

70.3 Our Roots Determine Our Fruits

I am not a **Woodrow Wilson** fan. Like many of our political leaders, past and present, he was a corrupted individual. He illegally brought in the unconstitutional Federal Reserve and tried to get us into the League of Nations. However, he had some correct insights about America, and this quote is on-target.

“A nation which does not remember what it was yesterday, does not know what it is today, nor what it is trying to do. We are trying to do a futile thing if we do not know where we came from or what we have been about.”

A lesson we have not learned in all the centuries of our existence is that we need to learn from history. We could avoid many of the problems we face if we looked to the past, recognized the basic principles of the corresponding situations, and acted appropriately. That is wisdom in action, but we choose to try and reinvent the wheel in each generation and keep doing the same insane things expecting different results.

You would think, for instance, that we would recognize that Communism does not work. Communism did not work for the Pilgrims, the USSR, Cuba, or Venezuela. Yet, today many want to change America into a Communist nation instead of relying on what made us great, and it wasn't merely capitalism. It was the presence of God in the lives of our citizens.

As you read the Bible, you will notice that God sometimes pauses to recount biblical history. For instance, at his stoning, Stephen retraces Hebrew history beginning with the call of Abraham (**Acts 7**). **Psalms 106** and **136** recall Israel's history as well.

Why does God do this? Could it be that looking to the past helps us navigate the future? **Robert A. Heinlein** was correct when he wrote:

“A generation which ignores history has no past – and no future.”

One of the lessons our history teaches us is those good things happen when God leads the nation. God blessed Israel when they faithfully followed Him. God blessed America for the same reason. History also teaches us that when a country rejects God, He curses them, just as His word indicates. When you have time, read all of **Deuteronomy 30**. For now, listen to the last two verses of the chapter, **verses 19** and **20**:

¹⁹ I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; ²⁰ that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.

Moses presented the **Book of Deuteronomy** to the generation that grew up in the wilderness before entering the Promised Land. They should have known their history and why God led them in the wilderness for forty years, but Moses needed to remind them of the principle of faithfulness and blessing and unfaithfulness and cursing.

There are numerous reasons why we do not learn from our history as Americans. One is that we are lazy, and learning history requires effort. Once we understand our history, we have to put forth an effort to practice what it teaches us. It is far easier to ignore history and blindly travel down the path until we hit an unforeseen obstacle. In those times, we wish we had been forewarned by our past to avoid the issue, but it is too late. **Lord Byron** wrote this truth, *“The best prophet of the future is the past.”*

Another reason we do not learn from History is by design. There are exceptions to what I am about to say, but in general, have you noticed that most Americans do not like to study History? I can't tell you how many people told me when I preached that they hated History in school because it was boring and irrelevant.

Again, boring history classes are by design. The world-controlling globalists do not want you to know your American History because if you learn your History, you will find out that God was at the center of it and we have a greater purpose than making money. Most of these globalists are atheists and have brainwashed and bought minions to help them rewrite and extinguish our History. **Samuel Butler** reminds us of the rewriting of History when he wrote, “*God cannot alter the past, though historians can.*”

Most history teachers I had in my school days were boring with a capital “B.” Some of those teachers were not qualified to teach history, a principal needed to fill a slot and plugged them into it. Having unqualified and boring teachers makes us dislike the subject and we fail to learn it. Do you see the underhanded intentions of the ruling powers?

Americans need to know the beginnings and growth of our nation with all of our imperfections and accomplishments. We need to know the dreams and ideals of our Founders in their own words and build on them according to their original intentions. Yet, too often, we don’t even know the basics of our history. Let me give you an example. Have you read the U.S. Constitution? By design, most Americans have not read it and therefore do not know if our political leaders are leading us according to its structure or their whims.

Americans need to know that God’s hand was with us at the beginning of our country and throughout our history as a nation. By the providence of God, the Pilgrims settled in Massachusetts instead of Virginia, and the Native Squanto assisted their survival. Americans need to know of the first thanksgiving when Pilgrims and Indians played and ate together to celebrate the harvest and that it may have been the Pilgrims’ attempt to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles in the New World.

Americans need to know about the **Great Awakening** with its preachers who prepared the American Colonies for the Revolution. We need to know the providential events in the War for Independence, like the fog at the Battle of Long Island and the wind at Yorktown. That same unseen Hand of Providence has guided the country for generations though we do not hear much about it today.

America has been an “*exceptional nation.*” That does not mean that we have been better than every other country; it means we have been the exception to the rule. Governments have persecuted Christians in most epochs. Even the Puritans and Pilgrims had to leave England because of the King's harsh treatment of religious dissenters. These and other groups eventually came to America, where they incorporated biblical principles into the nation's lifestyle. As a result of choosing God, God blessed them.

We see the opposite today. Our civic leaders and even our church leaders reject the leadership of God and block His presence in some parts of life. Moses said if we reject God, He will not leave (**Deuteronomy 31:8; Hebrews 13:5**), but He may withdraw His blessings from us. The providence of God is still at work in America, but it is not blessing us but cursing. Both are valid activities of God's hand. He raises nations and brings them down based on the nations' choices about Him.

We know that nutrition and water flow up through the roots of a plant and out to its fruit. Without a solid connection to the roots, the plant will lose its life and purpose and not bear fruit. Jesus said that the world would know us by the fruit we bear (**Matthew 7:20**). Our roots determine our fruits, and we will display the fruit of His Spirit if we are rooted and built up in Christ (**Galatians 5:22-23; Colossians 2:7**).

The life of the plant and its fruit begins in the roots. So it is with a nation and individuals. Our connection to our source gives us direction and fruit for our lives. Stay connected and learn our history!

Keep The Light of the Connection to Our Roots Burning!