

Fort Payne church of Christ



The Weekly Moment

A Weekly Motivational Message

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God Bless America!

"God Bless America" is an American patriotic song written by Irving Berlin during World War I in 1918 and revised by him in the run up to World War II in 1938. The later version has notably been recorded by Kate Smith, becoming her signature song.

*God bless America
Land that I love
Stand beside her
And guide her
Through the night with the light from above*

*From the mountains
To the prairies
To the oceans
White with foam
God bless America
My home sweet home*

This is a beautiful song that has stood the test of time. What a great thought – God bless America! Has God blessed America; does God bless America; will God continue to bless America? Pose these questions to different people and you will probably get different answers.

In the humble opinion of this writer, I believe the answer to the first two questions is yes! The last question – will God continue to bless America – is not as simple to answer.

As we look back in history to the beginning of our nation, it is very apparent to me that God had a strong hand in the establishment of this country. From the great men who stood up to the King of England in writing and signing the Declaration of Independence to the courageous military leaders who outmaneuvered and outwitted the British generals, God has raised up individuals to accomplish His will.

Up through the years, we have been blessed in so many ways to become a Nation that can stand against any other nation in this world. The question remains – will God continue to bless America? I believe God *wants* to continue blessing America. Just as He desired to continue blessing His chosen people for generations even though they disappointed Him countless times, I believe He desires to continue blessing this country. But will He?

The question isn't whether God will bless His righteous people, but whether we're living lives worthy of blessings. Nations are made up of individual people and faith in God is an individual decision. The Proverb writer states, ***"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."*** Prov 13:34. Are we righteous? I believe that will determine whether or not God will continue blessing America. I pray He does.

Think about it.

Here's hoping you'll make the *"most of your minutes"* this week.

Hope to see you at Bible Study tonight.

In Christian Love,

Bob Strickland