



God Shed His Grace on Thee

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Sermon Notes

**"If we ever forget that we are
One Nation Under God, then we
will be a Nation gone under."**

President Ronald W. Reagan

"One Nation... With Liberty and Justice for All".

This past Father's Day at the US Open, NBC blatantly edited out "under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance in their nation wide broadcast. Worse still, the American school children that they filmed for the feature unwittingly became the subjects of an outright statement against God. Within the scope of three hours, NBC got so many tweets and blogs from the angry public that they interrupted their programming with an innocuous apology that really amounted to nothing. It is obvious that we no longer are dealing with a liberal media but a godless liberal media with an agenda to spread godlessness across America. **My concern is not that there are godless people in America or that there are even godless people in the media. My concern is that American Christians don't make a big enough issue out of the many attempts to shut God out of America.** After NBC's lame response, the protesting immediately quieted and the ratings for the US open won out over every other station. **It makes one wonder...what is more important, God or golf?** And will we hear of any lawsuits filed against NBC by the parents of those unwitting child participants? Very unlikely! And will anyone loose their job at NBC for taking such editing actions? Very unlikely again! Yet, consider the constant barrage of attacks against God in America. **They are blatant and they are ever increasing and successful: Prayer has been successfully removed from school and patriotic songs of faith have been omitted from our nations curriculum while the Theory of Evolution is taught as irrefutable fact and homosexuality is encouraged as an alternative and acceptable lifestyle. The word "Christmas" has been reduced to "holiday" and "Easter" to "Spring break."**

Presidential Quotes *Deuteronomy 6:13-15, Matthew 5:13-16, 28:18-20*

Our first president, George Washington said: "It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible." **President Reagan said:** "If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a Nation gone under." ***Is it obvious yet that we are already sinking?*** God, of course, said it best: **Fear the LORD your God, serve him only and take your oaths in his name. Do not follow other gods, the gods of the peoples around you; for the LORD your God, who is among you, is a jealous God and his anger will burn against you, and he will destroy you from the face of the land.** *Deuteronomy 6:13-15*

Our entire government rests on the principal that the nation's people will care enough to speak out on behalf of what they hold important and scream and fight when necessary! If God's people stop speaking out then our nation will be destroyed.

The great commission of the New Testament, given by Jesus Christ, tells us to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them, and teaching them to obey everything that He has commanded. (*Matthew 28:18-20*) **If we, as Christians, neglect to live, vote and stand by these teachings of Jesus, then how are we to be "salt and light in America?"** (*Matthew 5:13-16*) If America is no longer influenced by Christ then it becomes good for nothing, "except to be thrown out and trampled by men." (*of other nations*) **As Christian Americans, do we stand united against the ruler of this world, the devil? Even if it means turning off the T.V. or boycotting a network?** Are we willing, as our forefathers were, to risk everything to stand firmly against him and his schemes against our nation and mankind? Are we committed to our independence from his rule in our lives and in the lives of our children? Will we commit our lives to following His commands and teaching them to others, or will we be a people, a family, a nation "gone under?"

Unchanging God: *Hebrews 13:8, Matthew 24:35, Proverbs 30:5-6*

The ethics, morals and Laws of our people are constantly changing in America. The cry for tolerance and political correctness is constantly stressed. God and His Word, however, are never changing. He may be "old fashioned", but He is God!



Independence? *Deuteronomy 31:6-8*

The Declaration Of Independence itself, refers to God four times. It was never meant to make us a nation independent of God but from the tyrannical rule of King George III, and the British crown. In that document 27 grievances were listed against that government. The 56 signers of that declaration risked everything to sign that document, but they trusted God for their protection over the most powerful force in the world at that time. They concluded their declaration with these words: **"And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our fortunes and our sacred Honor."** *The Declaration of Independence : July 4, 1776*

Have you ever wondered what happened to the signers of the Declaration of Independence? Five were captured by the British as traitors. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons in the Revolutionary Army, another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the War. What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners, men of means, well educated. But they signed the Declaration knowing it could mean their death.

Freedom is never free. God paid first and brave souls followed. We will keep America only if we are strong and courageous like Joshua who kept what Moses passed on to him. We must lead this new generation by showing them the grace God shed on America... no matter what the cost!