

## CAN GOD BLESS AMERICA?

In times past, Americans have had great reasons to sing the song, "God Bless America." Then, after economic recessions, the Vietnam War and much civil and racial unrest, another song came out on the "country" charts called "God Bless America, Again." The point of this article is this: God cannot do for America what He could not do for His own chosen people during the Old Testament economy.

Our nation has been and is at present devoid of the morality and godly direction upon which she was founded and by which she walked for so many years. Even a shallow perusal of the Old Testament prophets shows us a striking parallel between God's people and their sins, and this country and its sins.

I once ran across a list of six sins outlined by another writer that I thought was appropriate for this article. I shall outline them briefly:

### ***\*Pleasure Without Conscience:***

What used to be socially frowned upon and unacceptable is now heralded as alternate lifestyles, fine for and even demanded as "entertainment," such as lewdness, indecency, alcoholism, fornication, and homosexuality.

### ***\*Knowledge Without Character:***

More concern for the degree one earns and from what institution, is

shown than for upright, decent behavior and common sense.

### ***\*Industry Without Morality:***

The power of money is the driving force behind much of the business, political and military world.

### ***\*Science Without Deity:***

Closely related to the system of Humanism is the origin of species theory called Evolution. Even within our so-called Christian colleges, the God-denying and humanity-thwarting doctrine is being taught to some of our young brethren and sisters.

### ***\*Wealth Without Work:***

As never before, people are living on the industry of others, by means of the Federal Government, in our welfare system. When someone, weeping, rejoices by saying "Thank God I won't have to pay my mortgage, I won't have to pay my car payment..." as a result of our recent presidential election, something is dreadfully wrong. Such a government that fosters this attitude in its citizenry is destined for failure.

### ***\*Worship Without Sacrifice:***

The general attitude toward life, fellow human beings and ethics is in sorry shape; yet to make this whole picture even worse is the blatant hypocrisy seen in the houses of worship all over this country. Millions are worshipping in vain, in their own imaginations, feeling they are

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

SUNDAY MORNING	BIBLE STUDY	9:30 A.M.
	WORSHIP	10:30 A.M.
SUNDAY EVENING	WORSHIP	6:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	BIBLE STUDY	7:30 P.M.
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paying some tribute to a God they do not even know. What could make this worse yet? The fact that many of those guilty of this hypocrisy are our own brethren who have gone after something strange, new, exciting...instead of walking the old paths, wherein is the **good way!**

God cannot bless America until she repents. This we learn from Judah of old. What prophet do you think God will send to her? Do you not know that it lies with us? Please read and apply Ephesians 3:10,11.

## An Important Reminder Of What God Told Solomon:

*“If my people, who 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” (II Chronicles 7.14).*

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Weekly Budget: \$1360.00

**Weekly Item Needed: Paper Towels**  
**Wednesday's Wisdom:**

*“Life is God's precious gift. It is here and gone. Live wisely!” Hubert Wiley*

Robin booked the tickets for his and Cheryl's travel to **Ukraine in July**. More and more work keeps getting assigned to him for his work in at least two cities and three congregations. Please pray for our preparations, travel, and the work we will be able to do with the brethren in that place.

Please continue to remember those mentioned in our prayer lists. Also, **Lisa Mossholder**, a Bible correspondence student, asks our prayers for her marriage. We pray that she and her husband will obey the Gospel soon.

**Fellowship meal** today and afterward, the **men's business meeting**.

Please put your **questions for 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday** evening worship in the box.