

# Center For America Reclaimed

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Throughout Scripture, **God's word reveals** to us the importance of godly leadership to a nation. The accounts of the Israelite kings always included two components: how well the King followed after God and His laws, and the blessings or curses that followed for the nation. **God's word reminds** us that "righteousness exalts a nation" and leadership is a key determinant. There are few topics of greater import than the one Dan addresses in his article below. We pray it is a blessing to you and your family.

### *Leadership Matters*

By Dan Noel

Can we have an America where daddies do not leave? Where "I do" means for life? Where people really love one another? Where families pray? Where the Stars and Stripes stand for Glory? Where goodness and mercy reign? Where righteousness is exalted in the media? Can we have an America where politicians are more concerned with being truthful than winning elections? Can we have an America where the innocent are protected? Can we have an America where the elderly and their wisdom are honored? Can we have an America that is the beacon of hope to the world, a light on a hill? Can we have an America where the Father's love abounds and spreads throughout the world? Can we have an America that is sober? Can we have an America that shuns drugs, that rebukes violence, that seeks love and not hate? Can we have an America whose internal strength and Godly righteousness are the backbone of her military might? Can we have an America where we love and accept one another as brother and sister without

knowing or even caring about the pigment of their skin? Can we have an America where economic might is in overflow abundance all the time, in God's harvest? Can we have an America that exalts God first? Where the people love their God and love their neighbors as themselves? Can we have an America where people look to the church for help first, before the government, and the church is strong enough to help people? Can we have an America where Christmas means more than Happy Holidays? Can we have an America where schools are safe; where righteousness, virtue, and liberty are honored? Can we have an America where the manifested love, presence, and power of God is seen and experienced daily? Can we have an America where the fire and glory of God flows through her churches? Can America fulfill her God given destiny? The answer is yes!

Yes we can, and yes we will. America's best days are ahead of her and not very far ahead. We have God's Word that says we can do, and be, all this and more. *"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.*” (II Chronicles 7:14) Remember this verse and keep it close to your heart. You see, it is up to us, not anyone else. This promise is to believers. We will live in an America that reflects the vision of God for our people. Feel it in your spirit and you will know it is true and soon to be real. We will have righteous leaders in positions of authority throughout America in the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government; as well as our school systems, businesses, and media. America’s best days are soon to be. Glory!

It matters who leads! Proverbs 14:34 tells us, *“Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.”* Causing our nation to prosper **is important to God**. Who occupies positions of authority **is important to God**. In I Kings 15:25-26, we see that when Nadab reigned over Israel he did evil and caused Israel to sin. In verses 33-36, Asa ruled over Israel and did evil, causing Israel to sin. In chapter 22, verses 51-52, we see Ahaziah’s rule over Israel and once again he did evil and caused Israel to sin. Leadership matters.

The consequence of sin is not to prosper. Sin will cause lack to come into a person’s life and a nation’s life. Satan wants to take America down because more money supports the Gospel and more missionaries come out of America than every other country combined. That is the reason our nation was founded, why God brought it into being. As far back as the Mayflower Compact, our ancestors created a covenant with God establishing their mission for the “glory of God and the advancement of

the Christian faith.” It is a known truth America began with a covenant between God and man. Now let me ask you: Have you ever known our God to forget covenant?

Deuteronomy 6:17-18 has a promise for us today. Now, promises are important. **God never breaks a promise.** We are told, *“Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee. And thou shall do that which is right and good in the sight of the Lord: that it may be well with thee, that thou mayest go in and possess the good land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers.”* We will fully possess this good land.

The Word has many examples of Godly leaders resulting in nations exalting God and prospering. In II Chronicles 34, we see that Josiah did right in the sight of the Lord. He sought after God, cleansed Judah and Jerusalem, and repaired the temple. In verses 31-33 we see that he took away the abominations out of the countries, and then Israel served the Lord. In Genesis 41, we see where Joseph was raised up and prepared Egypt during seven years of plenty to be ready for seven years of famine. The Lord so blessed his work that *“...all countries came into Egypt to Joseph to buy corn; because the famine was so bore in all the lands.”* (verse 57) Leadership matters.

