

# REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2001

THE DAY AMERICA CHANGED FOREVER

## 2 CHRONICLES 7:13-15

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**"CAN A NATION RISE AGAIN?"**

*THE COMING OF THE DAY OF THE LORD DRAWS NEAR*

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

**9-11 Memorial, National Repentance, Revival, Restoration**

**Introduction to the Text; 2 Chronicles 7:13-15**

**Statement of Textual Summation and Theme**

**9/11**

**IT'S KNOWN AS THE DAY  
THAT CHANGED AMERICA FOREVER.**

All of us could hardly believe our eyes. It seemed to be happening in another world and yet; once again, caught off guard, The United States of America had fallen once again to a surprise attack.

You Will Never Forget, Where You Were That Morning When....

**2 Chronicles 7:13-15**

When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, **14** if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. **15**

Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer *made* in this place.

**CAN A NATION RISE AGAIN?**

**1.) Only if that nation *knows* where it came from**

We must ask some questions:  
WHERE **DID** AMERICA COME FROM?  
TO **WHAT** DOES AMERICA RETURN TO?

What was America?  
(Our Founding Fathers, Our Foundation, Our Faith)

Deuteronomy 8:18  
"And you shall remember the LORD your God,  
for *it is* He who gives you power to prosper,

*Ask a High School Senior Today*  
*"Where Did America Come From?"*

**WILL WE CHOOSE TO KNOW? WILL WE REMEMBER?**

From the text of President George Washington,  
October 3, 1789 "The National Thanksgiving Proclamation"

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and to humbly implore His protection and favor; and Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me "to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety

and happiness:" ... to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country... —for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; —and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us...

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations, and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions;

*GIVEN under my Hand, at the city of New York, the third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine.* **G.**

**WASHINGTON**

**CAN A NATION RISE AGAIN?**

**2.) *Only if that nation return's to it's purpose***

What did America do that no other nation has ever done?  
"It Once Preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ; as Found in Matthew,

Mark, Luke and John, to the World."  
...and it lived it out among the nations!

***"No Other Nation***

In All of Human History Has Sent More Relief and Aid, to More People, to More Places  
Than The United States of America."

***"No Other Nation***

in All of Human History Has Sent More Bibles and Missionaries, to More People, to  
More Places Than The United States of America."

**What Was Our Purpose Being a Nation?**

"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 to 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. - declaration of independence, July 4th. 1776

Did You Know That a Democracy Can Never Work without God, Not Properly.

**By Proclamation of the President of the United States of America**

"AS the safety and prosperity of nations ultimately and essentially depend upon the protection and the blessings of Almighty God; and the national acknowledgment of this truth is not only an indispensable duty which the people owe to Him, but it is our duty whose natural influence is favorable to the promotion of that morality and piety, without which , social happiness cannot exist, **nor can the blessings of a free government be enjoyed;**

**President John Adams, March 23, 1798**

[It is religion and morality alone which can establish the principles upon which freedom can securely stand. The only foundation of a free constitution is pure virtue. [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.

## John Quincy Adams, President of The United States

The law given from Sinai was a civil and municipal as well as a moral and religious code; it contained many statutes . . . of universal application-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.

## Samuel Adams

[Neither the wisest constitution nor the wisest laws will secure the liberty and happiness of a people whose manners are universally corrupt.

## CAN A NATION RISE AGAIN?

3.) *Only if that nation's **God** is the Lord*

### Psalm. 33:12

Blessed *is* that nation whose God *is* the LORD,

### Isaiah 37:12

What have the gods of other nations done them? have then been delivered?

## CAN A NATION RISE AGAIN?

4.) *Only if that nation **determines** to follow God*

### The Closing Remarks of Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address,

16th. President of the United States of America

*...we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth.*

By His Excellency

## John Hancock, Esq.

GOVERNOR of the COMMONWEALTH

## A PROCLAMATION

IN consideration of the many undeserved Blessings conferred upon us by GOD, the Father of all Mercies; it becomes us not only in our private and in our usual devotion, to express our obligations to Him, as well as our dependence upon Him; but also specially to set a part a Day to be employed for this great and important Purpose: ...I HAVE therefore thought fit to appoint, and by the advice and consent of this Council, do hereby accordingly appoint, next THURSDAY, the

seventeenth of November to be observed as a Day of Public THANKSGIVING and PRAISE, throughout this Commonwealth:—Hereby calling upon all Ministers and People of every denomination, to assemble on the said Day—and in the name of our Great Mediator, devoutly and sincerely offer to Almighty GOD, the gratitude of our Hearts.

## CAN A NATION RISE AGAIN?

### 5.) *Only if that nation has humbled itself*

#### Nahum 1:7

The LORD *is* good, A stronghold in the day of trouble;  
And He knows those who trust in Him.

#### Isaiah 40:17

Before him all the nations are as nothing; they are regarded by him as worthless and less than nothing.

#### ***"America is at War***

And We're Fighting an Enemy That Cannot Be Defeated by Conventional Means. This Enemy can *Only* be Confronted with Truth."

#### ***America is Attempting to;***

Rebuilt Itself, Protect Itself, Defend Itself, Wage a War, Promote Democracy  
All of this without God, without God's Help and Without God's Blessings

## CAN A NATION RISE AGAIN?

### 6.) *Only if that nation would seek justice*

#### Isaiah 60:12

For the nation and kingdom which will not serve you shall perish,  
And *those* nations shall be utterly ruined.

