

Blessed Is the Nation Whose God Is the Lord

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[0 : 00] Well, I want you to take your Bibles this morning and turn not to the Gospel of Luke.

! We'll get back to Luke after I get back. But because of the weekend that this is, yesterday being the 4th of July, I want to preach a message that is kind of connected with that, with that holiday, with what it stands for, Independence Day.

And so you can take your Bibles and turn to Psalm 33. We're going to be in Psalm 33 this morning. 239 years.

That's a lot of years. Can you believe it? You say, well, 239 years for what? Well, yesterday, July 4th, 2015, we celebrated 239 years of Independence.

Pretty incredible when you think about it. That's a long time. And so we have that on our minds. At least we ought to have that on our minds.

[1 : 19] Yesterday being Independence Day. This weekend, being a part of that, we kind of started Wednesday night, the 1st, and had a big celebration here, concert.

A little sketchy about how many people came and participated in that. I think Jeannie told me that we served 250 plates. I don't know if some people got more than one plate.

Maybe they did. But if that's any indication, we had quite a few people who came and ate the hot dogs. And then we had a great concert in here. Forgiveness was here.

And it was a great time. Fireworks. Kids playing. And all of that kind of stuff. Great time. So we kind of started the celebration on the 1st. And many of you were here and participated with that.

Thank you for that. Today was the day, the big day. And, of course, all throughout the day, I heard fireworks going off. And some of them real close in our neighborhood.

[2 : 23] And some of you got here this morning and parked in the parking lot. Noticed that some folks had good time out on our parking lot with fireworks. Some of the remnants of that left over. So that's this weekend.

It's kind of a holiday, kind of a special time, really a very special time in the history of our nation, Independence Day. Now, as I thought about all of that over the last week, got to thinking about this holiday, this special day for America, our birthday.

Several things. I was struck by several things in my thinking. That's why I wanted to share what I'm going to be sharing this morning from God's Word. In the first place, I don't know about you, and I don't want to be too negative this morning, but I'm conflicted.

Conflicted in my heart with two opposing emotions. Love and hate.

Couldn't be more opposite. Love and hate. Love for my country. Never has there been a time in my kind of conscious adult life that I was not proud to be an American.

[3 : 50] Love this country. And I really do love my country. But hate, on the other hand, hate for what is happening to it.

Are you like me? You have these emotions, these mixed emotions, many of them opposing emotions.

Happy. Sad. Love. Hate. I really hate what's going on in our country.

I haven't really said much about this, but folks, we now have legalized homosexual marriage in all 50 states. And you know what?

Not a single one of us had anything to say about it. Right? Not a thing to say about it. We didn't vote on it. We didn't bring it to a vote.

[4 : 58] All decided by six men and three women in black robes. Actually, essentially decided by one man in a black robe.

The swing vote. Kennedy. All of that was done this last week. And so same-sex marriage has now become the law of the land.

And without a single vote for the people of this democratic republic. I feel that's sad. That is extremely disturbing.

And yet, really, I'm reminded that actually we have already voted on same-sex marriage.

Remember? I'm talking about Oklahoma.

We voted no. Overwhelmingly. Back in 2004, Oklahomans voted overwhelmingly to define marriage, continue to define marriage as between a man and a woman.

[6 : 04] And then, of course, just this last year, 2014, a federal judge overturned all of that. Thwarting the vote of the people.

Thwarting the will of the people. And the fact is, from the year 1998 all the way through the year 2012, 34 states have voted concerning marriage being between a man and a woman, and only three of them voted against it.

Americans overwhelmingly are for the traditional, I would call it, the biblical definition of marriage. I mean, even liberal California voted for the biblical definition of marriage.

Can you believe it? And now all of that is null and void. It is. The decision to make homosexual marriage the law of the land, decided in the courthouse, not at the ballot line, where it should have been said.

And really, that's been the way of things for a number of years, for several decades now.

Remember, prayer in schools is, corporate prayer in schools, they're illegal today because of the decisions made by judges.

[7 : 24] Not by the people. The Bible has been effectively removed from the schoolhouse because of the ruling of judges. I mean, just a few weeks ago, remember, the Oklahoma Supreme Court ruled that the Ten Commandments monument displayed there at the Capitol is unconstitutional.

The judges who did that. It must come down. Not because of the vote of the people. Let's not forget that it was a court.

The Supreme Court. That made abortion the law of the land. Not the vote of the people. God help us. God have mercy on us.

