide for animals and treat animals exactly like children. Animals must eat like us, brush their teeth like us, and die like us. You can now buy coffins for your animal. All of this animal craze stems from an evolutionary basis of the worship and glorification of animals as our ancient ancestors. America has made a god out of the animal kingdom.

Evolutionists continue to push their atheistic dogma on Americans and consider it be science.

**Richard Dawkins said:**

“...by evoking a supernatural Designer is to explain precisely nothing, for it leaves unexplained the origin of the Designer. You have to say something like, “**God was always there,**” and if you allow yourself that kind of **lazy way out**, you might as well just say, “**DNA was always there,**” or “**Life was always there.**” And be done with it.”

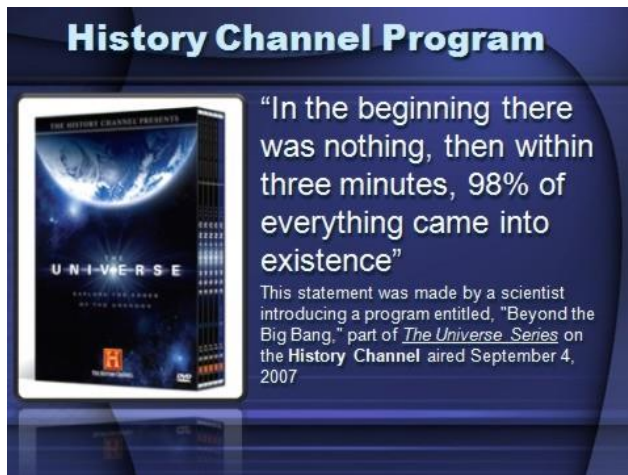
Of course, believing in creation is not a “lazy way out;” it’s the only way out. Nothing else is rational. How can something come from nothing?

The problem with Dawkins and mindless evolutionists is that somehow they believe that everything came from nothing! First, there was nothing, and eventually there was everything. How sane is this reasoning?

Harvard professor George Wald said:

“The evolutionist says, ‘Given enough time, that which is impossible becomes virtually certain.’”

This is nothing more than a religious belief; not a scientific belief. It’s a belief that is irrational and bizarre (something can come from nothing) but it’s the underlying premise of evolutionary dogma.



The History Channel had a special on the Big Bang Theory back in 2007. The statement made borders on insanity: “In the beginning there was nothing, then within three minutes, 98% of everything came into existence.”

And they think we are nuts! What can we say about all of this evolutionary nonsense?

Romans 1:21 says it best: “Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.”

## 2. Man lives like the animals (dogs)

Note: We must also remember that man becomes like what he worships. As his concept of deity degenerates, his morals degenerate also. If his god is a reptile or the animals, then he feels free to live as he pleases. There is no accountability to God as the Creator. When a society abandons God, that society will also experience moral collapse and extreme forms of sinful depravity. Romans 1:24 goes on to say: "Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves."

This refers to debased acts of sex, such as homosexuality and lesbianism which are further outlined in Romans 1:26-27. Of course, there are many more moral atrocities that are going on in this country as well which are outlined later in the passage (Rom. 1:28-31). Romans 1:28 says that God gives people over to many sins when they are determined to live in them and defy God and His moral code. The point cannot be dismissed. When a nation forgets God that nation and society sets itself up for all kinds of immoral behavior and acts that are debased and horrifying to any God-fearing person.

I'm amazed at how far our country has drifted since the days of its inception and early history. Harvard University was chartered in 1636. In the original Harvard Student Handbook rule number 1 was that students seeking entrance must know Latin and Greek so that they could study the scriptures. It stated: "Let every student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well, the main end of his life and studies is, to know God and Jesus Christ, which is eternal life, John 17:3; and therefore to lay Jesus Christ as the only foundation of all sound knowledge and learning. And seeing the Lord only giveth wisdom, let everyone seriously set himself by prayer in secret to seek it of him (Proverbs 2:3)." For over 100 years, more than 50% of all Harvard graduates were pastors! Today our secular colleges are totally debunked from a moral and ethical perspective and they are filled with atheistic teachers who are promoting socialism and communism to our current generation instead of freedom and capitalism.

