



INSTRUCTIONS IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

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FOUNDATIONS FOR A NATION

God has great plans for the United States but some people do not want God. Our politics swing from right to left and back again and government plays a pivotal role over whether we are cursed or blessed by God. Still, it is the people who have the real power. The people of God can move the hand of God; they have veto power to stop the chaos and bring the blessings. This takes more than prayer; God said, ***“If my people which are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, forgive them of their sins and heal their land.”*** II Chr. 7:14 If the church meets God’s requirements, revival will come and godly government will follow. One day the United States will shine with God’s glory and favor. This is more than wishful thinking; godliness and greatness is our destiny.

The Founding Fathers made a pact with God for the birthing, destiny, and future of this nation.

The Bible says, ***“From one man [God] made ... every nation ... to dwell on the face of the earth, and has determined their ... times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they [people] should seek the Lord ... and find him.”*** Acts 17:26-27

1 Timothy 2:1-4 tells us to pray for our government so that we may live in a nation of quiet peace, godliness, and reverence. The reason for this is given: so that people can get saved and come to the knowledge of God’s truth.

The Founding Fathers knew these verses and formed the nation for these reasons. Only God makes nations but the Founders worked together with Him for the righteous establishment of this country.

Godliness, peace, justice and other Biblical directives were set in place by the Founding Fathers. This becomes clear as we read the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the first amendment, and other complimentary letters which were written by them.

Here are some phrases which are direct quotes from The Declaration of Independence.

1. “the Laws of Nature and **Nature’s God,**”
2. “that all men are **created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights,**”
3. “We, therefore ... **appealing to the Supreme Judge of the World,**”
4. “with a firm Reliance on the **Protection of divine Providence,** we mutually pledge our lives to each other, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.”

God asked the Founders for godly behavior, righteous laws, devotion to Him, and the pursuit of peace.

The Founding Fathers saw God as the Creator, the Supreme Judge, and the National Protector.

Their hope and designs for a God-centered America is further seen in the writings of 5 of the first 6 Presidents of the USA. Here are some of their writings:

1. George Washington wrote: “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 humbly to implore His protection and favor.”

2. John Adams wrote: “Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people.”

3. James Madison wrote: “Before any man can be considered as a member of civil society, he must be considered as a subject of the Governor of the Universe.”

4. Thomas Jefferson wrote: “I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever.”

5. John Quincy Adams wrote: “the birthday of the nation forms [an] ... event in the progress of the Gospel? ... the Declaration of Independence first organized the social compact on the foundation of the Redeemer’s mission upon earth? ... it laid the cornerstone of human government upon the precepts of Christianity?”

This nation exists because of the prayers of godly parents and grandparents (the people who were called by His name.)
Then it came into being through a holy pact that was made between God and the Founding Fathers.

Psalm 33 says, “*The Lord foils the plans of the nations*, [if they are not His plans] *But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever ... Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.*”

Ps. 33:10-12

The early documents were God inspired writings and this nation has done many wonderful things to be thankful and proud of. Both here and abroad, we have helped the cause of justice, promoted the Gospel and rescued the poor.

Throughout history we have also failed by not living by the Founders blueprints. Today we fall short of our national and biblical ideals and judgment looms over America. We identify with Thomas Jefferson’s quote, (given earlier) and we tremble as he did.

The answer for the healing of the nation does not lie with government. It lies with us, the people who are called by God’s name. Jesus called His people the Salt of the Earth and the Light of the World. That is who we are.

Eternal salvation comes through Jesus Christ, by grace alone, but national blessings come by good works of righteousness, and national curses are caused by sin. Ezekiel 22 reveals the kind of sins that bring curses to a nation. If we stop the curse-causing sins, we will see God’s blessings. Turning from wicked ways must start within the church, then it will affect many in the nation and finally, it will be promoted by civil government. God can remove

ungodly leaders and give us godly ones; He can heal the land. He looks for His people to build up the wall and stand in the gap (Ez. 22:30).

In Ezekiel 22, we find 12 actions that bring God’s blessings.

1. Honor and worship God
2. Stop shedding innocent blood
3. Bless orphans
4. Bless widows
5. Bless immigrants
6. Bless the poor
7. Provide fair financial lending
8. Exercise just business practices
9. Practice sexual purity
10. Honor parents
11. Do not hire evil assassins
12. Execute godly justice

Here are some other directives from the Bible that will release blessings:

13. Bless Israel
14. Pursue Peace
15. Stop witchcraft
16. Deliver the oppressed
17. Intercede in prayer
18. Walk humbly with your brothers
19. Bear the burdens of the weak
20. Spread the gospel

Much good has come from the church and the nation, but there are many curse-causing sins around us. We have a destiny of godliness and greatness to fulfill. God began with the Founders. At this time, we need a national revival. Will you build up the wall and stand in the gap? **AΩ**



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