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition **that all men are created equal.**

**excerpt: form The Gettysburg Address, Abraham Lincoln**

#### **Justice!**

**For The Black man, For The White Man, For The Poor man,  
for the Woman, a Man - all People !**

**Only Able to Happen When People Seek Justice / The Lord**

## CAN A NATION RISE AGAIN?

### 7.) *Only if that nation would pursue righteousness*

I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of men. 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, Sir, in the Sacred Writings, that "except the Lord build the House, they labor in vain that build it." I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without His concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better, than the Builders of Babel: We shall be divided by our partial local interests; our projects will be confounded, and we ourselves shall become a reproach and by word down to future ages. And what is worse, mankind may hereafter from this unfortunate instance, despair of establishing governments by human wisdom and leave it to chance, war and conquest. I therefore beg leave to move that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessings on our deliberations be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business, and that one or more of the clergy of this city be requested to officiate in that service. **Benjamin Franklin The Federal Convention, 1787**

**James McHenry**  
**signer of the declaration of independence**

"We in vain, without the Bible, will increase laws and draw entrenchments around our institutions. Bibles are our strong entrenchments. Where they abound, men cannot pursue wicked courses, and at the same time enjoy quiet conscience.

## CAN A NATION RISE AGAIN?

### 8.) *Only if that nation would cry out to the Lord*

**2 Chronicles. 7:14**

If my people, which are called by my name, shall **humble themselves**, and **pray**, and **seek** my face...

## CAN A NATION RISE AGAIN?

### 9.) *Only if that nation would turn from it's sins*

**2 Chronicles. 7:14**

and If they **turn** from their wicked ways;  
then (only then) **I will hear** from heaven,

The American Husband & Wife Lead The World in Divorce  
The American Youth has More Than Two Sets of Parents  
The American Youth is the Most sexually active  
The American Is The Most Medicated Person on Earth  
The American Leads the World in Pornographic Production  
The American Makes More Money Than anyone on Earth  
The American is The Poorest Person on Earth – In Debt  
While at The Same Time, Over 88% of Americans say They Believe in God.

***Here are few of the examples from a report of what happened after the removal of prayer from the public arena in 1963***

**A. Young People**

1. For 15 years before 1963 pregnancies in girls ages 15 through 19 years had been no more than 15 per thousand, ***After the removal of prayer in 1963*** pregnancies increased 187% in the next 15 years.
2. For younger girls, ages 10 to 14 years, ***After the removal of prayer in 1963*** pregnancies increased 553%.
3. Before 1963 sexually transmitted diseases among students were 400 per 100,000. ***After the removal of prayer in 1963*** they were up 226% in the next 12 years.

**B. The Family**

1. Before 1963 divorce rates had been declining for 15 years. ***After the removal of prayer in 1963*** divorces increased 300% each year for the next 15 years.
2. Since ***After the removal of prayer in 1963*** unmarried people living together is up 353%
3. Since ***After the removal of prayer in 1963*** single parent families are up 140%.
4. Since ***After the removal of prayer in 1963*** single parent families with children are up 160%.

**C. Education**

1. The educational standard of measure has been the SAT scores. SAT scores had been steady for the years before 1963. ***After the removal of prayer in 1963*** SAT's declined for 18 consecutive years, even though the same test has been used since 1941.

2. Before ***the removal of prayer in 1963*** There were only approximately 1000 Christian schools in America. ***After the removal of prayer in 1963*** by 1984 there were 32,000 Christian schools in America.

3. ***After the removal of prayer in 1963*** the nation's top academic scholars shifted, three times as many now come from private and or religious schools, which operate on one-quarter of the budget as do public schools.

#### **D. The Nation**

***After the removal of prayer in 1963*** violent crime has increased over 544%.

***After the removal of prayer in 1963*** Illegal drugs have become an enormous & uncontrollable problem.

***After the removal of prayer in 1963*** The nation has been deprived of an estimated 10 million citizens through legal abortions and since roe/wade an additional 47 million citizens have been aborted since 1973. (that's why we must have immigrants coming to America – we murdered a generation of future workers)

#### **Micah 6:7**

...Shall I give up my firstborn *for* my transgression, my sin, The fruit of my body *for* the sin of my soul?

**Data Source:** *U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Center for Disease Control, Statistical Abstracts of the United States, Vital Statistics of the United States, the U.S. Department of Commerce, the Bureau of Labor Statistics,*

#### **Psalms 147:3**

He heals the brokenhearted And binds up their wounds.

### **CAN A NATION RISE AGAIN?**

**10.) *Only if that nation is willing to obey God***

#### **2 Chronicles. 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 **I will hear** from heaven, and **will forgive** their sin, and **will heal** their land.

#### **Psalm. 127:1**

Unless the LORD builds the house,  
They labor in vain who build it;



**"Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"**

## **WILL *This* NATION RISE AGAIN?**

**IT CAN - ONLY IF IT WANTS THE LORD AS IT'S GOD**

### **Isaiah 66:8**

**Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once?**

**It's Only Happened Once in History, - Israel  
But Could It Happen Again? // Could It Happen to America?**

*End of Study*