America is forgetting God and will pay the price for doing so. God cannot look upon evil with approval (Hab. 1:13). God will not allow evil to go unchecked forever. America will pay the price for its reckless abandonment. When a nation forgets God it loses its moral compass and the blessing of God.

Psalm 9:17 declares:

“The wicked shall be turned into hell, *and* all the nations that forget God.”

This means that God will ultimately judge any nation that departs from His Word and ways. The word “hell” (sheol) can mean the place of judgment and suffering or the grave depending on the context and setting of the passage of Scripture. One thing is certain; when a nation forgets God that society will be judged by God, through judgments that result in the physical death of many and ultimately through the experience spiritual death which takes place in the regions of the damned and unredeemed.

“The wicked shall be turned into hell, *and* all the nations that forget God.” They should write this verse across the gates of Washington DC! Many God haters really think that they will get away with all of their sins, evil atrocities, murderous abortions, and sexual perversions, but let me tell you today that nobody gets away with anything! The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. This means that the unsaved within a nation will eventually meet their doom!

The word “turned” is a Hebrew expression that is used for death and judgment. This indicates that someday unsaved people living within a godless nation will die and go to a place of doom and judgment. Their spirits will be ushered into a place where God’s wrath will be meted out on them. This expression “turned” would then speak of the unsaved being turned away from God in judgment for their sins.

Only 59% of Americans believe in hell, compared with 74% who believe in heaven, according to the recent surveys from the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life. The Rev. Fred Johns, pastor of Brookview Wesleyan Church in Irondale, Alabama, said after a workshop discussion of hell that pastors do shy away from the topic of everlasting damnation. Why? He said: "It's out of fear we'll not appear relevant," he said. "It's pressure from the culture to not speak anything negative. I think we've begun to deny hell. There's an assumption that everybody's going to make it to heaven somehow." The soft sell on hell is the result of an increasingly market-driven approach to evangelizing people without repentance and Judgment Day.

Another preacher said:

"When you're trying to market Jesus, sometimes there's a tendency to mute traditional Christian symbols. Difficult doctrines are left by the wayside. Hell

is a morally repugnant doctrine. People wonder why God would send people to eternal punishment."

In spite of what people say or think, the truth about hell cannot be changed or dismissed as a clear teaching of the Bible. Psalm 9:17 says that when people are turned into hell, when they die in their sins and their spirit goes to hell, it's because God MUST judge sin, This is because He is a righteous God that cannot accept sin and sinners in His presence. If He would, He could not be God! There MUST be a hell and there is a hell and coming Judgment Day for people who are unsaved and have taken God out of their minds and conscience.

What will the end be for our beloved country? It's not a storybook ending. When the biblical home is abandoned the very moral fiber and foundation of a nation is destroyed. This results in moral confusion, spiritual delusion and a dysfunction society on many different levels.

Proverbs 14:34

"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin *is* a reproach to any people."

America need to remember this. A nation and empire that puts God out of its mind no longer follows any moral compass or guide. It eventually degenerates into a society that is utterly detestable before God. It is a nation that has gone to the dogs!

When God's moral code is openly condemned, despised and replaced with atheism, evolutionism, homosexuality, lesbianism, open acceptance of gender changes, children allowing to choose their own sexual identity, when prayer and God are banned from our schools and the Ten Commandants are stripped from our governing bodies, and when a nation buries itself in debt up to its eyeballs, the only thing that can happen is great moral and economic collapse, which is accompanied by the loss of our national freedoms and the judgment of God.

Leviticus 26:15-16 says: "And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, *but* that ye break my covenant: I also will do this unto you ...." Get ready America. God has the next move. When a nation goes into moral decline (when a nations goes to the dogs) and becomes unchecked morally and ethically,

when it is left to the whims of the sin nature, it becomes an open target for the judgment of God.