We have had times of bad leadership and times of good leadership in America. Proverbs 29:2 promises us, *“When the righteous are in authority the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.”* Bad leadership has hurt millions of people. Righteous leadership, on the other hand, can open the door for millions of people to the

multitude blessings of God. Leadership matters. God uses righteous leaders. However, all too often in America's past, the church has been asleep and neglected this truth.

When Thomas Jefferson was elected President, the Baptists in Danbury, Connecticut were elated because Jefferson was "America's first Anti-Federalist President."<sup>1</sup> The Danbury Baptists were concerned because they feared the Constitution was not specific enough to guarantee full religious expression and that at some point the "free exercise of religion" could be interpreted as a government given right rather than a God given right. Thomas Jefferson assured them that there was a wall of separation in that the government could not interfere with religious expression. The intent was fully and totally to restrict government – never the free expression of Christian faith. Jefferson wrote that the wall of separation was to keep government out of the church, not to keep the church out of government. For 170 years, until 1947, that is the way it was interpreted. Then, President Roosevelt stacked the Supreme Court with judges holding to a secularist agenda and they flipped the meaning of the concept and said the Christian faith can not be involved in government. Leadership matters. In 1947, the church should have raised up.

In 1954, while Senator Lyndon Baines Johnson was campaigning, some churches were discussing the things in his life that were not right. To shut them up, he attached a rider onto an IRS bill making it illegal to speak freely about political issues from the pulpit. There was no debate. There was no vote except a voice vote. No one knew it happened. Now, the pulpit is the least

free place for expression in America. Anti-God forces say what they believe. The only people in the United States deprived of free speech is the church.<sup>2</sup> Leadership matters. In 1954, the church should have raised up.

In 1962, the Supreme Court removed prayer from schools. Afterwards, SAT scores plummeted. Drugs, violence, and promiscuity replaced chewing gum, talking in class, and goofing off as the main behavior problems. Leadership matters. In 1962, the church should have raised up.

In 1973, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of abortion in *Roe v. Wade*. It aborted the God-given, inalienable right to life and birthed a new national sin; America's most hideous sin since slavery. Indeed, over 44 million babies have been killed in America since the infamous *Roe v. Wade* ruling. This alone puts a curse on America's economy. I do not want to reduce children to dollars, but the impact is beyond extreme. If those children had lived, think of the housing, food, clothing, toys, cars, and other things they would have bought. Think of the jobs they would have created in every sector of the economy in order to meet the great demand for goods and services. The evils of abortion have a very direct link to unemployment. Beyond that, the taxes and payments to Social Security would have been vast. *"In 1998 alone, the victims of Roe v. Wade would have contributed approximately \$1.7 billion to Medicare and \$7.4 billion to Social Security. These contributions could provide the average monthly benefit to over 785,000 retired workers for one year."*<sup>3</sup> Additionally, those children who were aborted, that would have been old enough to hold jobs today, would be

paying an additional \$44 billion a year in taxes.<sup>4</sup> Imagine what that would mean in terms of reduced budget deficits and substantially lower taxes for everyone. So, if you do not like the economy, pray for righteous leadership in America. It took anti-God forces decades to get Roe v. Wade, and the church has been fighting to get it reversed for 30 years and we must continue the fight until America repents of this national sin. Leadership matters. In 1973, the church should have raised up.

Now, a new battle is brewing as forces wish to tear down family values and God ordained marriage. God created Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve. Nevertheless, several communities in the United States are pushing for gay marriages. In spite of the fact that approximately only 2% of people live a homosexual lifestyle, their clout appears to far exceed these numbers, due largely to a sympathetic national media. If the majority of Americans who say they are born-again were to speak out for righteousness and virtue, the integrity of the family would be safe. This is indeed the time for the church to fully awaken. Leadership matters.

