



### As Long As Government Rules As God Intends

- 1Tim. 2:1-4 "Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."
- 1Peter 2:13-14 "Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, 14 or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good."

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- Rom. 13:1-4 "Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil."
- Ecc. 8:11 "Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil."
- Yes, He will continue to bless America, if the government rules as God intended it to.

## Yes, If We Restore The Family

- No culture in any place or time has ever survived the breakdown of the nuclear family.
- 50% of all first marriages in the USA end in divorce. Less than half of all adults in the USA are married.
  - Childhood trauma: all reputable mental health organizations acknowledge the most prevalent difficulty and most common source of emotional disorders is being children of divorced parents.
  - The mental health industry notes that the top three stressors in life are: 1) death of a spouse, 2) divorce, and 3) marital separation; all of which come before incarceration in prison, death of a family member, major illnesses, and being fired.
  - The intact family is the most important structure in any nation, a more important factor than the kind of government, the type of economy, or the strength of the military.

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- Social movements attack the nuclear family.
  - Definition of family in schoolbooks: "People living together that love one another. Father, mother, children. Also divorced fathers and live in girlfriends, divorced mothers and children, cohabiting couples, two men (gay), two women (lesbian), and commune family."

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- Government subsidized fornication.
  - Medicaid abortions and schools promoting contraception, sexual experimentation, and gender exchange.
  - Policies for welfare recipients and retirees that discourage family formation.
- Contemporary children's rights laws that void parents' responsibilities.
- No culture in any place or time has ever survived the breakdown of the nuclear family.
- Yes, He will continue to bless America, if government and American culture cease interfering with the nuclear family.

### As Long As The Salt Doesn't Lose Its Savor

- Matt. 5:13-16 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. 14 You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."
- Phil. 2:15 "That you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world."
- Luke 13:21 "It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened."

### As Long As The Salt Doesn't Lose Its Savor

- The devolving of Christian commitment.
- Is the salt losing its savor?
- Worldliness has invaded Christians' lives.
- Is the salt losing its savor?
- No salt? This nation will not be preserved.

### How Long Will God Continue to Bless America?

- One day there will be a lamentation for us like that for Babylon, Jerusalem, and Rome.
  - "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen!"
  - "America the Beautiful is fallen, is fallen!"
  - Ruins of Rome and one day the ruins of Washington DC.
  - Farfetched? That's what Rome thought. Babylon,
    Jerusalem, and Sodom thought that, too.
  - Be warned.

#### How Long Will God Continue to Bless America?

- It comes down to us. Be faithful Christians to the best we can, not to the least we have to do to get by. Lead others to Christ, and God may continue to bless America for a while longer. Satan is doing his best to destroy us; we have to work harder to preserve it.
- Please understand that no nation formed by men has lasted indefinitely. One day history will remember us the same way we remember Rome. It is essential that we put our faith in the Kingdom of God and not pin our hopes to the kingdoms of men. And that includes the United States of America.