

WHEN THE CHURCH'S SPIRITUAL
HEALTH IMPACTS THE WORLD

2 Chronicles 7

1. GOD IS SOVEREIGN. HE CHOOSES WHOM HE WISHES

- Genesis 17:7-8, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob
- 2 Chron 6:6, 'chosen Jerusalem'
- 2 Chron 6:6 chosen David
- 2 Chron 7:12, chosen this place (temple)
- 2 Chron 7:14, my people, called by His name. Jews

2. CHRISTIANS ARE “MY PEOPLE” AND CHOSEN BY GOD

- Christians – John 15:16, Rom 9:25-28
- for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise. (Gal.3:27-29 NIV)

3. OUR FOREFATHERS BELIEVED GOD HAD CHOSEN AMERICA.

- George Washington (1732 – 1799) 1st US President) “ I am sure there never was a people who had **more reason to acknowledge a Divine Interposition** in their affairs than those of the United States.”
- Upon his inauguration, Washington added the prayer, “**so help me God,**” to the inauguration oath, then he stooped and kissed the Bible which had been used in his oath.

MANY LEADERS SAW GOD'S HAND IN AMERICA'S DESTINY

- **Abraham Lincoln:** “But for the Bible *we could not* know right from wrong. All things most desirable for man's welfare...are to be found portrayed in it.”
- **William Penn:** “Men must be governed by God or they will be ruled by tyrants“
- **George Washington:** “Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable. It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible.”

MADISON SAW GOD'S HAND IN AMERICA'S DESTINY.

- James Madison (1751 – 1836, 4th President): “No people ought to feel greater obligations to celebrate the **goodness of the Great Disposer of Events and of the Destiny of Nations than the people of the United States**...And to the same Divine Author of Every Good those privileges and advantages, religious as well as civil, which are so richly enjoyed in this favored and Perfect Gift we are indebted for all land.”

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- One fact touching our currency has...been overlooked... **the recognition of the Almighty God in some form of our coins..** You are probably a christian. What if our Republic were shattered beyond reconstruction. Would not the historians of succeeding centuries rightly reason from our past that we were a heathen nation?

CONSIDER THE \$1 BILL

1. In God We Trust. 1867, 1954
2. Annuit Coeptis – “he has favored our undertaking”
3. Eye of providence glory of God



4. IS IT POSSIBLE TO BE CHOSEN OF GOD BUT LOSE GOD'S BLESSING?

- 2 Chr. 16:9
- God gives a nation over to what its people choose
 - 2 Chron 6:24, 26, 37, 39
 - Isaiah 45:9, Isaiah 25:18, Isaiah 46:11
 - Romans 1:18-19, 32
 - 2 Chron 7:19-22

5. A DECISION TO ABANDON GOD, HIS CHURCH, IMPACTS THE WORLD

- A church's decision has an even greater impact.
- Presbyterian Church U.S.A. – general assembly 6/23/16
- Amos 3:7 Surely the Lord God does nothing unless He reveals His secret counsel to His servants the prophets.

“A TIME DEDICATED TO PRAYING FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE ORLANDO SHOOTING”

- “Allah bless us and bless our families and bless our Lord. Lead us on the straight path – **the path of all the prophets**: Abraham, **Ishmael**, Isaac, Moses, Jesus and **Muhammad**... In the name of Allah, the beneficent, the merciful, let us praise the Lord... Peace be upon them and peace be upon Allah.” Said prayed. He also prayed on the “bigots” and “Islamaphobes.”
- 2 Thess 2:3-4

MESSAGE TO THE MODERN-DAY PEOPLE “CALLED BY MY NAME”

1. Humble themselves: come under God and His Word, and His will for my life.
2. Pray
3. Seek my face; mEncounter with God.
4. Turn from their wicked ways.
 - Turn to God and away from self.

NEXT STEPS

1. **Surrender your life** to Jesus today. Make today your “encounter: with God
2. Pray for the Church, “**called by His name.**”
3. Participate in intercessory prayer gathering.