It is time for national repentance. It is time to pray. It is time to become involved. In America half the Christians are not registered to vote and do not care. They are more concerned with themselves and their comfort. Christians largely do not give money or contribute time to people who support their world view. Meanwhile, the anti-God forces support their leaders. They raise them up and keep them year after year, decade after decade. They have their agenda, and they want to win. The anti-God forces understand it and get it. Leadership matters.

What would happen if Christians got involved? We would take it back! If Christians do as they should, there will be righteous leadership in America. We would see justice, judgment, and righteousness reign. Where does it start? Not with anger, but with love. Matthew 22:36-40 tells us that the greatest commandment is to love the Lord with all your heart, soul, and mind; and the second commandment is to love your neighbor as yourself. It also says that on these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. So, you need love for faith to work. You need to love your neighbor and that love commands forgiveness. Yes, we must forgive the people who led America astray whether they repent or not. We are not seeking to be in strife with anyone. Strife stops the power of God. We walk in love, forgiveness, and victory! We will fall for no trap to be like the world.

Jesus has directed us to evangelize all nations. In Matthew 28:19, Jesus directs Christians, "*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations....*" For all the work of the church in America to get people saved, healed, and delivered; we have yet to see the manifested results of an effort to evangelize America. The political, social, educational, and economic systems do not yet reflect God's vision for America. Nevertheless, the church will evangelize America and she will see her God given destiny fulfilled. Our individual and collective destinies are entwined with America fulfilling her destiny. Our children and grandchildren will go to exceptional schools and colleges building precept upon precept of truth. Our streets will be safe. Life for the young and elderly will be respected and cherished. Families will be the foundation of society. The media will magnify righteousness, virtue, and

liberty. All this requires is simply taking America back to her roots. That is where we go first for God's vision of America to be fulfilled. This time, we will get it right.

Every city, state, and nation have a dominant spirit that resides powerfully over that locale. For America, the Spirit that resides over us is the Holy Spirit. We must seek nothing less. Christian leadership in government connects to the love, truth, and power of God to heal a people and nation. Every Christian has God given talents, anointings, and gifts; and has a role in reclaiming America for Christ. The Lord will bring it to pass.

1. David Barton. Original Intent. Aledo, TX. WallBuilder Press, 2000, pp. 43.
2. Keith Butler. 2005 Great Lakes Prosperity Overflow Convention. August 24, 2005.
3. Laura Antkowiak, "*Responding to Economic Arguments for Abortion. What Do 40 Million Lost Lives Mean?*" [www.nrlc.org/news](http://www.nrlc.org/news)
4. Keith Butler. 2005 Great Lakes Prosperity Overflow Convention. August 23, 2005.

## *The Latest Happenings*

God has blessed us with two resources now that can assist people in obtaining a Biblical world-view of government and law. The first is the book entitled, "*Contending for the Constitution*" which sets forth the providential hand of God that enabled America to obtain a Constitution and the Biblical principles upon which our Constitution is based. The second resource is a 3-DVD set of last fall's seminar we hosted called, "*Principles for Reclaiming a Nation.*" Both of those resources can be obtained by e-mailing us at [americareclaimed@msn.com](mailto:americareclaimed@msn.com).

We continue to work on a Constitution curriculum and a Citizenship Institute to teach people how to be good citizens, as well as showing non-citizens the process for becoming citizens, and to have teachings available on the Constitution, a Biblical world-view, America's legal heritage and America's Founding Principles of Liberty. With God's help, we hope to have many opportunities to spread God's truths that will help restore this land.

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Finally, we wish to thank all of you for the prayers and other support you have given us. On June 28<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate our first anniversary as a ministry of the Lord. That anniversary represents one full year of blessings God has given us in being His instruments in His endeavors. With His help and your continued prayers, we hope it is the first of many years of teaching, training and restoring that God gives us the privilege to be a part of.