And again, I don't mean to be too political this morning. But I'm compelled to just state some of the facts. As soon as the Supreme Court ruling came down about same-sex marriage, our president, our president tweeted, hashtag, hashtag, love wins.

Really? Love wins? And in his address from the Rose Garden, he said, today, we can say, in no uncertain terms, that we have made our union a little more perfect.

[8 : 50] Are you kidding me? That night, the White House, I know some of you have seen this, the White House was lit in rainbow colors to celebrate the Supreme Court ruling.

the church, think about it. Celebrating the very thing that God destroyed, which God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.

And many Americans are celebrating. God have mercy. We need to wake up. This is serious.

I'm also struck by something else during this holiday, and that is, I'm struck by the reality that our celebration has become only backward-looking.

And that agrees. Jerry and I were watching TV last night, watching a movie, an old movie, Yankee Doodle Dandy.

[9 : 55] One of my favorites. Old movie. You know, it's the story about George M. Cohan, and he wrote a lot of patriotic songs.

Grand Old Flag, Over There. And I'm sitting there watching this, and I'm thinking, man, my heart was just stirred.

I just felt so stirred inside. So patriotic. And how this movie portrayed the sentiments of the day back in First World War I and then World War II.

A sense of patriotism. Love for country and willingness to sacrifice for freedom. Waving of the flag. So many today has become so passe. So, you know, inappropriate. And so it's all kind of backward-looking.

[11 : 01] It's all to the past. And it's been really a long time since we've been able to truly celebrate something in the present. You know, really, as Bible-believing, Christ-honoring Christians, with regard to our country, we celebrate, we're relegated to celebrating the past.

we grieve over the present as well we should. And to an extent, in one sense, we fear the future.

Fear the future of our country as we should. Remember, Galatians 6-7 says, do not be deceived. God is not mocked. Whatever a man sows, one sows, that will he also reap.

And that applies not just for the individual, but for a nation. We ought to be very concerned. I'm just struck by these thoughts as I was approaching this particular holiday, the 4th of July.

And, you know, we enjoy it. We sometimes have picnics and the fireworks and all those things. And all those wonderful things. And I'm not being discouraging about those things.

[12:28] But when you begin to think about your country, our country, these things are stirring in my heart. And then, finally, I was challenged by a particular passage of Scripture.

And it is our passage for this morning. David's Psalm, Psalm 33. So if you have your Bibles there and open to Psalm 33, I want you to listen as I read the entire Psalm.

Psalm 33. Psalm 33, and it stood fast.

The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing. He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect. The counsel of the Lord stands forever. The plans of His heart to all generations.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. The people He has chosen as His own inheritance. The Lord looks from heaven and He sees all the sons of men from the place of His dwelling.

[14:28] He looks on all the inhabitants of the earth. He fashions their hearts individually. He considers all their works. No king is saved by the multitude of an army.

A mighty man is not delivered by great strength. A horse is a vain hope for safety. Neither shall it deliver any by its great strength.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His mercy to deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive in famine. Our soul waits for the Lord.

He is our hope and our shield. For our heart shall rejoice in Him because we have trusted in His holy name. Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us just as we hope in you.

Amen. Incredible song. A wonderful, wonderful song. So now in these days, these times in which we're living right here in the present, I would say to you that we need a little perspective.

[15:37] That's what we need. We need a little perspective. Actually, what we need is a renewal of a right perspective about some things.

So you see, as Christians in this world, we get into trouble when our perspective gets a little bit mixed up. And so we look all around us and we see our country essentially falling apart, defaulting economically, financially, degrading morality, morally, declining spiritually.

We see all of that and sometimes we have a tendency to lose sight of God. We kind of waller in our grief and our distraught hearts and our pain as we look at the things around us and we just kind of tend to forget about God.

Or really, our perspective of God becomes then kind of narrow or minimized. He only figures into those sacred activities that we might call sacred activities like church and home and even, of course, our personal spiritual lives.

And so we kind of relegate God and our thoughts of God and our trust in Him in that context or those contexts. And so, He doesn't seem to figure in to our perspective of the bigger picture.

[17:05] when we see the things that are going on around us. The bigger picture. Our country. Our world.

And so when we see things failing around us. Falling around us. We see our country turning away from what is true and what is right and we forget that God is still in charge.

I mean, really, think about it. When you look at just this past week, the decision of the Supreme Court and other decisions that have come down. Look at some of the things that are going in our country morally.