### **III. America has a false view of liberty.**

We now come back to 2 Peter 2:19:

“While they (the false teachers) promise them (their converts) liberty (a false type of liberty or freedom), they themselves (the apostates or false teachers) are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.”

This is like a 300 pound man selling diet books! These false teachers were promising liberty to the people but they themselves did not possess true liberty. They were advocating “pernicious” (2 Pet. 2:2) or licentious living and calling it freedom. The apostates did not understand about the true nature of liberty. This is because whenever a person comes under the bondage of sin they actually lose their true liberty. In a similar way, Americans do not understand the truth about liberty or freedom. People in this country are deceived about what true freedom is and how it impacts personal living. They don’t understand the nature of true freedom. The kind of freedom that is being promoted today is actually bondage to sin and is not true moral freedom. Many today say, “I want to be free” but they don’t understand what Jesus taught about freedom from the power of sin.

Jesus said in John 8:36:

“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”

This is true freedom or liberty from the power of sin. However, today people are promoting a false type of freedom that is really libertinism or the open expression of sinful indulgence.

1 Peter 2:16 adds this little insert about false freedom:

“As free, and not using *your* liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.”

These verses remind us that there is a false view of liberty that is related to the Christian life. A person is deceived when they think they can live an open and loose immoral lifestyle and still be experiencing true freedom. Many Christians deceive themselves about the matter of true spiritual freedom or

liberty. They use their liberty as a “cloak” of cover-up to condone their personal lifestyle of sin and uncleanness.

This certainly has application to our country today. Great multitudes of people actually believe they are experiencing true freedom, which is something our country has historically promoted, when they have the right to marry a partner of the same sex, kill their babies, and be able to smoke marihuana. But this is not true freedom or liberty; it’s actually libertinism. And this is the case with a society who has a false view of liberty. They pass off many despicable sins as “freedom of choice” and “liberty” when changing God’s order for the home and society.” America was a nation founded upon the principle of freedom but it was not a radical freedom to abandon or defy God and do as one pleases. Liberty does not mean loose living. This is never the meaning of true freedom.

It’s very interesting that the loss of national freedom is often accompanied by the loss of moral freedom or liberty (2 Pet. 2:19). The two overlap in many ways. If you lose one, you inevitably lose the other. This is because godless people eventually push their own personal greed, sins, social agenda, ideologies, and ideas at the expense of the freedom of others (Daniel 3:8-25; Rev. 13:11-18; 20:4). This can be proven with many examples from both Biblical and secular history. When moral freedom is abandoned and replaced by a libertine lifestyle, then national freedom eventually declines. This has always been the case throughout history.

Sinners, when left alone, will overtake society and consequently God’s people will lose their spiritual freedoms and liberties to worship and live as one pleases. Therefore, a nation cannot decline morally or ethically without declining in national liberty or freedoms. The two intersect and cannot be separated without the loss of both. It’s like trying to separate the heads and tails on a coin. It can’t be done. The two are inseparably bound together.

There are two results of false liberty.

a. The conscience becomes seared.

1 Timothy 4:2 declares that these type of people possess an incentive and morally deficient conscience (“having their conscience seared with a hot iron”). As your finger is numb when it has been burned with a hot iron, so too their consciences are numbed by the searing of sin. When something is

cauterized it means that it is no longer sensitive and responsive to ethical and moral matters. This is the result of possessing a false liberty. We become numb to sinful atrocities and terrible and wicked things like butchering babies and selling their organs.

When you repeatedly sin against the light your conscience becomes insensitive and hardened. The person no longer possesses any scruples about contradicting the word of God with their teaching and actions which they know are untrue. We must remember this in relation to our own personal lives. We can become desensitized to sin! This is why America is going to the dogs.

b. The course of one's life becomes sinful.

