



# Will America Remember to DEPEND ON GOD?

It is exciting to go back in Biblical history and find individuals who just decided to do right in the midst of wickedness. King Asa was one who “did that which was good and right in the eyes of the LORD his God.” (2 Chron. 14:2) This description includes the following actions:

He commanded Judah to seek the Lord God of their fathers. (14:4) He cried unto the Lord his God. (14:11) He enjoyed the protecting hand of God. (14:12) He understood the truths of God shared by God’s man. (15:1-7) He cleansed the land of evil (even his mother’s idols). (15:16) Yet after 20 years of rest in the land, Asa chose to deal with his problems in his own power.

Asa paid off the king of Syria with monies from God’s house and made a league with the king of Syria to accomplish his goal of ruling which resulted in Hanani, the man of God, coming and revealing God’s view of the king’s activities. “...Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not

on the LORD thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thy hand. Were not the Ethiopians and Lubims a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? Yet, because thou didst rely on the LORD, he delivered them into thine hand.” (16:7-8)

Finally, King Asa develops a foot disease and runs to physicians and not to God. “...yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to physicians.”

Where do we run for help in 2022? It is time to ensure we are relying on our Biblical first principles! May our hearts truly be knit to total dependence on our great God! America needs men and women who will wholly follow the Lord.



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In 1861, a pastor, Rev. M. R. Watkinson, sensed a national problem and wrote a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, Salmon P. Chase, stating the following, “*One fact touching our currency has hitherto been seriously overlooked. I mean the recognition of the Almighty God in some form on our coins...Would not the antiquaries of succeeding centuries rightly reason from our past that we were a heathen nation?*” In response Secretary Chase wrote, “*No nation can be strong except in the strength of God, or safe except in His defense. The trust of our people in God should be declared on our national coins.*” In 1864, the words *In God We Trust* first appeared on the two-cent coin.

Pastor Watkinson was pointing back to the sentiments of many of our founding fathers including Thomas Jefferson who at the closing of the Declaration of Independence wrote, “*...Appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world...*” and “*...with a firm Reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence...*”

The use of God’s name by these men was purposeful, meaningful, and powerful.

**COMMANDMENT THREE:** “*THOU SHALT NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD THY GOD IN VAIN; FOR THE LORD WILL NOT HOLD HIM GUILTY THAT TAKETH HIS NAME IN VAIN.*”

In a nation choosing to follow the Ten Commandments, the use of God’s name should not be uncommon, but it should always be sacred. Using His name in pretense, using it as a curse word, or reducing it to an irreverent expression of excitement or disappointment are offenses that a holy God takes seriously. The name of God should be called upon in prayer, lifted up in praise, declared in preaching, and shared in conversation whether it be in private, in public, or in politics.



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# WHERE IS THE FRONT LINE

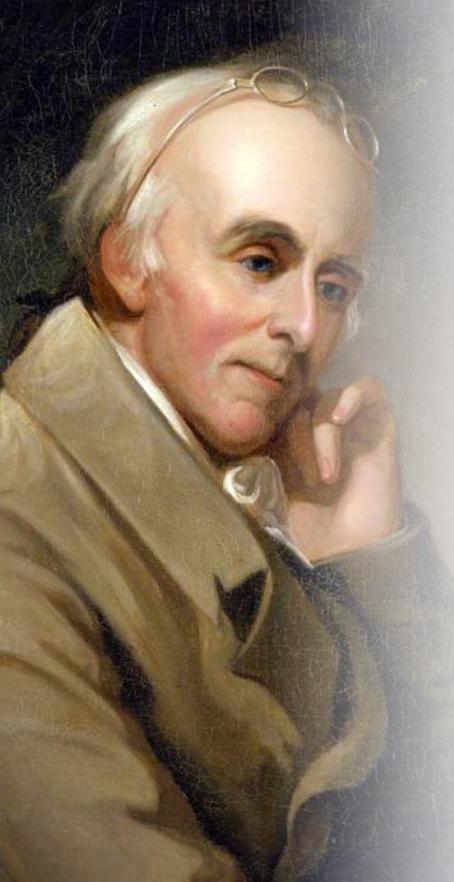
## IN THE FIGHT OF DEFENDING LIBERTY?

### A Challenge to Pastors from Representative Barry Loudermilk

During the founding of our nation, we only had four felony laws at the federal level. Today, we have 4,000, yet crime is still existent. One of the reasons is because of something John Adams said. "Our Constitution is for a religious and moral people and is wholly inadequate for another."

When you have a land of freedom such as ours, John Adams was saying that we have a limited government and that limited government depends upon people who respect the rights of others – a moral people. When those people are not moral, they violate those rights and you have to have a larger government to protect freedoms.

What is so important about having pastors come here to Washington, D.C.? It is not only to learn our heritage and understand the heritage (as a nation built upon Biblical principles) and the dedication our founders had to individual freedom and liberty (as well as the freedom of worship and the freedom of religion) but it is to understand that the forefront, the front lines, of defending those liberties are not the elected officials in Washington, D. C. but the pastors who have the ears and minds of the people because what drives our nation into the situation that we are in today (whether it is mass shootings, murders, crime) is evil. There is nothing law can do to change evil; only Jesus Christ!



## *A Defence of the Use of the* **BIBLE IN SCHOOLS**

The following is the introduction from a Letter by Dr. Benjamin Rush (1745-1813), distinguished physician and signer of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. The propositions of his arguments reveal key insights to the foundation of his faith. At the time of his death in 1813, he was heralded as one of the three most notable figures of America, the other two being George Washington and Benjamin Franklin.

Dear Sir:

It is now several months since I promised to give you my reasons for preferring the Bible as a schoolbook to all other compositions. Before I state my arguments, I shall assume the five following propositions:

1. That Christianity is the only true and perfect religion; and that in proportion as mankind adopt its principles and obey its precepts they will be wise and happy.
2. That a better knowledge of this religion is to be acquired by reading the Bible than in any other way.
3. That the Bible contains more knowledge necessary to man in his present state than any other book in the world.
4. That knowledge is most durable, and religious instruction most useful, when imparted in early life.
5. That the Bible, when not read in schools, is seldom read in any subsequent period of life.



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