

ROBERTSVILLE BIBLE CHURCH

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Thank you for being a part of our service today. We trust that you will receive a blessing from being with us and hearing a message from the Word of God. May the Lord bless you as you serve Him.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE (Please use this time to quietly prepare your heart for worship)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN O God, Our Help in Ages Past

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Chronicles 7:12-22

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN Hallelujah, What a Savior!

THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

HYMN There Is a Redeemer

BIBLE MESSAGE Pastor Ernie Brodie, Jr.

HYMN Take the Name of Jesus with You

CLOSING PRAYER

*America the Beautiful
By Katharine L. Bates*

*O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain;
For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood, From sea to shining sea.*

If My People - 2 Chronicles 7:12-22 Rev. Dr. Ernest Brodie Jr.

God's providence and help was with the founding fathers of our nation. They were quick to acknowledge His watch care over the birth of our nation. It is difficult to see the changes that have come over our nation as it has drifted away from its Judeo-Christian heritage.

Do you think there should be separation of church and state? The original purpose of that statement was to prohibit the state from setting up or controlling a church. It was not meant to remove all religion or our Judeo-Christian values from influencing everyday life. These values should be taught from childhood. It was the basis for our laws. History has proven that any nation which turns it back on God will lose its freedoms, privileges and wealth. Today we are witnessing and seeing this borne out in many areas of our lives. Daniel Webster stated, "Whatever makes men Christians, makes them good citizens." As we throw God out of society and reject Jesus Christ, we drive out God-given wisdom, truth and, values. The Bible is the book that teaches men responsibility. George Washington said, "Do well to learn religion of Jesus Christ. It makes people happier." As a nation gets away from God's Word, they are destined to follow the sinful practices of past nations that have fallen into tyranny and servitude.

In 2 Chronicles 7:12, the Lord appeared to King Solomon telling him that He had heard his prayers and that He had accepted the temple Solomon had built. In verse 13, God tells Solomon the consequences if the people should turn away from Him. Verse 14: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall 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." Although this promise was given directly to Israel, the principal remains the same to any nation who will call upon God. What are the people to do?

- Humble themselves - We need to stop the arrogance and pride in our lives. Verse 17, "And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and shalt observe my statutes and my judgments."
- Pray - Fasting in prayer is when our praying is more important than what we will eat.
- Seek my face - Our families, communities, and nation need to know and follow what God tells us in His Word.
- Turn from their wicked ways - Instead of wallowing in sin and eagerly embracing immorality, we need to turn to God.

God is clear when He tells us to stop embracing sin, if we want His blessing. As a people and a nation, we need to confess and repent of our sin. Only then can God forgive and heal our land. Jesus Christ is the only one who can transform hearts and make changes in the lives of individuals and nations. Only God Himself can bless America. Are we willing to humble ourselves, pray, seek God's face, and turn from our wicked ways, so God can truly heal our land?