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“Fondly do we hope, fervently do we pray, that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away. Yet, if God wills that it continue until all the wealth piled by the bondsman's two hundred and fifty years of unrequited toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash shall be paid by another drawn with the sword, as was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said ‘the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether¹’” (Abraham Lincoln's Second Inaugural). This famous speech by our sixteen president references to the Gospel. President Abraham Lincoln had understanding that “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people” (Proverbs 11:34). He knew that the only way to deliver a nation through the violence of the Civil War was by calling upon Jesus and Him alone. The Christian foundation of this nation as seen by President Abraham Lincoln has brought forth prosperity and many blessings upon the state of the union. The history of America from the 17th century to the 19th century shows us that when America called upon Jesus in a time of trouble the nation was rescued. However from the 20th century to the present day, America has gone through a great toil to try to remove this Christian foundation. As a result, America now has killed fifty two million babies since 1973 which is one of the main reasons why the African American race today is decreasing in population at an increasing rate. Since 1967 in what was called the summer of love, and the sexual revolution, America has allowed an open door for the next generation to have drug addictions, STDS, free love, pornography, human trafficking, and same sex marriage. The youth of America in the 1970s thought that rebelling from the Lord and casting down His statutes would liberate them but instead it has brought them into deep bondage. This has devastatingly destroyed many lives because America has turned her back on the One who created her. The more America turns away from God the greater the moral decay of this nation becomes.

1 “Three thousand years ago”: Abraham Lincoln was referring to what King David wrote three thousands years ago in Psalm 19:9

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people He has chosen as His own inheritance” (Psalm 33:12). Since the very beginning, our nation was founded upon the morals of Christianity. In Jamestown Virginia, the first successful English colony in America, there was a chaplain by the name of Robert Hunt. He rigged a canopy from an unwanted sail and then declared the quickly built shelter a church for his congregation to worship Christ. One of the ships names that left England was called the *Godspeed*. Thus from the very beginning the root of Christianity began to go down deep into the soil and the soul of America. As time went on the settlers built solid buildings in their settlement, and the first church built in Jamestown was the scene of the 1st Free Representative Assembly in America. This event tells us that government and Christianity in the 1600s were mightily interwoven together. Jamestown was not the last time the rock of Christianity stood gloriously in this nation. Around 15 years later the Separatists on the *Mayflower* reached the shores of New England and came to Plymouth. Before the remaining forty-one passengers set foot on the New World, William Brewster, William Bradford, and John Carver who became the colony's first governor signed a Constitution which became known as the Mayflower Compact. It stated before God and before man, “In the name of God, Amen. We, whose names are underwritten, the Loyal Subjects of our dread Sovereign Lord King James, by the Grace of God...having undertaken for the Glory of God, and Advancement of the Christian Faith... do by these Presents, solemnly and mutually, in the Presence of God and one another, covenant and combine ourselves into a civil Body Politick”. The trend of establishing the concrete foundation of Christianity continued when Puritans came to the Massachusetts Bay Colony. The Charter of the colony “recorded an intent to spread the 'knowledge and obedience of the only true God and Savior of mankind, and Christian faith,' much as the Mayflower Compact cited a commitment to ‘the Glory of God, and the Advancement of the Christian faith’”. These Biblical and Hermeneutic charters in Massachusetts and Virginia were also seen in Connecticut, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, “The Articles of Confederation of the United Colonies of New England”, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Carolina, and Georgia. “Colonial America was

