

The Future of America Psalm 85:1-6 July 4th

I Still Believe Without Reservation that American is **GREATEST** Nation on Earth!

Why so great? natural resources? politics? press? ingenuity? smarter? military? **NO**
America is Great because GOD has blessed America!

Because in our Founding, America honored God! They believed in **CREATION** and a **CREATOR!**

Psalm 14:1 *The fool has said in his heart there is no God.*

Our FF believed in the separation of church & state but not in the separation of God and government.

Sadly, our national heritage lies in decay today, and our Christian values are in retreat.

We need a national revival.

Unless America experiences a miracle, we are on a collision course with judgment.

You, Lord, showed favor to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

² *You forgave the iniquity of your people and covered all their sins.*

³ *You set aside all your wrath and turned from your fierce anger.*

⁴ *Restore us again, God our Savior and put away your displeasure toward us.*

⁵ *Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger through all generations?*

⁶ *Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?* Psalm 85:1-6

This was a prayer of a patriot. It is a prayer for revival.

1) THE SOURCE OF REVIVAL ⁴ *Restore us again, **God our Savior** and put away your displeasure toward us....⁶ Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?*

It is not too late for America because there is a God in Heaven.

Revival is not impossible because God's grace and power are sufficient.

But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, Romans 5:20

God is our hope, but God is also our biggest **threat**.

2) THE SUBJECTS OF REVIVAL *You forgave the iniquity of **your people** and covered all their sins. You set aside all your wrath and turned from your fierce anger. **Restore us again**, God our Savior and put away your displeasure toward us.* Psalm 85:2-4

> It is not the unsaved who need revival.

>The answer for America is not the school house, the state house, or the white house but the **Church** house.

*....if **MY people**, who are called by MY name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.* 2 Chronicles 7:14

>The **People** that God HAS *if My people*

>The **Pride** that God HATES *He mocks proud mockers but shows favor to the humble and oppressed.* Proverbs 3:34

>The **Prayer** that God HEARS *the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; ²⁶ the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace."*

Numbers 6:25,26 Psalm 66:18

*If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened;
Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrongdoing.*

Habakkuk 1:13

>The **Promise** God HONORS *if MY people, who are called by MY name, will
humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked
ways, **then** I will hear from heaven,* 2 Chronicles 7:14

When we are humble and holy, we will be heard.

3) THE SIGNS OF REVIVAL *Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?*

Psalm 85:6

True revival is simply **REJOICING** in God--Not rejoicing in things, privileges, or ourselves in pride

Revival comes in three stages:

>There's a time of weeping.

>There's a time of reaping.

>There's a time of rejoicing.

that your people may rejoice in you?

CONCLUSION Are we going to just watch our freedoms and liberties recede over the horizon, or are we, as churches and individuals, going to pray for God to send revival?

There have been many revivals in history. Jonah/Ninevah 1 Kings 18 Acts 2

Reformation America 1740's Whitfield/Edwards 1840's Finney

As long as God is on His throne we can still have revival in America today!