

### 64.3 Judging America

In the 1892 Supreme Court “*Church of the Holy Trinity v. United States*” decision, the Court judged America to be a “Christian Nation.”<sup>1</sup> Listen to the justices:

*"This is a religious people. This is historically true. From the discovery of this continent to the present hour, there is a single voice making this affirmation ... [The justices recounted the Christian intentions in the nation's history]. Then Justice Brewer continued, "While because of a general recognition of this truth the question has seldom been presented to the courts, yet we find that in Updegraph v. The Commonwealth, it was decided that, 'Christianity, general Christianity, is, and always has been, a part of the common law ... not Christianity with an established church ... but Christianity with liberty of conscience to all men."*

My, how far we have fallen! The idea of being a Christian nation is repugnant to many who prefer ungodly lifestyles. See if these verses sound familiar. **Ecclesiastes 3:16-18** (NKJV):

<sup>16</sup> **Moreover I saw under the sun:**

**In the place of judgment,**

**Wickedness was there;**

**And in the place of righteousness,**

**Iniquity was there.**

<sup>17</sup> **I said in my heart,**

**“God shall judge the righteous and the wicked,**

**For *there is a time there for every purpose and for every work.*”**

<sup>18</sup> **I said in my heart, “Concerning the condition of the sons of men, God tests them, that they may see that they themselves are *like animals.*”**

Solomon had seen it all. He saw unrighteous behavior from “*the courthouse to the church house*” we might say. Then he adds that God tests us to make us aware that we are like animals if we fail to follow Him.

The Christian judgment of our early courts and the observations of outsiders like Alexis du Tocqueville did not give Americans a light load or a prideful self-image as a Christian nation. Instead, these men's words raised the standards for America, which we have let fall to the wayside. We live in a society that delights in harming people and ignoring victims' plight.

Knowing the current state of affairs in America, what would you do if God put you in charge of disciplining our nation? Would you be harsh or lenient? Remember, you are judging the country, not the individuals. These are two separate issues as God judges nations in time and people in eternity.

David once chose to take an unauthorized census of his nation in **2 Samuel 24**. Joab tried to talk him out of it, but David insisted. When David realized his sin, he admitted it, and God gave him three choices for punishment. David gave the punishment responsibility back to God, who sent a plague to the Land.

The census could have given David and Israel a false sense of security by looking at Israel's numbers instead of looking to God. Regardless of the size of our army or the amount of money in the bank, we depend on God, and if He leads us, we are more than conquerors.

Churches fall prey to the nickels and noses trap, as do nations. We look to our statistics to find our strength and security, not to God, and along with our churches, America has fallen.

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<sup>1</sup> Flick, Dr. Stephen. "Supreme Court Declares America a Christian Nation." . , Christian Heritage Fellowship, 26 Feb. 2022, christianheritagefellowship.com/supreme-court-declares-america-christian/?fbclid=IwAR2z4bRvnnVJZzNbEgNag7UNy60Jv5JJtKuI9yCOXujgX0m4ZppjF8KJHI.

Do you remember the story of the rich fool? His land produced crops plentifully, so he decided to store up his harvest by building bigger barns. Listen to the end of the story in **Luke 12:18-21** (NKJV):

**<sup>18</sup>So he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.” ’ <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’ <sup>21</sup>“So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”**

Some people are ashamed of America's past because of slavery or other inconsistencies. The beauty of our ancestors is that as they realized their sins, they moved to change their behavior. We outlawed slavery in the thirteenth amendment. However, America is currently regressing and behaving shamefully.

We have rampant injustice on many levels. If the commoner commits a crime, such as entering the Capitol when the police invited them in, the FBI arrests them and, without due process, imprisons them. Compare this scenario with Hunter Biden's criminal activity as recorded on his laptop, yet he walks as a free man for now. Where is the justice?

Hillary Clinton destroyed evidence on her laptop and has gotten off without prosecution. Barack Obama retains millions of pages of presidential documents with no repercussions. Yet, government officials have manufactured evidence against Donald Trump and invaded his home in Florida, supposedly looking for his criminal activity. Where is the justice?

America has murdered over sixty million babies since Roe v. Wade in 1973, yet we think we are blameless in the deaths of the innocents. Do you think for a moment God has forgotten that the blood of these babies is crying out to Him?

America is participating in blatant immorality, which God has condemned in His word. Regardless of the people's mindset or voting record, God defines family and moral behavior, we do not.

Sometimes God gives us what we want to discipline us and bring us back to Him. In **Romans 1**, Paul says that God gave people up to their activities three times. These are:

1. Idolatry (**Romans 1:22-26**)
2. Gross immorality of fornication, adultery, and sodomy (**Romans 1:27**)
3. Corrupted Minds (**Romans 1:28-32**)

So, what would you do if you were in charge of America's consequences? Would you look away from the sinfulness of the land, or would you send a plague to provoke repentance? Do you seek justice for the helpless and oppressed or will you pamper the elite?

Judgment is coming for the nation, and Christ will one day judge all the living and dead. On that day, there will be no atheists, **every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of the Father (Philippians 2:10)**. It will be too late to repent; we will either be among the blessed of the Father or the cursed He expels. The judgment scene moved our Founders to faithful service of God. A godly nation with liberty was one of the by-products. It is up to us to keep it and that begins with godliness.

*Keep The Light of the Awareness of National Judgment Burning!*