construed, one colony at a time, on two pillars- faith and freedom”. These Puritans, Separatists and other denominations of Christianity settled the New World by the statutes that were in the Bible. They believed that “life was not to be separated into the religious and the secular, they believed; instead all of life should be Bible- based and God-centered- whether it was worship, family life, work, play, education, the arts, law, or government. Everything should be done in a manner that honored God- especially family life. God created the family before [He] created the church, they believed, and it was designed as a blessing, the bedrock of society, and the training ground for youthful disciples of Christ. The focus on the family was meant to be spiritual, not just social, but marriage and children were seen as gifts from God”. Out of the people's desire to know more about the Word of God schools were established. Harvard University, the first university established in America in 1638 had the official motto “For Christ and the Church”. There were rules and precepts observed in the college. One of them was, “Let every Student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well, the main end of his life and studies is, to know God and Jesus Christ which is eternal life , (John 17:3), and therefore to lay Christ in the bottom, as the only foundation of all sound knowledge and Learning”. The power of the Gospel continued to be a shining beacon even into the 18th century. On July 8th 1741 in the town of Enfield Connecticut Jonathan Edwards spoke a sermon that gripped hearts and annihilated compromise and complacency that ever could have built up in their hearts. This began the beginning of what is now known as the First Great Awakening and it spread to all thirteen colonies. “The revival inspired the establishment of a parade of new colleges: Princeton, Columbia, Brown, Rutgers, Dartmouth, and others”. Benjamin Franklin calculated that George Whitefield, who was another revivalist at the time, supernaturally had the power to be able to speak to 30,000 people in an outdoor event. Whitefield’s largest revival gathering was in Boston Massachusetts which was about 20,000 people. This Great Awakening helped to cause the American Revolution. The reason why the citizens of the colonies of America no longer wanted to be part of their mother country was because America had a higher king ruling over America and His name is Jesus. “On the eve of the Revolution, the collective call from

America's pulpits was an age-old cry of Bible-based resistance: 'No king but Jesus'". Even during the sessions of the First Continental Congress there was an official prayer. "O! Lord our heavenly Father, King of kings and Lord of lords...look down in mercy, we beseech thee; on these our American States who have fled to thee from the rod of the oppressor and thrown themselves upon thy gracious protection, desiring henceforth to be dependent only on thee..." Besides simply this prayer, the Continental Congress occasionally called a congressional day of prayer which was a day of solemn assembly before the Lord that was practiced all throughout the thirteen colonies. John Hancock once said, "Principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it: and my body I recommended to the earth... nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the members and power of God". The first Supreme Court chief court justice, John Jay said "Providence has given our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as the privilege and interest of our own Christian nation, to select and prefer Christians for their rulers". Charles Carroll, who was a signer of the Declaration of Independence, knew that Christian morals were the only reason why the United States existed. "Without morals, a republic cannot subsist any length of time; they therefore who are decrying the Christian religion, who morality is so sublime and pure...are undermining the solid foundation of morals, the best security for the duration of free governments". Even after the American Revolution the nation did not forsake the One who made them free. In the early 1800s the Second Great Awakening came forth in America. Preachers like Charles Finney sparked revival meeting in New York. Charles Finney called forth slavery as sin and his witness to the message of the Gospel brought forth an abolition movement that would change this nation forever. When Finney would preach to an unbeliever it is said that he had an 80 percent possibility that they would get saved because the Lord used him in a powerful way to turn this nation back wholeheartedly back to Jesus. William Lloyd Garrison and Fredrick Douglass became abolitionists because the Second Great Awakening opened their eyes to the great sin of slavery in this nation. This time period is known as the greatest reform era in U.S History. Some of the reformation that occurred was through women suffrage

and prison reform. Abraham Lincoln said “that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth” (Gettysburg Address November 19, 1863). Even after the Civil War the effects of the Second Great Awakening continued. The Prohibition movement began to try to ban alcohol in America. Also in New York a law called the Comstock laws in 1873 made “contraception advice and devices illegal and straightforward language pertaining to sexual matters legally obscene. The physician or laymen who dared to abrogate these laws by spoken or written word, in person or through the U.S mail, faced heavy fines and imprisonment”. These laws also went to many other states and abstinence was seen as the only Biblical way of contraception. However as humanistic and humanitarian aid came over to America from Europe it began to cloud out America's remembrance of the prosperity that the Lord had brought to this nation and thus the apostasy of the United States began in the twentieth century.

In the early twentieth century, the Eugenics movement reached the United States and it devalued the first unalienable right in the Declaration of Independence that all men are created equal. Sir Francis Galton in the late 1800s was the first to say the term Eugenics which in Greek means good birth or good race. The Eugenic theory was that good and bad traits are hereditary and that it was possible to eliminate all the bad traits that were considered intolerable. This theory supported racism because what Galton thought was good hereditary traits were the civilizations that he thought were sophisticated such as Europeans. Galton viewed the African America traits as intolerable and needed to be eliminated. When Charles Darwin came up with the theory of evolution and when Thomas Malthus came up with his theory about overpopulation of the planet, together these ideals strengthened the rebellion of Americans because they began supporting the organization of all created things but they did not look upon the Creator of all things. The Eugenics movement emphasized that abortions and birth control was a way to eliminate undesirable hereditary traits in humanity. The racism and the killing of innocent babies in the Eugenics movement violated the Declaration of Independence's unalienable right that all men are created equal and the unalienable right of life. The movement also