Isn't it a tendency for us to begin to think that God is not in charge? Not in control. In fact, we might even begin, and this is probably more true of us, we would begin to doubt that He is in control.

Not that He can't be or that somehow things are beyond His control, but He just simply chooses not to be. So what I'm talking about is perspective.

[18:19] A right perspective. In these times, we need a little perspective. And really, it is the perspective of true worship.

I'm not talking about what we've been doing here this morning under Chris' leadership. That's worship. He's leading us in worship. I'm not just talking about what we do on Sunday mornings and Sunday nights in this place in a corporate sense.

But worship in the broader sense that encompasses the entire life. Our thoughts, our devotions, our affections, our decisions, is part of our worship.

And so we're talking about a perspective of true worship. That's what David is getting at here. And so you see, Psalm 33 that I just read a moment ago is really the second part of what we would call a psalm couplet.

That is, these two psalms go together. Psalm 32 and Psalm 33. In Psalm 32, David worships the Lord. He's praising the Lord because of His forgiveness.

[19 : 26] But now here in Psalm 33, David is worshipping, he's praising the Lord because of His sovereign control. His sovereignty over all things.

And so that is the perspective that we need to have in these troubling times. God is sovereign. I know we say that and we hear that and we say amen to that and you hear someone say, well, God is still on His throne.

Well, yeah, amen, praise the Lord. But do we really believe that? In light of the things that are going on all around us, not just in our country, but in our world as a whole.

We really believe that God is sovereign and that God is on His throne and that God sees and God knows.

and He's not pacing the throne room of heaven, you know, wringing His hands, wondering how things got so out of control in America.

[20 : 25] That's what God's doing. So neither should we. That is the perspective that we need. And again, it is the perspective of true worship. And so I want to mention four things as we kind of divide this psalm into four things.

that deal with our focus, our perspective during these times. And the first one is this. David's psalm tells us the scene of the Lord's birth.

That's the right perspective. I mean, things are in bad shape and we're distraught and we're just almost even bewildered that we could be having these things happen in our country and so rapidly. And yet, through that all, the right perspective is to continue to sing of the Lord's worth to us personally as well as to all of creation.

The Lord's worth. Again, Psalm 32 goes with Psalm 33. Now, we're not going to go back and look at it, but I can tell you that Psalm 32 closed with a command to worship.

[21 : 35] A command to openly praise and worship the Lord because of His forgiveness. And we should. And never tire of that. To thank the Lord for His forgiveness.

That His Son and His sacrifice upon the cross has turned His wrath away from Him. But Psalm 32 opens with a command. It opens with a command to openly worship and praise the Lord because of His sovereignty.

His sovereign control. In fact, there are three commands here in the first few verses. Rejoice, praise, and sing. And they kind of all go together.

And it's indicative of our worship of the Lord. Again, not just in the context of the Sunday morning worship. But in the context of the entire life.

Your life. My life. Everything in it. And so, rejoice, praise, and sing. Look at verse 1 again. Rejoice in the Lord. That's a command.

[22 : 41] By the way. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. The righteous are the ones who can and should rejoice and have something to rejoice in. He said, For praise from the upright is beautiful.

By the way, Hebrew word for rejoice, this particular word translated rejoice, it means to be overcome with joy. So it's not something, I mean, it is something we're commanded to do, but it is something also God provides in our hearts by His grace.

And we get thinking about God and His love for us and His sovereignty and that we can trust Him with all things. We are brought to a place where we are overcome with joy.

And so that's what the word means, to be overcome with joy that you give a ringing cry. That's a very literal translation. A ringing cry. We would put it this way, shout with joy.

Shout with joy. Verse 2 is the second command, praise the Lord. Praise the Lord with the harp. Make melody in Him, to Him, with an instrument of ten strings.

[23 : 59] Six strings is okay, Chris. What is it? 230 strings on the piano to do it. Jonathan, I wonder if you knew that.

I had to look it up. I mean, the point is not how many strings. The point is that we play instruments as a part of our praise and we do so for His glory. And then, verse 3, another command, sing to Him.

Sing to Him a new song. Play skillfully with the shout of joy. This word, a new song, is really quite interesting in the original language. It means, literally, to be creative in our worship.

Not unbiblical, but creative. Alright? Creative in our worship. It should always be fresh, our worshiping. Again, I'm not just talking about how we do it here and the style of worship in the corporate worship.

