

AMREICA 250 YEARS OF FREEDOM JULY 4TH 2026

TEXT:PRO. 14:34 Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.

In celebrating our independence as a nation, we often forget that in declaring their independence from England. **July 4, 1776 The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,**

*When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of **Nature's God** entitle them, a decent respect for the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.*

*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their **Creator** with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. The closing words of the Declaration solemnly states: "With a firm reliance on the protection of **divine Providence**, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes & our sacred Honor."*

Why mention all this? Listen to words of respected statesman: *“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.”*

In 1779 after the first admendment (establishment clause), the Supreme Court stated the following: *“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. By our form, the Christian religion is the established religion; and all sects and denominations of Christians are placed on the same equal footing.”*

James Madison, the “Chief Architect of the Constitution”: *We have staked the whole future of American civilization, not upon the power of government, far from it. We have staked the future of all of our political institutions upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves...according to the Ten Commandments of God...”*

John Adams: *“We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”*

Supreme Court, 1892: *“Our laws and our institutions must necessarily be based upon and embody the teachings of the Redeemer of mankind. It is impossible that it should be otherwise. In this sense and to this extent, our civilizations and our institutions are emphatically Christian.”*

I. REVIEW AMERICA’S INDEPENDENCE.
(Proverbs 14:34a Righteousness exalteth a nation:)

A. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS PLANNED – people living by just and godly principles that produce just and godly actions. **ACTS 16:6-10**

1. We are not righteous by nature ... we are sinners.
2. We do not become righteous by being good.
3. We are made righteous through Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:21 “For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

A. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS PLANNED
B. THE ROUTE PROVIDED

It is imperative that we revisit our birth as a nation, so that we understand this scripture,

“Righteousness exalteth a nation...”.

1. John Quincy Adams – *“From the time of the Declaration of Independence, the American people were bound by the laws of God and the laws of the gospel of Jesus Christ, which they acknowledge as the root of their conduct. We all came together to obey the word of God.”*

2. G.W. – *“Do not let anyone claim tribute of American patriotism if they even attempt to remove religion from politics.”*

3. Pres. Thomas Jefferson – *“the 1st amendment has created a wall of separation between church and state, but that wall is a one directional wall, it keeps the government from running the church, but it makes sure that Christian principles will always stay in government.”*

Our Righteousness as a nation is even patterned after Biblical principles:

Three branches of government

1. JUDICIAL BRANCH...INTERPRETS THE LAW Isaiah 33:22 **“For the LORD is our Judge,**

2. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH MAKES THE LAW **the LORD is our Lawgiver,**

3. EXECUTIVE BRANCH HE ENFORCES THE LAW **the LORD is our King;...”**

I. REVIEW AMERICA’S INDEPENDENCE.

II. REPENT OF AMERICA’S INDIFFERENCE.

(Prov. 14:34b) ***“Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.”***

A. SIN missing the mark; disobeying God.

B. SIGNS moving the landmarks

1. 1963 – prayer taken out of schools.

2. 1963 Then bibles removed from classrooms.

3. 1980 Ten commandments taken off walls of public buildings.

4. 2000 Ruled that students could not pray at graduations, then sporting events.

5. 1943 Now, that the pledge is unconstitutional.

We have seen the heart of our founding fathers as we reviewed America's fight for independence.

We have seen how our nation has fallen from its Godly principles.

Finally, there is but one action that America's men and women of God must take:

I. REVIEW AMERICA'S INDEPENDENCE.

II. REPENT OF AMERICA'S INDIFFERENCE.

III. RECLAIM AMERICA'S INHERITANCE.

Psalms 33:12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He has chosen as His own inheritance.

How do we do that? The answer lies in this room today, those listening to this message in person.

A. REPENTANCE.....WE can personally repent of sin and commit your life to Christ. **2Ch 7:14**
If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

You can pray for our nation and her leaders.

B. REGAINING.....You can insist that we not allow a liberal, atheistic minority to rob us of our spiritual heritage.

THE GROUND/THE GOALS/THE GOD

You can live your life as a Christian patriot, who honors the laws of God and this country.

If you really are a patriot; if you are truly concerned about America; if you earnestly want God to bless her – then live a life in harmony with the will of God. Only then does one truly have the right to sing:

God bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her, and guide her, through the night with a light from above. From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans, white with foam,

God bless America, my home, sweet home.

As we celebrate again the birth of our nation, pray that our country might have a new birth of freedom; not freedom from God, but freedom based on God and godly principles.

“I WAS BORN ON JULY 4, 1776, AND THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE IS MY BIRTH CERTIFICATE. THE BLOODLINES OF THE WORLD RUN IN MY VEINS, BECAUSE I OFFERED FREEDOM TO THE OPPRESSED. I AM THE 180 MILLION LIVING SOULS, AND THE GHOSTS OF MILLIONS WHO HAVE LIVED AND DIED FOR ME. I AM NATHAN HALE, AND PAUL REVERE. I STOOD AT LEXINGTON AND FIRED THE SHOT HEARD AROUND THE WORLD.

I AM WASHINGTON, JEFFERSON AND PATRICK HENRY. I AM JOHN PAUL JONES, THE GREEN MOUNTAIN BOYS, AND DAVY CROCKETT.

I AM LEE, GRANT, AND ABE LINCOLN.

I AM THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE, THE WHEAT LANDS OF KANSAS AND GRANITE HILLS OF VERMONT.

I AM THE COAL FIELDS OF VIRGINIA AND PENNSYLVANIA; THE FERTILE LANDS OF THE WEST; THE GOLDEN GATE AND THE GRAND CANYON.

I AM BIG. I SPRAWL FROM THE ATLANTIC TO THE PACIFIC, THREE MILLION SQUARE MILES THROBBING WITH INDUSTRY. I AM MORE THAN FIVE MILLION FARMS. I AM FOREST, FIELD, MOUNTAIN AND DESERT. I AM QUIET VILLAGES AND CITIES THAT NEVER SLEEP. YOU CAN LOOK AT ME AND SEE BEN FRANKLIN WALKING DOWN THE STREETS OF PHILADELPHIA WITH HIS BREAD LOAF UNDER HIS ARM. YOU CAN SEE BETSY ROSS WITH HER NEEDLE.

YOU CAN SEE THE LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS, AND HEAR THE STRAINS OF 'AULD LANG SYNE' AS THE CALENDAR TURNS.

I AM GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER, DANIEL WEBSTER, LONGFELLOW, WALT WHITMAN, AND THOMAS PAINE.

YES, I AM THE NATION, AND THESE ARE THE THINGS THAT I AM.

I WAS CONCEIVED IN FREEDOM, AND GOD WILLING, IN FREEDOM WILL I SPEND THE REST OF MY DAYS.

MAY I POSSESS ALWAYS THE INTEGRITY, THE COURAGE AND THE STRENGTH TO KEEP MY SELF UNSHACKLED, TO REMAIN A CITADEL OF FREEDOM AND A BEACON OF HOPE TO THE WORLD.

I AM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!"