violated the preamble in the Constitution. In the Constitution the government was suppose to “secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity”. However Eugenics continued onward and one of the next upcoming leaders after Galton was Margaret Sanger. Sanger founded Sanger's American Birth Control Federation in 1922 and is today called Planned Parenthood. Sanger regarded African Americans as “human weeds” and “intolerable breeders”. Sanger opened her first clinic in Harlem New York which was a high minority and low income area of New York City. Planned Parenthood facilities are still built in mainly minority areas because racism from Eugenics continues today in abortion facilities. The rebellion against the Lord began to increase rapidly in the mid 1960s and onward. In the 1960s hippies embraced the sexual revolution and used drugs such as marijuana and LSD in order to find something to satisfy them when there strive for freedom made them fall in deeper bondage. The sexual revolution led to the pill, contraception, and public nudity to be seen as normal in order to cast down the laws of the land in the United and the morals seen in the Bible. Pornography was widely distributed under the sexual revolution and is still increasing at alarming rates. Pre-marital sex began to be seen as normal when it never was seen as normal back in the days of the Great Awakening. As a result of the sexual revolution, HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) and AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome) became lethal sexually transmitted diseases. Other STDs such as PID (pelvic inflammatory disease), HPV (human papillomavirus), Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, Syphilis, Genital herpes, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C increased from the 1960s onward. The sexual revolution led to a rise of homosexuality in America and today there are states trying to legalize same sex marriage. This is clearly seen as an abomination to Lord as seen in Leviticus 17:22 when it says, “You shall not lie down with a man as with a woman. It is an abomination”. As a result of the sexual revolution and the Eugenics movement abortion was legalized on January 22 1973 by the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court case. This sexual revolution also affected the governmental policies that were done in that day. In 1962 *Engle v. Vitale* went to the Supreme Court and ruled that an official school prayer was unconstitutional and would no longer be recited. The twenty-two word prayer was, “Almighty God, we acknowledge

our dependence upon Thee, and we beg Thy blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers and our country. Amen". The reason why it was unconstitutional was because it was thought to be a violation of the establishment clause of the first amendment. The Supreme Court ruled six to one to make an official school prayer unconstitutional (two of the judges could not make it to the vote). In 1963 *Abington School District v. Schempp* declared that school sponsored Bible readings were unconstitutional. In 1980 *Stone v. Graham* went to the Supreme Court and decreed that it was unconstitutional to have the Ten Commandments on the walls of a public classroom. Later in the 1990s President Bill Clinton committed oral sex and his actions made the youth of the nation think that is was alright to have oral sex and this increased the amount of STDs in the youth of America . On May 17, 2004 same sex marriage was legalized in Massachusetts. On January 5 2009 it went into action that someone caught with marijuana now only gets charged \$100 instead of a \$500 charge and a six month jail term. Something is drastically wrong with America. It has gone from a nation of Judeo-Christian principles to a place where the moral conscious of America is spiraling uncontrollably downward.

The more America has turned away from God over the centuries the lower the morals in this nation become. In the eighteenth and the nineteenth centuries America experienced two great awakenings that brought the knowledge of God back to the land of America. Preachers like Charles Finney, George Whitfield, and Jonathan Edwards declared the Gospel boldly and in order to help bring revival to America. This helped to lead America to become independent from Great Britain. The Gospel of Jesus Christ brought forth high morals that helped to sanctify a nation. However when Americans began to rebel against the moral standards of Christianity perversion and corruption skyrocketed. There is only one solution for morality to return to America and that is by calling a generation of Americans to turn back to the knowledge of God. John Adams and John Hancock once said, "We recognize no sovereign but God, and no king but Jesus". Ulysses S. Grant, the eighteenth president of the United States, once said "Hold fast to the Bible as the sheet anchor of your liberties. Write its precepts in your hearts, and practice them in your lives. To the influence of this book are we indebted for all the

progress made in true civilization, and to this we must look as our guide in the future. Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people”. “In God we trust” is still inscribed in the House chamber of the Capital building. The foundations of the morals of Christianity still remain intact after all these years and it is time for America to return back to its roots. “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 will forgive their sin and heal their land” (2 Chronicles 7:14).