

INDEPENDENCE DAY SUNDAY 2009

CALLING UPON THE LORD AS A NATION IN HOPE THAT HIS
GRACE AND MERCY MIGHT VISIT US ONCE AGAIN.

ECCLESIASTES 12:1

SUNDAY JULY 5TH. 2009

THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**“AMERICA, REMEMBER NOW YOU’RE
CREATOR”**

*A RECOLLECTION AND LAMENTATION ON AMERICAN’S GREAT
FOUNDING AND DECLINE AS A CHRISTIAN NATION.*

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

God’s Faithfulness, National Repentance & Revival

Introduction to the Text;

Eccl. 12:1

Ecclesiastes 12:1

Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you say, “I have no pleasure in them”:

**THIS WEEKEND, AMERICA TURNS 233 YEARS OLD.
NOT VERY OLD AS NATIONS GO BUT VERY MUCH “UNLIKE”
ANY OTHER NATION IN ALL OF HUMAN HISTORY.**

In a letter to his wife Abigail, John Adams told her of the actions of the Continental Congress in July of 1776. *"This day in July will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations, from one end of the continent to the other, from this time forward forever."*

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“AMERICA, REMEMBER NOW YOUR CREATOR”

1.) Because He was the One preparing for us a nation

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Christopher Columbus

(the light and glory)

**The First Virginia Charter
by King James 1st. of England - April 10, 1606**

“We, greatly commending, and graciously accepting of, their Desires for the Furtherance of so noble a Work, which may, by the Providence of Almighty God, hereafter tend to the Glory of his Divine Majesty, in propagation of the Christian Religion to such People, as yet live in Darkness and miserable Ignorance of the true Knowledge and Worship of God... And chiefly the way to prosper and achieve good success is to make yourselves all of one mind for the good of your country and your own, and to serve and fear God the Giver of all Goodness...”

“a glorious land”

**BUT WITH AMERICA –
REMEMBER NOW YOUR CREATOR”**

THE DOWN OF IT

Rom. 1:20-23

For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, :21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. :22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, :23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

America is “Forgetting” the Lord

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2.) Because He was the One *arranging our birth*

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Of the 102 devoted followers of the Lord Jesus Christ
Aboard the Mayflower,

It was their leader, William Bradford, governor of Plymouth... ***“for to worship the Lord freely and to establish Him a Christian nation.”***

John Harvard Collage (1636)

America’s first university was a seminary for the training up of ministers –
Harvard College – was named after the Pilgrim Pastor John Harvard.

Matt. 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ***“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. :19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,***

:20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

THE DOWN OF IT

Deut. 6:1-2

“Now this *is* the commandment, *and these are* the statutes and judgments which the LORD your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe *them* in the land which you are crossing over to possess, **:2** that you may fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.

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3.) Because He was the One fighting our battles

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How Can an Army, lose more battles than it wins -
And still come out victorious in the end...

!!! AMERICA PRAYED !!!

THE CALL TO PRAY RANG OUT ACROSS AMERICA IN THOSE DAYS...

WASHINGTON PRAYS AT VALLEY FORGE

Eph. 6:10-12

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. :11
Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles
of the devil. :12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood,

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BARAK OBAMA REMOVES BIBLE VERSES

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4.) Because He was the One **providing us so much**

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Psa. 1:3

He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in
its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever
he does shall prosper.

Baseball Games are Amazing...

For love God and Country...

its not seen in other nations on earth. where men and woman, boys and girls
stand up together and place their hands over their hearts and sing

PICTURES OF WHEAT AND.....

THE DOWN OF IT

Prov. 29:2

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice;
But when a wicked *man* rules, the people groan.

“Califia” and the **ROLLING IN THE DOUGH,**

Can You Imagine American Gold Rush Happen Today ?

(you cant dig here – you upset a squirrel)

A recent Rasmussen poll taken the week of June 22, when asking Americans; “if you could choose to live in some other country would you? 82% of America’s said they wouldn’t leave the USA.

“82% of American adults say that if given the choice of living anywhere in the world, they would still choose to live in the United States.

A new Rasmussen Report in nation-wide telephone survey shows that 11% say they would not choose to live in America anymore.

Those Americans viewing the U.S. in less favorable light were those under the age of 30.

When asked if America is heading in the right direction since the prisendential election, 58% of those polled said “America is heading down the wrong path”.

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5.) Because He was the One **defending our shores**

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Psa. 127:1

Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain.

**UNLESS YOU'VE BEEN IN THE MILITARY,
VERY FEW PEOPLE APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT THE LORD
BUILT THIS NATION BETWEEN TWO GREAT OCEANS...**

**A VOLUNTEER FIGHTING FORCE
UNLIKE ANY OTHER**

"And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with his wrath? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just: that his justice cannot sleep for ever." -
Thomas Jefferson, 1781 A.D.

