

America, Who Are We?

I am rather naïve and probably too idealistic. When I think of America, I think of more than a set of borders on a map. I think of the idea of America. You know, the idea that America could be established as a place on earth where the kingdom of God is played out in the lives of its people. That place where God is honored and people treat one another as they want to be treated. That place where any person regardless of race, gender, or status can become the person they want to be and make their dreams come true.

I am naïve and idealistic. We may have had that America in our past, or at least an attempt at it. But, we are certainly not there today.

Probably the greatest disappoint to me in America is in the kind of people who are leading the country. They are no longer God-fearing servants of the nation. No, they, for the most part, appear to be power-hungry bureaucrats who, like the drug addict, have an insatiable drive for more.

We tend to elect leaders who reflect our values. The values of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness really aren't our values for many, if not most Americans, and appears not to be theirs. We have two sets of laws in America. One set with harsh consequences to the average American and another set with little to no consequences to the elites. And, Americans put up with it because we have lost our way.

Why does Congress have a different (and better) retirement system than the average worker in America? Why do they have a different (and better) healthcare system? Why do they appear to feel superior to their constituents?

What is the problem with auditing an election? Why should we fear the results if we have fair and honest elections?

Somewhere in our history we got too busy to defend our liberties. Somewhere we got too busy to audit the education of our children to see what they were and weren't being taught. Somewhere we got lazy and decided that politicians and teachers knew better than moms and dads how we are to run our country and what we need to know for an education.

Somewhere we got lethargic in our relationship with God. We decided that eternal salvation was our ONLY concern and left off the biblical worldview that says God is Lord over EVERY part of our lives, not just worship services. That includes church (with our eternal salvation), our families (with proper gender identity and morals), AND how the government should run the nation. All of those principles are in the scriptures.

We have abdicated our responsibilities. We have decided to let others be in charge because it is easier to just complain than to question the answers.

I don't know if it is too late or not to reclaim America. We have certainly drifted to the waterfall and may be over the edge. The Marxists are in control of virtually every corner of our culture. However, God has a way of pulling out the stops at the last minute, like at the Red Sea. He has a way of retrieving His people when the going is hardest and the sky is the darkest. But, He does not do those things in a vacuum of empty hearts.

God has certain requirements for His people. When we faithfully connect with Him, He acts on our behalf. There are always stated or implied conditions to His blessings for individuals as well as nations. So what are some of those requirements? Two passages to consider:

2 Chronicles 7:13-14 (ESV)

¹³ When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, ¹⁴ if my people who are called by my name 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.

Micah 6:6-8 (ESV)

**⁶ “With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?**

**⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”**

**⁸ He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?**

Jesus calls us salt and light. Doing the things God ordains enables us to be what God calls us to be.

Keep the Light of our Identity Burning!