It includes that. But all of our worship of Him in prayer and in devotion and in living, it is to be fresh. It is to be new every day because God's mercies are new every single day.

[25 : 13] In fact, it reminds me of Lamentations 3.22. Through the Lord's mercy we are not consumed. Man, praise the Lord for that. Because His compassions fail not.

Aren't you glad that His compassion and His mercy for you does not fail? And then, He says, Your mercies are new every morning.

Great is your faithful. And so, we're commanded to sing of the Lord's worth. That is the right perspective for these troubling times.

Don't lose sight of that. Don't eliminate that from your life. Whether it be here on Sundays, the Lord's day when we assemble together.

But every day. But also for every day. Second, David's psalm tells us to survey the Lord's word.

[26 : 13] Take a survey of God's word. It's not just simply studying it. It's studying the content of it. Yes, we should survey the content of God's word.

We ought to study it and know it and delve deeply into it and so forth. But also, it is to survey the nature and character of God's word.

See, this book is not just a book to be studied. I mean, it's not just simply a textbook. It is that. We don't just approach God's word from just a kind of scholastic sense or academic sense or, you know, just as a study like you would study anything else.

It's much more than that. God's word testifies to His nature. The nature of God. Character.

Verse 4 says, for the word of the Lord is right. It's right. Literally meaning it is upright. Straight. It is correct.

[27 : 23] It is without error. Without corruption. That's the nature of God's word. Look further in verse 4. And all His work is done in truth. Or firmness.

A word that means firm. It's done with a firm foundation. It's firm. It's strong. It's faithful. You can count on it. It will never fail you.

That's the nature of God's word. Verse 5. He loves righteousness and justice. The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. So see, just take a survey of this book.

God's word. It is in this book that we learn about the Lord God Himself. It is this book that the Lord reveals Himself.

All that we need to know about Himself. He reveals His self-revelation to the world. And so, you know, really, is it any wonder that Satan would love to destroy the Bible?

[28 : 28] That's the right perspective. We shouldn't stand back and be appalled by it and say, this is just crazy. I just don't understand it. It makes perfect sense. Why Satan would work so hard and has from the very beginning to destroy the word of God even before it was put in print.

And why do you think that he has inspired so many to help him in that sense? Because it's this book that reveals who God is.

Reveals God Himself. In fact, apart from this book, we would have only nature to tell us that there is a God. That's strong enough to make man without any excuse according to Romans 1.

God is gracious to reveal all that we need to know about Him, about His character, His nature, about His desires, about His plan, about everything we need to know in life.

And so, why not destroy it? That's what Satan would want to do. Many are doing today. They'll not destroy it, actually. Will they? There's no way that the word of God can be destroyed.

[29 : 43] Men have tried over the centuries. But they will not prevail. And also, don't forget about the sheer power of God's word. And the psalmist reminds us of that too.

Psalm verse 6, and following, by the word of the Lord, the heavens were made. And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. I mean, it couldn't be any clearer.

Everything, everything was spoken into existence by the word of God, by the very breath of God.

Everything that is visible, everything invisible.

Everything that is large and everything that is small. Everything that is near, everything that is far.

Everything came into existence through the word of God.

I mean, listen, it was in Genesis 1-3 that God spoke for the first time. Light appeared out of darkness. And all through Genesis 1, God kept on speaking until everything was created and it took six days to do it.

[30 : 50] The word of God still has power today though, right? Surely it does. Every promise will be fulfilled. Everything God said will be done.

And one day, everyone's deeds will be judged on the basis of God's holy word. Now think about that. So think about that in the Supreme Court.

Think about that, Congress, Republicans, Democrats alike. Every deed, every work, every decision will be judged on the basis of God's holy word.

What is the right perspective on our nation in these days? Well, all around us we're just simply seeing the results of abandoning the word of God. It's the natural result.

It shouldn't surprise us. It's been coming on for decades upon decades. Abandoning the word of God. And so what do we have? We have flagrant immorality in our country.

[32 : 01] We have unashamed wickedness and perversion in our country. like Adrian Rogers used to say, what used to be done in the back alleys now struts down the main street.

Open rebellion against one true God and against His word. What we need is a little perspective. Sing of the Lord's word.

Survey the Lord's word. And then third, seek the Lord's will. Seek the Lord's will. Verse 10, the Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing.

He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect. Listen, long before the Supreme Court handed down their decision in favor of homosexual marriage, effectively redefining, at least in our civilization, redefining marriage, though it's still defined the same way because God created it.

