

"PRAISE, CONFESSION AND PRAYER FOR AMERICA"
PROVERBS 14:34

INTRO: Numerous times since 1774, even before the official founding of our nation, a call for prayer, confession of sin and fasting by both political and spiritual leaders has gone throughout the land. And without a doubt God has answered those prayers in raising up America against all human, political, and military odds as our founders had to stand against England and other enemies down through the years. One example of the call for prayer was rendered by Thomas Jefferson on May 24, 1774 when he drafted a **"RESOLUTION FOR A DAY OF FASTING, HUMILIATION AND PRAYER"** that was presented to and accepted by the **VIRGINIA HOUSE OF BURGESSES** as the British blockaded Boston's Harbor which said **(READ THE RESOLUTION)**. Continuing in the **GOOD TRADITION** of calling for national prayer, confession and fasting, **TODAY, MAY 17, 2026, HAS BEEN SET ASIDE AS "A DAY OF NATIONAL JUBILEE OF PRAYER, PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING UNTO GOD" FOR ALL HE HAS DONE FOR, THROUGH AND IN AMERICA.** As a part of that call, **ALL AMERICANS OF TRUE FAITH IN GOD ARE BEING ASKED TO "IMPLORE GOD TO REVIVE AMERICA."** This has an **HISTORIC FOUNDATION** traced back to **MAY 15, 1776**, when General George Washington called for a **DAY OF PRAYER** to be conducted **ON MAY 17, 1776**, to ask God to **"ESTABLISH PEACE AND FREEDOM IN AMERICA."** **(READ THE CALL FOR PRAYER)**. Today, even as I speak, there is a **GREAT GATHERING OF PEOPLE ON THE MALL IN WASHINGTON, DC, AS WELL AS IN CHURCHES ALL ACROSS AMERICA WHERE TRUE BELIEVERS IN JESUS CHRIST ARE PRAISING GOD FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE FOR, THROUGH AND IN AMERICA, CONFESSING SINS THAT HAVE BEEN COMMITTED IN AMERICA AND ASKING GOD TO SEND A TRUE REVIVAL TO OUR LAND.** This day is being called **"REDEDICATE 250"** as we approach the **250TH BIRTHDAY OF AMERICA WHICH WILL OCCUR ON JULY 4TH.** In the context, today I want to preach on **"PRAISE, CONFESSION AND PRAYER FOR AMERICA"** based on Proverbs 14:34.

NOTE THE TEXT OF PROVERBS 14:34

1) "RIGHTEOUSNESS EXALTETH A NATION"

- **"RIGHTEOUSNESS"** is the **CHARACTER OR QUALITY OF BEING RIGHT OR JUST ACCORDING TO BIBLICAL TRUTH SO AS TO HONOR GOD IN ALL THINGS WHICH IS THE BIBLICAL WORLD VIEW.** Such exalts a nation before God.

2) "SIN IS A REPROACH TO ANY PEOPLE"

- **"SIN"** is **THE TRANSGRESSION (OVERSTEPPING THE BOUNDARY) OF GOD'S LAW.**

- **"REPROACH"** is **THE DISGRACE OF A PERSON/NATION BEFORE GOD.**

THE ADMONITION: **AS CHRISTIANS, WE MUST PRAY FOR AND PRACTICE PERSONAL AND NATIONAL RIGHTEOUSNESS SO AS NOT TO OVERSTEP GOD'S BOUNDARY AND FALL INTO SIN.**

I. LET'S PRAISE GOD FOR CREATING AMERICA

- A. For Raising up People who prayed for and founded America on biblical principles. **(JOHN HANCOCK ON APRIL 15, 1775)**
- B. For Making America a Bastion of Freedom Worldwide **(Currently Iran)**
- C. For Sending out the Gospel Around the World

II. LET'S CONFESS OUR PERSONAL AND NATIONAL SINS

NOTE GEORGE BARNA'S COMMON PERSONAL SINS:

-Lying, Deceiving, Manipulating, Abusing God's Name, Worshipping things instead of God, Sexual Sins, Illegal Drug Use, Abortion, Sexual Fantasies, Income Tax Cheating, Drunkenness, Gambling, Violating the Lord's Day.

NOTE MAJOR NATIONAL SINS THAT HAVE STEMMED FROM PERSONAL SINS:

-Removal of Prayer and Bible Reading from public schools, The Promotion of Abortion, The Support of Homosexuality and Same-sex marriage, The Promotion and Acceptance of Gender Confusion, The Removal of God from the Democratic Platform in 2012, The Non- Support of Israel by the Liberal Left

NOTE: "Confession" means to agree with God that we have violated His standard of Righteousness.

- A. Let us as Believers in Christ be quick to Confess our Personal Sins
 - 1 John 1:9 – Believers confessing personal sins.
- B. Let us as Believers in Christ be quick to Confess our National Sins
 - Daniel 9:4,5 – Daniel confessed national sins.

III. LET'S ASK GOD TO SEND A REVIVAL

NOTE: "Revival" is the concept of a person or a nation getting right with God.

- A. 2 Chronicles 7:14 – (NATIONAL AND PERSONAL)
 - 1. Humility – (Recognizing our sinfulness before God)
 - 2. Prayer – (Personal and genuine communication with God)
 - 3. Seeking God's Face (Asking Him for His Will)
 - 4. Turning from our Wicked Way (Repentance from all Sin)
- B. Psalm 85:6,7- (NATIONAL AND PERSONAL)
 - 1. A Recognition that Revival Comes from God Alone
 - "WILT THOU NOT REVIVE US AGAIN?"
 - 3. A Result that is Spiritually Joyful
 - "THAT THY PEOPLE MAY REJOICE IN THEE"

LESSONS AND APPLICATION

IF AMERICA IS GOING TO TURN BACK TO GOD, IT MUST BEGIN WITH EACH INDIVIDUAL CHRISTIAN MAKING THE CHOICE TO DO SO PERSONALLY, ECCLESIASTICALLY, AND PUBLICLY.