

A BIBLE STUDY TO

REPAIR BROKEN DOWN WALLS AND BIND UP THE NATION'S WOUNDS

“Those from among you shall build the old waste places; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, the Restorer of Streets to Dwell In” (Isa. 58:12 NKJV).

OBJECTIVE:

To call a nation in turmoil back to God.

The best way to call a nation in turmoil back to God is to declare His glory and faithfulness in the midst of the people throughout the generations. *“...Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples”* (1 Chr. 16:23-24 NKJV).

THE PLAN:

We begin by retracing history starting at the cross. When Jesus liberated mankind from the spirit of tyranny and its oppression, He saw a nation conceived in liberty and freedom. The liberty to govern ourselves without restraints followed, along with religious liberty to spread the Gospel of peace throughout the world. And so the story of God's faithfulness to this nation starts at the cross. From here, we will go to the Dark Ages, then the Reformation and the birth of a new nation. It is here that we are introduced to America's Covenant Partner, the mainstay of our freedom and liberty. From there, we'll go to the unshakeable foundation (the Law of Nature and nature's God reflected in the Bill of Rights and the U.S. Constitution) that preserved freedom and liberty; the Covenant's Partner's interventions in times of trouble, followed by today's civil unrest and the need for national reconciliation to bind up the nation's wounds. This brings us back to the cross to meet with our Covenant Partner, who alone can calm the storm and save us from our distresses. (Neh 9:16-17.)

We have a great heritage to share to a people fearful of losing their freedom and liberties, because if there is one thing people do not want to lose, it is their independence. We hear so much negative commentary about the land of the free and forget about the goodness of God in sustaining and prospering it. If we pull back the pages of history, we will see the faithfulness of God in times past that will be a light to our path, because we are at another crossroads. Once again we can rely on the faithfulness of God to redirect our

paths. He will say “this is the path, walk in it.” Then we will find the way of escape from the corruption that is in the world.

God’s people are writing the last chapters of the Book of Acts, and we have been handed a treasure to turn a nation back to God—Christian roots, without which America would not exist. From the cross, Jesus restored “natural” rights and liberty, which had been lost. Referenced in the Declaration of Independence, the laws of nature’s God (in the creation account) confers free will as a *birthright*, and with that comes the right of self-determination, and the liberty of every person to freely govern himself. Born in America, we never knew tyranny. We had been so used to everything continuing as it always had. Living in a free country, every day and in various ways we eat from the spoils of the cross Jesus won back for us: we choose our own leaders in national elections, we freely pursue our natural giftedness, we are not forced to belong to a state-run church. Where did all this freedom come from—your government or God? And, if God, why in America?

We discover why as we continue to pull back the pages of history. You will see that independence was put into motion when our colonial fathers covenanted with God and resisted the divine right of kings to control their destiny. Over 150 years later, they put their confidence in the laws of nature and nature’s God and declared their independence from England. It is nothing short of astonishing that the colonies stood on Natural Law and laws of Nature’s Creator for their independence from the mother country. “...and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal status to which the Laws of Nature and Nature’s God entitled them...” In their conquest, they formed a great nation that would become the head and tail above all the others, the Covenant Partner thus fulfilling the original intent of the Pilgrim Fathers. And we inherited the land God promised them and have reaped the blessings of freedom ever since. (This is described in the book, “*Calling a Nation in Turmoil BACK TO GOD.*” [Click here for a description and ordering information: <http://www.freeatlastministries.us/web/resources.aspx>.]

Thomas Jefferson rightly said, **“My God, how little do my countrymen know what precious blessings they are in possession of, and which no other people one earth enjoy.”** Yes, we have a story to tell of the goodness of God throughout the generations, and we must tell it, because history of one’s own country has a greater chance to resonate in people than any other history because of their penchant to remain free. President Woodrow Wilson said, **“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.”**

And so we can tell people who have lost their way and long for stability and direction about the faith of oppressed people who depended upon Jesus, called him their King, and never lost their freedom and liberty to a tyrant. We can tell them about the faithfulness of America’s Covenant Partner in two

World Wars to sustain our freedom and deliver us from another tyrant, because of that covenant He made with the people over 400 years ago. To be sure, we have a great heritage to turn people fearing what is coming to pass in their country back to God. America's story of what God did in, through, and for America, needs to be told because if God is in it, He will bring people back to the cross, and they will glorify Him in their salvation.

America is adrift and may never be what it used to be, but if people can see God's goodness in times of adversity and put their trust in Him, they will turn back to Him in their need, and God will hear their prayer. Then they will know their "homeland security" is in Him.

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