

visit the beautiful Ohio. The mighty Mississippi, the beautiful Colorado River - and when people talk about the mountains of Switzerland, we can go to the rugged Rockies, the Alleghanies, and the Smokies. When people talk about the interesting spots of the world - we can tell them about Niagara Falls. The Grand Canyon, or Yellowstone Park. Redwood Forest, Carlsbad Caverns, and we can tell them about Luray Caverns. There used to be an old slogan - See America First. That is a pretty good idea. You put all the scenery together in all the world, you cannot really match what we have here in America.

God not only blessed us with all of this beauty - but he blessed us with a good kind of government. A Democracy. Sometimes people talk about dictatorship - but this is not the kind we have. Now we may have some dictating in America - but we have freedom and we have had it throughout the years. And I don't think that we will ever surrender to one man or to a group of men. As you look about you today, there are no concentration camps. There are no secret police that come around and take away your business and lock you up. And snatch you from your homes. And haul you off to Siberia. And you go there and you work until you die. We have a freedom - we have a voice and we have a vote.

In fact, there are newspapers and radios - why, they can criticize the government and the President of the United States - but in Russia, you would be put in a concentration camp within 24 hours. Any little old dictator would do that to you. But you know that you have religious freedom. And a few people can meet in a little old storefront or anywhere - and they can worship God as they believe in him. They have a right to do this. Or they have a right to go and worship in a great cathedral on 5th Avenue in New York. But we find that in some countries, there are Christians of course, but they do not let them have houses of

prayer to God. The very concept of God is vanished from their borders. And we are told that Christians are really killed in some of these nations. But in America, we have religious freedom. Where did we get it from? Well, I think that we could go back and say a word about a humble Baptist preacher by the name of Roger Williams. He was so persecuted for his belief, that he fled with a few followers, which is now Rhode Island. There he founded the city of Providence. Which is just another name for God. The Constitution of that state, he wrote down the decree that every man should be permitted to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience. Then when Thomas Jefferson and others, were forming the Constitution of the United States, they borrowed that principle. And they put it in that sacred document. So Baptists, originated religious freedom in that land. And they have stood up for this everywhere.

Another thing, the separation of church and state. It has been something that God has permitted us to share in. We protest against anything that treads upon our rights. And we have no state church in the United States - all who worship God, worship according to the dictates of their conscience. And they are not required to support a church and a religion which they do not believe in.

Everybody in America has a chance - Edison, a poor boy. But the whole world today uses over 1150 inventions that came from his mind, his heart, and his hands. He became a great inventor because he lived in a land where a boy could have a chance.

Rockefeller was a poor boy - but America gave him a chance. And he became a millionaire - giving away fortunes for religious work. And other good causes.

~~Henry Ford~~ was a poor mechanic. But he became the great industrialist because America gave him a chance.

~~Abraham Lincoln~~, lived in a log cabin, studied his books by the fireside, and rose to the White House and to fame.

Walter Winchell.

America needed two Thanksgiving Days. One day to give thanks for the Atlantic Ocean. They need a second day to give thanks to God for the Pacific Ocean. I think we can all say that we ought to be thankful to God that we have been born, and have had the privilege of living in the greatest and the freest land under the sun in all the world.

To think that there are some who undermine America today - but people who do not like this land and this country ought to go to a place where they can be happy.

In all of this, I come back to our text. That we need to invite God back - America needs this. Pray for kings - pray for those in authority. And to live Godly. America has some needs today. Even though we are the richest country in the world, we need most of all, to repent of our sins. And to turn back to God. We are today pushing forward great programs of defense. We are in favor of planes, ships, and tanks. But the greatest defense that we can make is a spiritual preparation.

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During the Second World War, I met on the train a ^{Pastor} lieutenant who had just returned from fighting in Italy. He had been in the North African campaign. He had fought in Sicily. He wore the Purple Heart ribbon with his campaign ribbons.

I asked him what he thought of America. It was a hard question to ask a man who had been gone so long, who had been fighting for his country . . . who had been wounded in action . . . It was almost an impertinence.

He said that after what he had seen in North Africa and in Italy, he appreciated America more than ever. He described the filth and the squalor of the cities he had seen . . .

He spoke of Tunis and Bizerte . . .

He told me of his impression of the Arabs and the natives of North Africa.

He had been deeply impressed with their misery and their

✓ Three hundred thousand Americans did not die in the second World War merely to see conditions develop again that will make necessary another war. God forbid.

Let us remember that we are a republic under God. Let us remember that each of the metal coins we jingle in our pockets bears the inscription "In God We Trust."

What is the American Dream?

What is it that makes our country different?

✓ Do you know . . . you who fought for it overseas . . . who braved the sniper in the jungle, who flew through flak-filled skies, who waded through the mud of Italy, who knew the heat of the desert sun and the cold of the North Atlantic?

"to the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith."