Judges 21:25

"In those days *there was* no king in Israel: every man did *that which was* right in his own eyes."

The depressing and unethical days of the judges has revisited our own country. Maybe this is true in relation to your own life today. You are doing what is right in your own eyes but not in the eyes of God. When will you wake up? Today we see society taking pleasure in their own God-defying and sacrilegious ways without batting an eyelash. We have lost our moral compass in this country and atheism and humanism has basically taken over everything. America is going to the dogs because people continue to follow the moral depravity of their hearts, without restraint and regard for God.

#### **IV. America has failed leadership.**

Of course, anyone with Biblical sense, and even common sense, can see this today. America's leadership has disregarded God and His ways and this trickles down to our society and become symptomatic of the entire nation.

In 1782, the United States Congress voted on this resolution: "The congress of the United States recommends and approves the Holy Bible for use in all schools." What happened to our leaders in this country? They have for the most part become political pawns and have total disregard for that which is right and honoring to God. They no longer have the backbone or to do what is right for this country and nation.



God calls the leaders within a nation to put a moral restraint upon wicked behavior by honoring God and His purposes for mankind, such as His plan for marriage. God expects the leaders of a country to uphold the basic moral code that He has intuitively written in the conscience of all people (Rom. 2:12-15).

Romans 13:3-4 declares:

“For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to *execute* wrath upon him that doeth evil.”

We discover from this passage of Scripture that a government should be a promoter of those things that are good, whether it be the promotion of moral laws or practical laws that keep a country from anarchy. God expects much more from the leaders and courts of this country. Government without God is a government that is out of control. And this is what we see in our country today. The alarming moral depravity that is being expressed today in our nation would make our founding fathers appalled.

George Washington, the first president of the United States said:

"It is impossible to govern the world without God and the Bible. Of all dispositions and habits that lead to political prosperity, our religion and morality are indispensable supporters."

John Adams, the second president wrote:

“The general principles upon which the Fathers achieved independence were the general principals of Christianity... I will avow that I believed and now believe that those general principles of Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the existence and attributes of God.”

James Madison said:

“We’ve staked our future on our ability to follow the Ten Commandments with all of our heart.”

Even Benjamin Franklin, when speaking in the Constitutional Convention of 1787, said: “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? We have been assured in the Sacred Writings that except the Lord

build the house, they labor in vain that build it. I firmly believe this. I also believe that, without His concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel”

Currently, while I am writing this, the situation has drastically changed. We have a biblical illiterate president (Barack Obama), along with the leaders and judges of our land, which are taking the lead in allowing great moral atrocities to overtake America, such as abortion, the mutilation of babies, along with the selling of their organs, the ordaining of same sex marriage, and the glorification of other sex perversions.

The universities are overrun with socialism and communists. The nation is filled with sinful atrocities.

Psalm 33:12

“Blessed *is* the nation whose God *is* the LORD; *and* the people *whom* he hath chosen for his own inheritance.”

America has many gods today such as sex, evolution, animals, money, and many unethical gods that control the lives of millions of people. America has given the true God a backseat and in many cases has totally disregarded His moral code and ways for societal living. This Bible verse tells us that if a nation wants to be blessed by God, truly blessed, that nation must honor the true God, who is the LORD (Jehovah), the God of creation, the God of morals, and the God of salvation and eternal life.

When a society bypasses the true God of Heaven, they will also bypass His blessing. Beloved, we must pray for our nation and ask God to restore leadership in this country (2 Chronicles 7:14; 1 Timothy 2:1-2) that accepts the foundational history and basis of our nation, which was established by people, who in various ways and degrees did honor the true God of creation and believed that God’s ethical code matters in a society.

American history has many stories of God’s miraculous intervention and blessing upon this country. We can see this in the foundational days of this country. But most history books written by humanists deliberately keep these true facts out of textbooks.

British commander William Howe was moving 30,000 Veteran British soldiers to take New York. This operation was designed to gain control of the

Hudson River, and included expanded operations from the base at Newport, and an expedition to take Philadelphia. General George Washington only had 18,000 inexperienced troops. It was 1776.

