

“Myths That Will Destroy a Nation!”

Judges 21:25

Intro. – According to Webster’s New World Thesaurus – “myth” = *untruthfulness, prevarication, barefaced lie, falsehood.*” With this fresh in mind, I want to develop the idea of myths that will destroy a nation.

In just a few days our nation will be celebrating her 240th birthday. Though young in many respects, American is beginning to show her age. Our text reminds us of a time in the history of Israel when myths were prevalent. Buying into many of these, Israel suffered defeat after defeat. Israel did not and has not learned from her history. The question I want to pose is, will we?! Will we learn from our past? Are we buying into philosophies and ideas that promise nothing but a dead end? Is the U.S. abandoning God and His precepts? Can our current national leadership be characterized as “God fearing”?

Illus. – A California lawsuit which is headed for the U.S. Supreme Court would make the use of the words *natural family, marriage, and union of a man and woman* as “hate speech” in government workplaces. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has already ruled in favor of this.

Illus. – CNN and The Washington Post both reported that General Peter Pace, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was fired because he publicly expressed moral opposition to homosexual practices.

I want to share with you some myths prevalent in our nation today that if permitted to persist, will ultimately undo and destroy America.

Purpose: to debunk myths that presently are and will destroy America

Each of these myths ultimately originate because *everyone wants to do what’s right in their own eyes.* In this study we will see, Biblically how dangerous and wrong such a mindset really is:

I MYTH #1 – Life Began by CHANCE

A. Present Status of Evolution

1. The doctrine according to Darwin is in trouble – theory of evolution is systematically being dismantled through everyday discoveries...
2. The head of the French Academy of Science recently said, “Evolution is a fairy tale for adults.”

B. How the Public Views Evolution

1. 1925 Scopes Trial - Lead Defense attorney Clarence Darrow argued “...it is bigotry for public schools to teach only one explanation of our origins.” (That one explanation being created by God)
2. Now that evolution is entrenched in our schools... ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) insists that only the theory of evolution be taught... Bigotry seems to have returned does it not?!

C. Let the Bible Speak

1. In the beginning “God”
 - a. created in six “literal days” (same word used for “day” is same word used for 24 hr period throughout the rest of the Old Testament (e.g. Exodus 20:10-11)
 - b. Genesis 1-11 is fact and not fable...
2. To settle for this myth begs a 1000 scientific questions, let alone the reality of God!
 - a. where did energy for the Big Bang come? What caused the explosion?
 - b. how could impersonal forces acting by chance construct a universe whose planets rotate with such precision we set clocks by them?
 - c. how can nothing times nobody = everything?
3. Aldous Huxley (author) responded to ? why theory evolution so readily accepted: “The reason we accept Darwinism even without proof is because we don’t want God to interfere...”
4. If man remains a “biological accident” = impossible to say whose is right/wrong... leaving door open for all to do as what is right in his/her’s own eye.
5. Such is a lie and such will undo the U.S. if this is permitted to persist!

II MYTH #2 – We Can be MORAL Without Faith in God

- Illus. – 11/17/80 Supreme Court struck down a Kentucky law that required the posting 10 Commands in public classrooms. Court said, “10 Commandments are plainly religious and my induce children to read, meditate upon, perhaps to venerate and to obey the commandments.”
 - A. Morality and Faith Can’t be Separated
 1. The very basis of morals/morality is existence of God and a faith in Him!
 2. To separate one’s faith/convictions in God from morality is asking the impossible!
 - B. Morality and Faith Go Hand in Glove
 1. When Kentucky was forced to remove 10 Commandments, no moral codes were put to replace...
 2. Such result in everyone doing what they FEEL is right in their own eyes.
 3. Isaiah 5:20 says that judgment comes to those who “...call evil good and good evil, who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!”
- Don’t believe the myth *we can be moral without faith in God!*

