

INTRODUCTION TO A GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT...



...TO RESTORE RIGHTEOUSNESS IN AMERICA

Over 400 years ago ordinary people with a love for God in their heart and hunger for freedom started a grassroots movement that began with a bible study in Scrooby, England. Out of this came the Separatists and Pilgrim Church led by William Bradford. Later, in 1630, John Winthrop, leading the exodus of 1,000 Puritans to the New World, articulated God's purpose for America:

“Now the only way to ... provide for our posterity is to follow the counsel of Micah, to do justly, to love mercy, to walk humbly with our God. For this end, we must be knit together in this work as one man. We must hold a familiar commerce together in each other in all meekness, gentleness, patience, and liberality. We must delight in each other, make one another's condition our own, rejoice together, mourn together, labor and suffer together, always having before our eyes our Commission and community in this work, as members of the same body. So shall we keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace...For we must consider that we shall be as a City upon a Hill, the eyes of all people are upon us.”¹

One by one the people became enlightened by the Word and, as their ignorance and sins became apparent to them, they began to reform their lives through God's grace. Touched with heavenly zeal and divine revelation, they shook off the anti-Christian bondage and joined themselves in covenant to God to walk in His ways. ² The end result was the birth of a new nation conceived in liberty and truth.

The real battle for America's soul will be won by men and women who will stand for conservative, time-honored principles and values that formed this nation, people “*knit together as a body in a most strict and sacred bond and covenant of the Lord...*”³ Many

¹ Federer, William. *America's God and Country-Encyclopedia of Quotations*, p.700.

² From *Of Plymouth Plantation* by William Bradford [See *America's Providential History* by Mark Beliles and Stephen McDowell]

³ Federer, William J. *America's God and Country – Encyclopedia of Quotations*, p.64.

advocates for a restored America know their history and the Biblical origins of America's foundation; many are skillful in representing the biblical world-view in the political process, and all of this is needed. But are we as a people really being reformed in our hearts because that is where the real revival will take place? The seeds of America were planted by dissidents in England who stood alone to confront corruption and evil practices. Embracing the Word of God as the only source of authority and freedom, a multitude of people followed Pilgrim Fathers William Brewster, John Robinson, William Bradford, and others, leading to the birth of the greatest nation on earth. God, working through Christians who have shed the bondage of tyranny and who walk in covenant with Him, will once again raise a multitude for His glory. Power over enemies, power to gain wealth, and power to live in freedom are only assured when America honors its covenant with God. Remember, it was the people in covenant with God who established the values that would govern them and future generations. It was the people in covenant with God who established the foundation of representative government and just laws by which they would have a voice to guard against government tyranny. It was the people in covenant with God whose inalienable rights became the cornerstone of America's liberties and a beacon of light and symbol of hope to oppressed people all over the world. It was the people...

Therefore, America is a Covenantal Nation. God gave America to Christians as an inheritance for a testimony to this Covenant, confirmed and ratified by God on the basis of the Ten Commandments (Is 4:13). Like Israel, America is God's land.

What other nation has God "*assayed to go and take him a nation from the midst of another nation (England), by temptations, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by a stretched out arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the LORD your God for you in Egypt before your eyes?*" (Deu 4:34). What other nation has God orchestrated events "*to drive out nations from before thee greater and mightier than thou art to bring thee in to give thee their land for an inheritance as it is this day!*" (Deu 4:38).

The flood of evil unleashed against this great nation and the war against our Christian culture have one motive: the destruction of the Covenant (i.e. the removal of the Ten Commandments) and, with it, America's righteousness, freedom of conscience, inalienable rights of the people, representative government and national sovereignty, passed down from generation to generation by virtue of God's providences alone.

Then we will be neck to neck with the one-world government in which so many are advocating that America be a participant, not realizing it will bring them back into slavery. Everything will be "one." No more will diversity be celebrated, but one set of values will be dictated by this oneness. Without God, this one-world system will be a diabolical form of government in which the people will have no rights of their own, except those which are granted by the government. Instead of relying upon God for our rights, we will be dependent upon this system of governance, and government of the people, by the people, and for the people cannot long survive.

In this study, believers will see:

- (1) The covenantal nature of America's heritage. The people entered into a covenant with God to establish civil government in accordance with God's written Word. We will learn about the sacrifice of so many Christians who stood for freedom and God's hand in securing it through a representative governmental process.
- (2) The principles of Biblical confrontation to restore individuals to God and each others. Biblical confrontation is a most powerful means of the righteous to restore peace and order in any situation because it is rooted in truth. We stand for justice, righteousness, moral judgment, and we shatter darkness when truth is spoken into existence, whether in the home, church, or government.
- (3) America's destiny to be a City set upon a Hill as spoken into existence by John Winthrop 375 years ago. Let us embrace this blessed inheritance.

It is hoped that this study will be a grassroots tool to spread the truth of the greatness of our God in creating this great country, as well as the responsibility of the people to preserve it and confront the forces of evil that would conquer it. Through it all, let the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ ring like the bells of freedom to bring about the greatest revival through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit this nation has ever seen. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty (2 Cor 3:17).

God will once again raise up a people like those in Scrooby, England, to begin a grassroots movement to restore America's foundation as great and as powerful as the grassroots movement that created America.

To God Be the Glory!

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