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OUR MILITARY IS FORCED TO CUT BACK

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6.) Because He was the One stirring our hearts

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2Cor. 3:17

Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the **Spirit of the Lord is**, there *is* liberty.

**SAMUEL ADAMS, "THE SPIRIT"
OF THE REVOLUTION SAID; "TAXATION IS LIKE THE EVIL OF
SLAVERY, THAT PHARAOH OF LAID UPON THE BACKS OF ISRAEL."**

**Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
November 19, 1863**

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. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate -- we can not consecrate -- we can not hallow -- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that 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.

THE DOWN OF IT

APATHY IS OUR NORM.

*(PERHAPS SOME TERRIBLE EVENT WILL WAKE UP THIS NATION
– GOD ALLOWS THAT KIND OF STUFF TO HAPPEN YA KNOW!)*

2Chr. 7:13-14

At times I might shut up the heavens so that no rain falls, or I might command locusts to devour your crops, or I might send plagues among you. :14 **Then** if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their land.

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7.) Because He was the One listening to our prayers

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Neh. 1:5-6

And I said: “I pray, LORD God of heaven, O great and awesome God, *You* who keep *Your* covenant and mercy with those who love *You* and observe *Your* commandments, :6 please let *Your* ear be attentive and *Your* eyes open, that *You* may hear the prayer of *Your* servant which I pray before *You* now, day and night,

And what of the 56 signers of the declaration of independence who in, 1776, attended the first congressional prayer meeting (**called by Benjamin Franklin**) “to seek The Mighty Hand of blessing upon our efforts.”

And Don’t Your Remember that on June, 28, 1787 in Philadelphia at the Constitutional Convention – The delegates were arguing and

complaining and the united states seemed to be coming apart at the seams until the aged, statesmen Benjamin Franklin said...

"Have we now forgotten that powerful Friend? or do we imagine we no longer need His assistance? 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?"

Nearing the end of the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln declared... *"A day of national humiliation, fasting and prayer. And I do hereby request all the People to abstain, on that day, from their ordinary secular pursuits, and to unite, at their several places of public worship and their respective homes, in keeping the day holy to the Lord, and devoted to the humble discharge of the religious duties proper to that solemn occasion.*

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In the 7 Months, America has been Descending into the Greatest, Man-made Disaster in American History - - **BUT THERE IS NO PRAYER CALLED BY THE PRISIDENT - SILENCE !!!**

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8.) Because He was the One blessing our efforts

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I Think of America's Achievements

In science, in aerospace, in finance, in entertainment, in education, in government, in defense, in standards of living, in opportunity.

Gen. 12:3

I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

To send bibles to the world.

Prov. 22:9

He who has a generous eye will be blessed,
For he gives of his bread to the poor.

to feed the word.

To comfort the afflicted. / To respond to global disasters

FEEDING THE WORLD

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Psa. 9:17

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

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9.) Because He was the One **forgiving us our sins**

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Since the founding of the United States of America to Recent Years,
American went to church more per capita then any other nation.

Is. 60:3

The Gentiles shall come to your light,

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Newsweek Magazine

“The Decline and Fall of Christian America”

Psa. 106:19

They made a calf in Horeb, And worshiped the molded image. :20 Thus they changed their glory Into the image of an ox that eats grass. :21 They **forgot God** their Savior, Who had done great things in Egypt,

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10.) Because He was the One **we went to in time of need**

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I can remember that day when;
President JFK was shot to death in Dallas, And we bowed
our hearts and prayed.
And Americans went to the Lord

I can remember that day when;
On that Tuesday morning, February 9th. 1971
When that killer earthquake hit Los Angeles at 6:01 am.
And Americans went to the Lord

I can remember that day when;
We were at work and over the company P.A. it was announced at 11:39am
January 28, 1986 the space shuttle challenger disintegrated over
the Atlantic killing all aboard.
And Americans went to the Lord

I can remember that day when;
And who can forget that Tuesday morning on September 11th. as we awoke on the
west coast to phone calls from friends and relatives across the nation... “tune on
your TV. America is under attack!”
And as we watched what looked like a movie – we watched the second tower get
hit before our eyes.
And Americans went to the Lord

And since then the great storms like Katrina and the collapse of the U.S. economy
and the waning of the U.S. dollar. And the totally and utter tyranny that our
government is about to impose upon each and every one of you who work for a
*living. – ***But I see no Americans going to the Lord in need****

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Judg. 21:25

In those days *there was* no king in Israel;
everyone did *what was* right in his own eyes.

The Time to Fall is Now
The Call to Fall is Now