Alright? You can change it if you want to. Supreme Court. State governments, but it's still the same. It's between a man and a woman.

[33 : 13] Period. But, long before the Supreme Court handed down this decision, long before the ruling came down, the homosexual community, as well as those politicians who are set on pandering to that community, they had developed their plan of action.

They took counsel together, made their plan to get this done in spite of the will of the American people. And the court was the only way to get that done.

It never happened if we had the opportunity to vote on it. So, long before it happened, they'd been moving that direction and planning and taking counsel and so forth.

And so, you know, it begs the question, was that ruling about the Supreme Court, was that the end game? I mean, was that what they were striving for and now it's done and so now it's going to let it go?

I don't know. You know, there's always been just one thing standing in the way of the homosexual community finding full legitimacy.

[34 : 25] You know what has stood in the way of that? Church. The evangelical church has stood in its way.

Listen folks, we're next in their counsel. Do you know that? We're next. In fact, we can say that the true church, that is their end game.

I expect any day now to have a homosexual couple come to my office and demand that I marry them. That's coming very soon.

I can tell you what I will do. I will not marry them. But it's coming. Coming very soon. That's the next step in this thing.

It's not just enough for it to be legitimized legally. slavery. Now it must be accepted by the church and applauded by the church.

[35 : 29] And so very soon that's going to happen. I think one day there's going to be a transgendered man or woman or whatever it is come to my office and demand that I perform a marriage between him or her or it and its groom or bride or whatever it is.

It's coming. And then comes the challenge to our employment policies as a chairman. In fact, that's already come in many parts of our country.

That's been challenged. And we're getting ready to hire a new staff member. I mean, it would not be beyond the possibility and probability that our decisions about who we hire will be challenged by the homosexual community.

Then, of course, ultimately the serious challenge to our theology concerning membership in the church. It's all coming. And it's going to get much, much worse before it gets better, but God's word says the Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing.

He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect. So, ultimately, God's will is going to rule supreme. That's what verse 11 says.

[37 : 01] Verse 11 says the counsel of the Lord stands forever. forever. That the plans of His heart, His heart to all generations.

That's the right perspective of these troubling times. And so, is there any hope for America? Well, only one. Verse 12, blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

And by the way, that's Lord in all capital letters. Do you know what that means? It's a translation of the sacred name for God, Yahweh. So, it's not just any God or any Lord.

It is Yahweh God. It's the God of the Bible. See, not the God of the Muslims and not the gods of the Buddhists and not the gods of the Hindus and not the god of the Mormons and not the self god of the humanists and secularists and on and on we could go, but the one and only true God, the God of the Bible, revealed to us through his word and through his son Jesus.

Yahweh God. Blessed is the nation whose God is the God, the Lord. So, are you troubled by the direction of our country?

[38 : 25] Well, we just need a little perspective. Need a little perspective. Sing of the Lord's word. Survey the Lord's word. Seek the Lord's will.

And then there's one more and I'll just move through it quickly. Sense the Lord's watching. Do you sense it? God's watching. Look again at verse 13.

Following. the Lord looks from heaven. He sees all the sons of man.

Anybody, anyone hidden from him. Okay? He sees all the sons of man. From the place of his dwelling, he looks on all the inhabitants of the earth.

earth. He fashions their hearts individually. He considers all their works. Every single one of them. Your works, my works, the works of the believer, the works of the heathen.

[39 : 35] He considers all their works. No king or president is saved by the multitude of an army.

mighty man is not delivered by great strength. A horse is an empty, a vain hope for safety, neither shall it deliver any by its great strength.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him. Do you fear him? I mean, of course, do you reverence him?

And do you fear dishonoring him? Let his eyes upon you.

On those who hope in his mercy to deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive and found. Our soul waits for the Lord.

[40 : 41] He is our help and our shield. For our heart shall rejoice in him because we have trusted in his holy name. Let your mercy, Lord, be upon us, just as we hope in you.

Well, that ought to be our prayer. God, have mercy upon us. Let me just wrap this up this morning with a two-fold challenge.

prayer. As you think about the meaning of our celebration this weekend, our Independence! Day, I would ask you to do two things.

Remember something and act upon something. Remember something and act upon something. remember one, remember that America was founded as a Christian nation.

Have you forgotten that? America was founded as a Christian nation. President Ronald Reagan once said, he said, if we ever forget that we are one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under.

