

Date: **July 4, 2021**

Title: **God's Answer for America**

Scripture Text: **2 Chronicles 7:13-14**

Happy Independence Day! Today we celebrate our independence from Great Britain in 1776. This is a day when we as Americans can reflect on the blessings of God on our country. But as we heard in today's sermon, it is also a time to recognize how far we, as a nation, have strayed from the original Founders' vision. We live in a day where God's word and prayer have been outlawed from use in the public square and sin is legalized and embraced. Let us consider how we have strayed so far, and God's answer in how to return to Him.

- Based on today's sermon, what are two reasons the United States have been blessed by God.
- List three examples that reflect the views of the country's Founders and how it was based on God and the gospel.
- What court case outlawed prayer in public school?
- What court case prohibited the 10 Commandments from public buildings?
- What court case legalized abortion?
- With these three court decisions, prayer and the Bible were removed, and murder was legalized. How do you think this could have happened?
 - What are other examples of the nation making choices contrary to God and His word?

With the nation in such a state, it will not be the government that will 'fix' things. The need is for God to intervene.

- What is the church's role in allowing the nation to stray so far from God?
- Vance Pittman stated: "The problem with America is not the lostness of America, but the lack of DESPERATION in the church." How can we, as the church, be more desperate?
- How can the degree of the church's commitment to Christ be reflected in the culture?

Let us consider the words of [2 Chronicles 7:14](#), which were originally intended for the nation of Israel, but provides answers to America's problem!

- What are three things listed in this verse that God wants His people to do?
 - Give examples of what each could look like based on the condition of the culture today.
- What are three things God will do in response?
 - In your opinion, what aspect of our nation needs *healing* the most?

If people know Jesus, then what ails the nation should be corrected. By attacking the issues alone, we are not addressing the root problem. People need Jesus. The church needs to step up and make Him known. We need to be praying for God to send revival to His church and a great awakening to our land.

- What will you do? Will you humble yourself, seek God's face and turn from your evil ways?

Commit to pray daily for revival in the church and, from that revival, an awakening in our nation.

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