



**“God Bless America”**  
**1 Timothy 2:1-7**

Today is July 4<sup>th</sup>, the 234<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the \_\_\_\_\_ of America. Our “Founding Fathers” were possessed by a firm \_\_\_\_\_ that God was the overpowering influence in what they were doing. Their \_\_\_\_\_ was, and ours is today: God bless America.

In the past, celebrations of July 4<sup>th</sup> included prayers offered on behalf of our \_\_\_\_\_, but things have changed; that would be illegal nowadays. We’ve been observing the first Thursday of May as a National Day of Prayer for more than a half-a-century, but a Federal Judge has now \_\_\_\_\_ it’s unconstitutional. Some people don’t feel it is \_\_\_\_\_ to pray “God bless America.” Some are unbelievers and are \_\_\_\_\_ when believers pray in their presence. Some believers think that Christians should not be concerned with \_\_\_\_\_ of the government. To the wise men of Athens He is preached as the Supreme \_\_\_\_\_ of the universe (Acts 17:22-34). The Bible teaches us in such passages as our test to pray for our \_\_\_\_\_.

America was founded on belief in God and the \_\_\_\_\_. He teaches in His word, and God has blessed America. He has been the over-riding \_\_\_\_\_ in making America great! Historically our national leaders have \_\_\_\_\_ that. Unashamedly our forefathers believed that it is \_\_\_\_\_ to maintain a free, peaceable society without belief in God. But America is rapidly \_\_\_\_\_ from that. America is well on its way to becoming a \_\_\_\_\_ state – a nation without God. Efforts to \_\_\_\_\_ the references to Him in our pledge of allegiance, and “In God We Trust” from our monies, and to \_\_\_\_\_ prayers in the public schools and gatherings, and the removal of the Ten Commandments in public places, and the furor over state recognition of religious holidays are all a \_\_\_\_\_ of that.

One of the \_\_\_\_\_ incidents in all of the Bible is described in Judges 2:10. Joshua had led Israel in their conquest of the promised land, and his generation died; we are told, “all that generation had gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord nor the work which He had done for Israel.” The next few verses give the \_\_\_\_\_ story. “Then the children of Israel did \_\_\_\_\_ in the sight of the Lord . . . they \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord God of their fathers . . .”

It’s a matter of historic record that preceding and contributing to the collapse of every fallen nation, there was the \_\_\_\_\_ of its religion. And it seems that there is a generation of Americans today who \_\_\_\_\_ not God. Based on information from surveys, I say without apology or equivocation, American style Christianity has been dumbed down to the point of \_\_\_\_\_.

“God is \_\_\_\_\_ and in Him is no darkness at all” (1 John 1:5), and when we put God out, out went the light so that we now live in the dark, dark, darkness of evil. We \_\_\_\_\_ about a million little unwanted, innocent, helpless preborn babies every year. Baseball is no longer our national pastime; it’s been replaced by \_\_\_\_\_, much of which is government sponsored. We give social \_\_\_\_\_ to fornication and homosexuality from which we suffer widespread disease and illegitimacy. Alcoholism is a major problem. All of this is a \_\_\_\_\_ against God and His way.

We are not saying that America is God’s \_\_\_\_\_ people, but Romans 15:4 says that we can learn from God’s treatment of Israel. God has blessed America greatly, as He blessed Israel, and He will surely repent of any destruction He may have had in mind for us, if we will repent of our rebellious waywardness and \_\_\_\_\_ again to Him and to live His way (2 Chronicles 7:14).

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