

Save Us From Ourselves

**It was the same day in another time - I felt your pain and you felt mine
And all that we tried and all of our tricks - Still couldn't help what couldn't be fixed
Who's gonna save us from ourselves this time?**

**Demonstrations, appropriations, more frustrations, tugging at your sleeve
Peace and love still has the power, don't wait until your final hour to believe
I said, with all that we've tried and all of our tricks
Still could not help what couldn't be fixed
Can anyone save us from ourselves this time?**

**One nation, indivisible, heads in the sand 'cause we weren't invisible
Say your prayers, we could all use a miracle now
To save us from ourselves**

(Lyrics from the Song "Save Us From Ourselves" by the Band Styx, 2021)

In 2002, the 9th U.S. The Circuit Court of Appeals ruled the citing of the Pledge of Allegiance in public school was unconstitutional because the phrase "*One nation under God*" is an "*endorsement of religion*." Judge Alfred Goodwin wrote, "*The pledge sends a message to non-religious students that they are outsiders*." If this ruling stood then it would have been unconstitutional for children in nine states to pledge their allegiance to the flag of the United States. Fortunately, on March 12, 2010 they upheld the constitutionality of the phrase. I have NEVER witnessed this nation so united against a judicial ruling. Whenever the Senate votes 99-0 on anything it is time to take notice. The House also followed suit in a unanimous vote. In spite of this national uproar there is one question that has not been asked. Is Justice Goodwin in some strange and perverted way prophetic in stating that we are not "*a nation under God*"? What will it take for our nation to return to our Christian principles? What will God use to restore our spiritual heritage and awaken believers who have slumbered through years of the systematic removal of the presence of God from our nation's foundation? **Psalm 33:12** states, "***Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He chose for His inheritance.***"

Proverbs 14:34 says, "***Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.***" America was founded by men and women who acknowledged God's supreme rule over our lives. They were looking for HIS Righteousness to exalt this nation! They weren't perfect. They weren't all fundamentalist Christians, but they all acknowledged that God was the supreme ruler over man and over government. Let's take a moment and reflect again on the Declaration of Independence that was signed on July 4, 1776. Most of you are familiar with the prologue that says, "*We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights that among them are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.*" As you read the Declaration of Independence, you discover what follows the prologue are about 15 or 16 charges against King George of Britain, but as they come to the final, the closing, the therefore, they make two more references to God: "*We therefore, the representatives of the United States of America in general congress assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the World for the rectitude of our intentions.*" They said, "*We're appealing to you, England, declaring our independence, but we're also appealing mainly to the Supreme Judge of the World, God himself.*" And then, the very last line of the Declaration of Independence is this: "*...and for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence.*" Divine means God. God's protection and providence, we mutually pledge our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor, no matter the cost.

In the painting of the first Continental Congress, the story is that they were discussing and debating about how the Declaration of Independence would be written. And finally, Ben Franklin stood and said, "*Gentlemen, if it is true that not one single petal from any flower falls to the ground without escaping God's attention, will the distress of this nation go unheeded? Let us therefore determine to seek His face.*" At that suggestion 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence all went to their knees as one man and began to pray and seek the wisdom of God. Wouldn't it be wonderful today if our congress would go to their knees in prayer, and wouldn't it be wonderful if every other court (including our Supreme Court) would just get on their knees like our forefathers did and say, "*Almighty God, what do you want for this nation?*" Many Bible scholars believe our nation is at the point of no return of destruction. That could be, for prophetic signs are becoming a reality each day. But 2nd Chronicles 7:14 states, "***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.***" Say your prayers, we could all use a miracle now; to save us from ourselves!

***"When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads,
because your redemption is drawing near."*** (Luke 21:28)

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