British troops outflanked Washington. Washington lost 1,000 men and 2 top Generals. Washington's troops were discouraged. Without any reason British halted their troops. Had they kept on pressing in they would have destroyed Washington and troops. Yet still they were trapped on Long Island. The only route of escape was the treacherous East river. The weather was very bad and it seemed impossible to cross.

Washington called for a prayer meeting to ask for God's guidance and help and decided to attempt to cross river. It was storming, but then suddenly, at 11 pm, the wind died and rain stopped. The river was as smooth as glass. When they started crossing a gentle breeze came up behind them to push them along. Even with this miracle it still would be impossible to get all troops across to Manhattan Island before daybreak. However, just before daybreak, thick fog draped over them and hiding them from British troops. When the fog lifted British commander Howe was shocked. Washington troops had escaped. Washington and his men recognized God's blessings on America.

Psalms 33:12 says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." God has birthed America and blessed America. History clearly and repeatedly attests to this fact. We can't ignore this unless we are left-wing, progressive socialist with an axe to grind. This is the kind of people and nation that God chooses to bless. It's the nation who honors God.

I'm so glad that God has chosen to bless this country in amazing ways because of the Christians that have historically stood for righteousness in this country. However, we are fast losing the blessing of God and perhaps have already lost God's blessing upon this country because of the general trends toward wickedness and moral degradation.

If it were not for Christians standing up for righteousness (Dan. 11:32), we can be sure that there would be no blessing left for this nation. Christians are a beacon of hope or ray of light for this country and without millions of them living in America we can be certain that this country would be totally abandoned by God. Of course, only God, within His own counsel and will (Eph. 1:11), knows when a nation is totally abandoned. One thing is certain; America is on the decline morally and ethically. America is going to the dogs!

Our prayer for this nation should be the prayer of the first Continental Congress: "O Lord our Heavenly Father, high and mighty King of kings, and Lord of lords, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers on earth and reignest with power supreme and uncontrolled over all the Kingdoms, Empires and Governments; look down in mercy, we beseech Thee, on these our American States, who have fled to Thee from the rod of the oppressor and thrown themselves on Thy gracious protection, desiring to be henceforth dependent only on Thee."

Be Thou present, O God of wisdom, and direct the councils of this honorable assembly; enable them to settle things on the best and surest foundation. That the scene of blood may be speedily closed; that order, harmony and peace may be effectually restored, and truth and justice, religion and piety, prevail and flourish amongst the people. Preserve the health of their bodies and vigor of their minds; shower down on them and the millions they here represent, such temporal blessings as Thou seest expedient for them in this world and crown them with everlasting glory in the world to come. All this we ask in the name and through the merits of Jesus Christ, Thy Son and our Savior.

America needs to get back to her historical roots which demonstrated a dependence upon the true God of Heaven for both salvation and blessing. The history of this country certainly manifested a respect for God and His moral code. There can be no doubt about this when looking back at the founders and framers of this country. To deny this is to reject historical facts. Although some people doubt that America was founded as a "Christian nation" one cannot deny the place God had in early American history in the decisions and direction of this great nation. Today America is jettisoning her Christian history and roots and is replacing them with secular humanism.

Is there hope for America? If there is any hope for this country it lies within the realm of God's *providence* (Ps. 115:3) and the *prayers* of His people (2 Chronicles 7:14) which may turn the country in another direction. Joel 2:14 asks: "Who knoweth if he (God) will return and repent (change His mind), and leave a blessing behind him?" Jonah 3:9 also asks: "Who can tell *if* God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?"

America is on the decline. Only time will tell how far America will drift off course. Time will reveal if America will mend some of her immoral fractures and departures from God's truth and if God will continue to bless the country in view of the moral stand and prayers of Christians which are seeking to advocate righteousness in the midst of ever-increasing perversion.