[41 : 51] Peter. If you really turn a phrase, how true that is. Psalm 91 says, the wicked shall be turned into hell and all the nations that forget about God.

Did you know that 51 of the 55 founding fathers of our nation were professing Christians and belonged to Christian churches? There are a few deists mixed into the group, but the vast majority were Bible believing, Christ honoring Christians.

And let me just give you a few examples. John Adams was a signer of the Declaration of Independence, one of two authors of the Bill of Rights, also the second president of the United States, and he wrote, the general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity.

man. Imagine hearing a politician say that today. Samuel Adams, another signer of the Declaration of Independence, he wrote, I rely upon the merits of Jesus Christ for a pardon of all my sins. Charles Carroll, another signer of the Declaration of Independence, he wrote, I am grateful to Almighty God for the blessings which through Jesus Christ our Lord, he had conferred on my beloved country in her emancipation.

[43 : 23] John Hancock, another signer of the Declaration of Independence, called for national prayer, that universal happiness may be established in the world, and that all may bow to the scepter of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the whole earth be filled with his glory.

Now that's quite a prayer, for one day that will be answered. Patrick Henry, who ratified the U.S. Constitution, he wrote, it cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists, but by Christians.

Not on religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ. John Jay, original Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, what we sure need him to day.

He said, the Bible is the best of all books, for it is the Word of God, and teaches us the way to be happy in this world and in the next. Continue, therefore, to read it, and to regulate your life by its precepts.

That's pretty good advice. James Madison, another signer of the Constitution, fourth President of the United States, he said this, a watchful eye must be kept on ourselves less, while we are building ideal monuments of renown and bliss here, we neglect to have our names enrolled in the annals of heaven.

[44 : 51] Benjamin Rush, signer of the Declaration of Independence and ratifier of the U.S. Constitution, he said, the gospel of Jesus Christ prescribes the wisest rules for just conduct in every situation of life.

I think the Supreme Court took that into consideration when they handed down their ruling. He said, happy they who are enabled to obey them in all situations.

My only hope of salvation is in the infinite transcendent love of God manifested to the world by the death of his son upon the cross. Nothing but his blood will wash away my sins.

That's a signer of the day. That's one of our founding fathers. George Washington said, while we are zealously performing the duties of good citizens and soldiers, we certainly ought not to be inattentive to the higher duties of religion.

To the distinguished character of patriot, it should be our highest glory to add the more distinguished character of Christian. John Witherspoon, let me give you one more.

[46 : 00] John Witherspoon, another signer of the Declaration of Independence, ratifier of the U.S. Constitution. He said, Christ Jesus, the hope of Israel, the light of the world, the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believes, is the only Savior of sinners in opposition to all false religions, as he himself says, I am the way, the truth, and the life.

No man cometh unto the Father but by me. These are not preachers. these are government leaders.

Politicians, in a sense. So remember that America was founded as a Christian nation. And then number two, act to preserve the future of our nation.

act to preserve the future of our nation. How are we to do that? Civil disobedience?

No. Anarchy? No. By electing only Christians to office, what's a good idea, but that won't work you. How then?

[47 : 19] You might be surprised. Fourth of this. Very quickly. We must confess, we need to confess and repent of our sins.

You say, it's the sin of the nation that we are concerned. No, it's our own sins we should be concerned. Confess. Always confess.

Repent of sin. Number two, practice biblical righteousness. That is, live out the precepts of this book.

Live out the character of Christ. You want to know what we can do to preserve this nation. Repent of sin.

Live out the precepts of this book. Biblical righteousness. Number three, we must confess our constant need for God and not for government.

[48 : 31] Government has become our God. trust and rely upon government for everything. Remember, the military can't save the king.

Neither can't save us. We're talking about preserving our nation. Repent. Confess. Repent of sin. Daily. Practice biblical righteousness.

Confess your constant need for God. Not government. And then, be committed to the teaching and preaching of God's word.

That's what God has called me to do, but we all do. We're all called to teach and preach God's word. Whether it's from pulpit, whether it's through your life, life, and your testimony in this world, to preach and teach the word of God no matter what.

I tell you, the church is to be the prophetic voice in our nation. Did you know that? God has always had a prophetic voice in every civilization all down through time, and we are the prophetic voice to our nation and to our nation's leaders.

[50 : 01] You say, well, why don't they listen? That's not your concern. No, am I. We're to be the prophetic voice to our nation no matter what the reaction and no matter what the cause.

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