III MYTH #3 – If It’s Legal It’s MORAL

- Illus – War crime trials in Nuremberg, Germany Hitler’s henchmen argued they had broken no laws... that Germany’s own legal system permitted the extermination of humans. Later Adolph Eichmann said before his execution, “I had to obey the laws of war and my flag.
- A. Where is the Accountability?
 1. The experience at Nuremberg and today’s holocaust in abortion clinics across this nation have a frightening resemblance.
 2. It bears witness to the fact that when government believes it is accountable to no but itself, things really start going south in a hurry.
- B. Founding Fathers Speak
 1. America was founded on the belief that her accountability rested with no one less than God!
 2. Yet, things are on the change – Myth #3 is being accepted carte blanche.
 - Illus. – not long ago protestors at an abortion clinic were charged with slander because they were calling the doctors “murders.” Pro abortionist’s response through their attorneys’: “You can’t call someone who isn’t breaking the law a murder.”
 3. I don’t know about you, but that sure sounds like Nuremberg to me!

IV MYTH #4 – Roles of Men/Women Are INTERCHANGEABLE

- A. Marriage is Under Attack
 1. Sheila Cronan (N.O.W.) one of the feminist movements most respected leaders and spokeswomen said, "Since marriage constitutes slavery for women, it is clear that the women's movement must concentrate on attacking marriage."
 2. God said, “*It is not good that man should be alone...*”
- B. Home is Under Attack
 1. Several years ago in Houston, TX at a conference sponsored by N.O.W. – called for federal funding of day care centers for around the clock, 7 days a week.
 2. Such illustrates the priority or lack there of most are putting on their marriages and their homes.
 3. Men/women are equal in relationship to God (Galatians 3 etc.), but when it comes to roles in the home and the church, God makes clear these are distinct and crucial.
 4. Disregard the God given roles for men... for women... and such invites disaster for U.S.!

V MYTH # 5 – A FETUS is Not Human

- Illus. – 1-22-73 Roe v Wade = Supreme Court ruled a fetus was not human. As a result in more than 70 million humans have been aborted since. All done in name of “rights, laws, business, and choice.”
- A. God Says Otherwise
 1. Life begins at conception – Psalm 139:15-17; Jeremiah 1:5; Zechariah 2; Luke 1:41,44 etc.
 2. Human life is all important – Why? Came in person to give life!
- B. Abortion is Not an Option
 1. Is abortion murder? Illus. – Mother stepped into doctor’s office carrying a bright and healthy baby about a year old. Seating herself she said, “Doctor I want you to help me out of trouble. My baby is only a year old and I have conceived again. My husband and I don’t want to have a child so close together.” The doctor responded, “What do you want of me?” “Oh, anything to get rid of it for me,” she replied. Doctor responded, “If you object to having two children so close together, I think I can suggest a better method. The best way would be to kill the child on your lap. It would be more danger to you if I killed the baby in your womb.” As the doctor finished speaking he reached for a scalpel and asked the mother to lay the baby out on her lap and to turn her head. The woman almost fainted as she jumped from her chair uttering one word, “*Murder!*” A few words of explanation got the doctor’s point across convincing the young mother his offer to murder the year old was no worse than her request for aborting her unborn child. In either case it would have been murder. The only difference would be in the age of the babies.
 2. I pray that this nation will come to its senses – abortion is *murder!*

Conclusion: Our text says, “Everyone did as he saw fit.” You see, the battle lines have been drawn. Our wrestle is not against flesh and blood. The source behind each of these five myths is Satan. The source for truth/righteousness is God.

Reporter went out and asked a man on the street, “Do you know what the two greatest problems facing America are today?” The man responded, “I don’t know and I don’t care.” “Right,” said the reporter, “But how did you know the answer was *ignorance* and *apathy?*”

As Christians first and foremost and then as Americans, our greatest task is to get people to know the Good news and bring them to a realization of their need for a Savior and that Christ alone is that Savior. As Lord and Savior, Christ alone can change a careless heart into a caring heart!!