



# *Pastor's Comments*

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## **God Bless America!**

The Pilgrims' goal in 1620 was to establish a **government based on the Bible**. The New England Charter reads, **"...to advance the enlargement of Christian religion, to the glory of God Almighty...."**

The **principles of God's Word guided the decisions** on which this nation built its foundation. In 1787 Benjamin Franklin addressed the convention that was about to adjourn in confusion, **"...I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: that God governs in the affairs of man.** And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the Sacred Writings that except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

Our first president in his inaugural address to Congress stated, **"...the propitious smiles of heaven cannot be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right,** which heaven itself has ordained."

Alex DeTocquesville, the noted French political philosopher of the nineteenth century, visited America to find the secret of her greatness. After witnessing the church pulpits of this land **"afame with righteousness"** he said, **"America is great because America is good; and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."**

I sing, **"God Bless America,"** as a prayer knowing our nation is far from God, guilty of horrible sins and in desperate need of spiritual awakening! **May God bless America with conviction and repentance** to turn from sin and to Himself. **May God bless America,** as Abraham Lincoln said, **"...to recognize** the sublime truth announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that **those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord."**

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