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President Ronald Reagan once said, “If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under.”
How true this is! And, it seems that America is headed in that direction.
Since prayer was taken out of schools in 1962 it seems that America has taken a downward turn. With our new government in place it seems that we are going further and further down the road and turning away from God in most every instance. How much longer are we, as Christian Americans, going to let this happen?
Most Americans will tell you they believe in prayer. Most Americans will tell you that that there is a God, however, most Americans are letting this country go down the tube because we are not standing on the promises that God gave to us.
We are the same as the Israelites of the old testament in 2 Chronicles 7:11-22. This passage tells us of the Lord appearing to Solomon and giving him explicit instructions for himself and Israel. Could this story apply to America of today also?
We have gotten away from what truths built this country. We have gotten away from the integrity and hard work of Godly people who worshiped the Lord and called on Him in times of trouble. People, we are in times of trouble in America. Many of our systems are failing and we, as a worldly congregation are trying to fix it without calling on the name of the Lord, our creator and sustainer. Pay careful attention to verses 21 and 22. “...Why has the Lord done such a thing to this land and to this temple? People will answer, “Because they have forsaken the Lord, the God of their fathers,...”
All of us need to pray for ourselves and pray for our country. We need to look at 2 Chronicles 7:14 and do as this verse tells us. “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 will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”
Prayer: Lord, thank you for being a patient God. I pray that I will be in your will in all that I do and Lord, I pray for America. We are in a time of great need and You are the only one that can bring us out of this peril. Amen.
(Suggested daily Bible readings: Sunday - 2 Chronicles 11-22; Monday - Psalm 116:1-7; Tuesday - Acts 1:24-26; Wednesday - John 15:9-17; Thursday - Luke 18:1-8; Friday - Matthew 8:2-4; Saturday - Zechariah 7:4-14.)
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