

Part 1 of 2

Saturday, 7-4-26 at 4:00 | Sunday, 7-5-26 at 9:00



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THANKFUL FOR THE PAST

Great is the LORD's
faithfulness.
Lamentations 3:22-23

REPENTANT FOR THE PRESENT

If we confess our sins,
He is faithful and just
to forgive us.
1 John 1:9

HOPEFUL IN CHRIST

Our hope is in the
Lord; He is our help
and our shield.
Psalm 33:20

OUR NATION. OUR NEED. OUR HOPE.

— JESUS CHRIST —

Text: NASB

Introduction

Dear Fellow American!

Through the providence and blessing of **the Almighty God**, the United States of America ✦ was established and ✦ has been sustained for the past **250 years!**

This Sermon Includes Three Parts:

- Thankful for the Past!
- Repentant for the Present!
- Hopeful in the Christ!

Thankful for THE PAST

The American Revolutionary War

The War: It was fought between the thirteen colonies and Great Britain, beginning in April **1775**, with the battles of

Lexington and Concord (both in eastern MA) and ending with British defeat in **1783** at Yorktown (on the coast of VA).

- **Daniel 2:21** “The LORD removes kings and establishes kings.”

The Reasons for the War: The colonies fought primarily over issues of political freedom and justice, including ♦taxation without representation, ♦restrictions on self-government, and ♦perceived violations of their rights as English subjects. Many colonists believed they were resisting unjust authority and defending liberty.

- **Acts 5:29** “We must obey God rather than men.”

The Unlikelihood of Victory: At the start of the war, the colonies were at a major disadvantage. Britain had ♦the world’s strongest navy, ♦a professional army, ♦greater financial resources, and ♦global reach. The colonies had 😞no established national army, 😞limited supplies, and 😞no international support at first. Most observers expected a swift British victory.

- **Proverbs 21:31** “The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory belongs to the LORD.”

God’s Gift of Victory: The eventual victory of the colonies is often understood by Christians as an example of God’s providential rule over nations. Through key events such as ♦the alliance with France, ♦strategic endurance, and ♦the final victory at Yorktown, the outcome shifted in a way few expected, *which reflects God’s hidden governance of history – not favoritism toward a nation, but God’s sovereign ability to ♦humble the strong and ♦preserve His purposes.*

- **Daniel 4:17** “The Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom He will.”

Our Proper Response: Those events should lead not to national pride, but to humility and repentance before God. Any national blessing is ultimately received, not earned. God calls all nations to **repent and trust Him.** Our ultimate hope is not in national strength, but in Christ who alone is **the Savior of sinners and the true hope of every nation!**

- **Acts 17:30** “[God] commands all people everywhere to repent.”

A Change of Minds and Hearts: Consider these words of John Adams – who **signed the declaration, served as the first Vice President and second President, was the father of John Quincy Adams – the sixth President, and died on the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence:** The American Revolution took place “in the **minds and hearts of the people**” – a “**radical Change in the Principles, Opinions, [Feelings], and [Love] of the People... was the real American Revolution**” (Imprimis, 6,7,26).

Repentant for THE PRESENT

Important Facts to Understand

God’s Law Is True for Every Nation: God’s moral will cannot be revised by societies. When societies ignore God’s Word, confusion follows. For example:

- **Proverbs 29:18** “Where there is no vision [no respect for God’s word], the people are unrestrained.” // *Lawless!*
- **Hosea 4:1** “...the LORD has a case against the inhabitants of the land, because there is no faithfulness or kindness or knowledge of God...” // *Such is becoming true of Americans!*

God's Law Reveals Sin in Every Culture: All nations drift when God is ignored. The **Romans Chapter 1** downward spiral:

1. God's truth is suppressed.
2. Evolution is embraced.
3. Homosexuality is accepted.
4. Punishment is promised.

Important Ways to Repent

Our Sinful Hearts Naturally Desire to Sin: When ➔US laws legalize sin **or** when ➔US churches encourage sin (*or no longer speak against sin*), multitudes are led 😞into sin and 😞away from the Christ. Here are a few examples...

1: STOP Reversing Good and Evil

Bible: God condemns government systems that redefine evil as good:

- **Isaiah 5:20** "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil." // "Woe" is one of the *strongest expressions of warning and impending judgment!*
- **Isaiah 10:1-2** "Woe to those who enact evil statutes and to those who constantly record unjust decisions..."

Dear LORD: Strongly compel all American politicians and judges to ➔**START** fearing You and respecting Your word, ➔**STOP** calling evil good, and ➔**START** serving to Your glory and the benefit of our citizens! **And all God's people said: AMEN!**

Next Week: ➔More Important Ways to Repent; ➔Hopeful in the Christ; and ➔the Conclusion.

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