

## His Story in Our History, the Providence of God

**<sup>12</sup>Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,  
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! Psalm 33:12 (ESV)**

Greetings my fellow disciples and patriots. This is Perry Greene with GodNAmerica. Today's devotional is, "His Story in Our History, the Providence of God."

Our opening verse does not just apply to Israel. It applies to every nation that chooses to follow God. While imperfect, America is a unique nation in that it began with "a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence."<sup>1</sup>

I recently read a post by one of my favorite preachers, Bob Russell.<sup>2</sup> He points to a book written by an Orthodox Jewish man named, Michael Medved. The book is entitled, [The American Miracle – Divine Providence in the Rise of the Republic](#). It documents miraculous or providential events in the American Revolution. Medved wrote:

**"The history of the United States displays an uncanny pattern: At moments of crises, when the odds against success seem overwhelming and disaster looks imminent, fate intervenes to provide deliverance and progress. Historians may categorize these incidents as happy accidents, callous crimes, or the product of brilliant leadership, but the most notable leaders of the past 400 years have identified this good fortune as something else – a reflection of Divine Providence."**

When we look back on the origins of our nation, some will simply say it is a "coincidence" or "luck." We weren't there but those who were there point to the hand of God. George Washington, for instance, in his inaugural address on **April 30, 1789** credited God for our successes. He said:

**"No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the Invisible Hand which conducts the affairs of men more than those of the United States. Every step by which they have advanced to the character of an independent nation seems to have been distinguished by some token of Providential agency."**

The providence of God is one of my favorite studies. His hand is all through the Bible. Sometimes He is obvious and sometimes He is subtle. The book of Esther, for instance, does not mention God or His name. However, with just a little reading, you can see that He was providentially at work to protect His people.

The same God has been at work in our history. In fact, George Washington and others said that if they told future generations of the many incidents of God's providence, they wouldn't believe. One example is that Long Island when 20,000 British troops had Washington's 9,000 men army trapped. A providential fog rose that enabled Washington to evacuate his entire army and fight another day. Those who were there called it providence.

No doubt when the Babylonian Captivity came to Judah, many of the complacent were awakened and repented of their apathy. Through **Jeremiah 29:11** (ESV) He told them:

**For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.**

The hand of God would bring the Jews home. For a time they were dedicated to God and prospered – just like He promised time and again in scripture.

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<sup>1</sup> Declaration of Independence.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.bobrussell.org/with-a-firm-reliance-on-divine-providence/>

The principles of that passage apply to all who call on the name of the Lord. God has good in mind for us, not evil. God wants what's best, but do we? Too many of us are satisfied with the lesser things. Too often we focus on blessings and not the One who blesses. If we have God, we have everything!

Let me urge us to put God back in America. I mean, really put Him back in sincerity. Not just so we can get "stuff" or have ease, but so we can know Him and the power of His resurrection.

I firmly believe God wants to work with us to accomplish His purposes in the world. He said in **Hebrews 13:5** (ESV):

**Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."**

We are here for such a time as this.

Let's Keep the Light of God's Providence Burning!