That was what William Bradford and George Carver had in mind when, beneath the swinging lantern in the cabin of the Mayflower, they affixed their signatures to the solemn declaration which established the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

They had come from the Old World and were seeking refuge in the New.

They had come from tyranny and oppression . . .

They had come from fear and coercion . . .

They had come from famine and from difficulty . . .

from wars and threats of wars . . .

And they sought a new life in a new land.

Religious liberty to worship God according to the dictates of one's own conscience

and equal opportunity for all men . . .

These are the twin pillars of the American Dream.

Now a Covenant Nation is one that recognizes its dependence upon God and its responsibility toward God.

This nation was so born.

God was recognized as the source of human rights.

The Declaration of Independence says so.

A Covenant Nation is one which recognizes that God and His purposes stand over and above the nation . . .

that the highest role a nation can play is to reflect God's righteousness in national policy.

That is what Bradford and Carver certainly intended.

That is what Roger Williams sought, when he set up his settlement in Providence, Rhode Island.

That is what William Penn was striving after in Pennsylvania.

That is what they wanted in Maryland, when, in 1649, the Maryland Act of Toleration set it down in writing.

That is what Thomas Jefferson was striving after when he wrote the Declaration of Independence.

That is what they fought for, too.

You can trace it from Bunker Hill

from Lexington and Concord

down through Valley Forge

They were concerned about rights.

These free men who had burlap wrapped around their feet as they marched through the snow, who carefully hoarded their gunpowder and clutched their muskets under their tattered uniforms to keep them dry

They were concerned about the rights of free men.

They made the first down payments there—down payments that have been kept up to this good day . . .

through Château-Thierry and the Argonne . . .

to Anzio and Cassino . . .

at Saint-Lô and Bastogne . . .

at Tarawa and Iwo Jima

at Saipan and Guadalcanal

For freedom is not the right to do as one pleases

— but the opportunity to please to do what is right.

Our standard of values is out of focus.

We boast that many of our national leaders came out of country schoolhouses.

Yet the average country schoolteacher makes a fraction of what we pay big league baseball players.

I, for one, enjoy baseball, but is hitting homeruns more important than giving boys and girls an education?

There is something wrong with a standard of values that gives a comedian a million dollars and a high school teacher two thousand.

The reward is greater for making people laugh than it is for making people think.

it on this paper.

What has the Baptists to say, what have we as Christians to say. When you hear such a statement. You can take up this little book, The Bible, and you can hold it aloft to the world - and you say let all the world go to bits. And we will reconstruct it on the authority of Jesus Christ, as voiced in The New Testament. Yes, there are somethings in the world that are unchangeable. And this is one. We must come back to the word of God, it has the absolute authority for us. Our task here in America, and as Christians, is to come back to that hour in which we depend. As the Old Prophet looked at his days, and he said the very horses should have on their bells, the inscription of holiness. And when the pots and the pans in the kitchen, shall be marked with holiness, as well as the vessel in the temple of God. That day must be ours - when commerce, literature, politics, and when we consecrate these to the power of the fire of Christ. Every nation will tremble. The call today is, to come back to Christ's power. The hour seems right for men to come to the saving grace of God's power. We need to get a passion to save the lost. The hour is right for the best thing that America ever did for herself and all the nations abroad. Is to take the cross and go out - and to win this land and other lands. And bring them to the feet of Jesus. I think this is our conquest - He is calling to all of the nations in the cities. To put all enemies under his feet.

There are many stories of fame, and one is Queen Victoria. It appeals to me as none other that I have ever heard. One day she was listening to the Chaplain preach a sermon, on the significance of the coming again of Christ, to the world. Those near the royal box noticed that the Queen shook with emotion. Her lips quivered, and her eyes were filled with tears. The service ended, and she asked to see the Chaplain alone. He was ushered in. With great emotion she said, oh sir, what you have said about the coming again of the world's rightful King, and he said - why are you so moved. And she

said, I could wish to be here when he comes. He said, and why do you wish to be here when he comes. And with emotion indescribable and sublimely glorious she said, that I might lay this crown at his blessed feet. My dear Christian friends, here in America and every nation under this sun - it is our task to dedicate all that we have to this wonderful Lord. And even though this world seems hopeless, the burning call of the hour is to get back to God. We need to come back, to the power that is sufficient. A mighty fortress is our God. A bulwark never failing.

That all the dominions, republics, government, and people - and Kingdoms of this world might come to the King of Kings, and the Lord of Lords. Even so, come Lord Jesus.

Mr. Mansfield former Currituck
Time to get Ready meet God!

Went Church Sunday -

Went forward Rededicated life to God!

Thursday went to see old Beloved Pastor Willoughby
Talked 1 1/2 hours - Prayer together!

Home - said few words wife that afternoon -
sat in his reclining chair -

Breathed 3 or 4 Deep Breaths & was
gone - (Dead) -