

AMERICA'S HERITAGE

George Washington, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin and Abraham Lincoln, to name only a few figures in American history, seemed to see clearly the providence of God behind the events of their day. The nation did not unfold by accident or happenstance, they insisted, but by divine design.

Benjamin Franklin...

"I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: that God governs in the affairs of man. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the Sacred Writings that except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it. I firmly believe this...

"In the beginning of the contest with Britain, when we were sensible of danger, we had daily prayers in this room for Divine protection. Our prayers, Sir, were heard and they were graciously answered. All of us who were

engaged in the struggle must have observed frequent instances of a superintending Providence in our favor...Have we now forgotten this powerful Friend? Or do we imagine we no longer need His assistance?



Every coin minted in the United States bears, along with the bust of a past hero, these words: LIBERTY—IN GOD WE TRUST. It was not lightly that our forefathers chose these inseparable words, for they knew the tremendous cost and sacrifice that had been paid to secure our freedom. In gratitude, they continually acknowledged that God had made and preserved our nation. They were confident that God was blessing their endeavors because they acknowledged Him and sought His aid in all their doings. They warned future generations that the day God was not earnestly revered in America, she would become a byword among nations.

We would do well today to review their urgent admonitions and the wisdom that was theirs when they forged the greatest and most prosperous nation

For as Thomas Jefferson once asked, "Can the liberties of a nation be secure, when we have removed the conviction that these liberties are the gift of God?"

“The religion which has introduced civil liberty is the religion of Christ and His apostles...to this we owe our free constitutions of government.”

Noah Webster

The moral principles and precepts contained in the Scriptures ought to form the basis of all our civil constitutions and laws. All the miseries and evils which men suffer from vice, crime, ambition, injustice, oppression, slavery, and war, proceed from their despising or neglecting the precepts contained in the Bible.

NOAH WEBSTER

The Bible
Has Never
Threatened
America. It
Has Helped
to Build It.



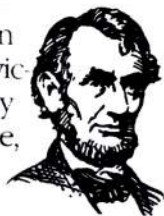
In his inaugural address to Congress, the first president of our nation stressed God's role in the birth of this republic:

“No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the invisible hand which conducts the affairs of men more than the people of the United States. Every step by which they have advanced to the character of an independent nation seems to have been distinguished by some token of providential agency...We ought to be no less persuaded that the propitious smiles of heaven cannot be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right, which heaven itself has ordained.”

George Washington



“I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom, and that of all about me, seemed insufficient for that day.”



“It is the duty of nations, as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God and to recognize the sublime truth announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord.”

Abraham Lincoln

(John 2:16; Malachi 4:1)

When all the great plants of our cities
Have turned out their last finished work;
When our merchants have sold their last
yard of silk,

And dismissed the last tired clerk;
When our banks have raked in their last
dollar,

And paid the last dividend;
When the Judge of the earth says, "Close
for the night,"

And asks for the balance—

WHAT THEN?

When the choir has sung its last anthem,
And the preacher has made his last prayer,
When the people have heard their last
sermon,

And the sound has died out in the air;
When the Bible lies closed on the altar
And the pews are all empty of men;
When each one stands facing his record,
And the great Book is open—

WHAT THEN?

When the actors have played their last
drama,

And the mimic has made his last fun;
When the film has flashed its last picture
And the billboard displayed its last run;

When the crowds seeking pleasure have
vanished,
And gone out in the darkness again;
When the trumpet of ages is sounded,
And we stand up before Him—
WHAT THEN?

When the bugle's call sinks into silence,
And the long marching columns stand still;
When the captain repeats his last orders,
And they've captured the last fort and hill,
When the flag has been hauled from the
mast head,
And the wounded afield are all checked in,
And a world that rejected its Saviour
Is asked for a reason—
WHAT THEN?

The above searching lines are calculated to make a thinking person think. When the bugle call sounds and the great angel announces that time shall be no more—if you are not saved—**WHAT THEN?**

Where Will YOU Be in Eternity?

“The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.” Psa. 9:17.

“Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.” Matt. 5:8.

“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.” Matt. 7:21.

“Righteousness exalteth a nation;
but sin is a reproach to any people.”

Salvation is really very simple. You cannot join into anything and obtain it. You cannot buy it with money or prestige. Jesus said, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:3. We must repent, and turn away from all sin. We must be honest and sincere with God and ask His forgiveness. Then, believe on Jesus, that He paid sin's debt for you and fully believe and trust God that He has forgiven you, for He promised that He would—if you meet the conditions! "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9.

When you have done this, you are saved. God has taken away all of your sin and you are clean in His sight. You need not join anything, for you are in God's church or family already. "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Acts 2:47. Remember, you are "born again,"—born right into it! Now do as Jesus told the woman, "go and sin no more."

Sin is not a mistake! Everyone makes mistakes, but sin is a willful (with knowledge of what you are doing) transgression of God's law. God will show you how to live and will keep you saved if you obey Him and let Him. Just one thought in closing, **your appointment is still pending!** —Selected