



*Go for God!*

## **“AMERICA, GOD SHED HIS GRACE ON THEE!”**

### **> AMERICA, SEEK GOD IN PRAYER! (Example: 2 Chronicles Chapter 6)**

**(v1-11) Solomon's Proclamation of God's faithfulness!**

**(v12-42) Solomon's Prayer of Dedication: (7 lessons)**

**#1 - (v14-17) Solomon declares the character & promises of God!**

**#2 - (v18-21) Solomon's petition for God to hear their prayers & forgive!**

**#3 - (v22-23) Solomon's prays for God's justice!**

**#4 - (v24-31) Solomon's request God to forgive & heal their calamities!**

**#5 - (v32-33) Solomon's prayer for the foreigner!**

**#6 - (v34-39) Solomon intercedes for his people regarding future sin, defeat, & captivity!**

**#7 - (v40-42) Solomon's final petition!**

### **> AMERICA, TURN FROM YOUR WICKED WAYS! (2 Chronicles Ch. 7)**

**- Paul exhorts us to turn from our sins! - 1 Corinthians 6:9-11** - *Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord **Jesus** and by the Spirit of our God. Also, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20* - *Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore **glorify** God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.*

**- Galatians 6:7-10** - *Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting **life**. And let us not grow weary while doing **good**, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do **good** to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.*

**- Proverbs 14:34** - *Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.*

### **> AMERICA WAS FOUNDED BY CHRISTIANS & CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES:**

**- George Washington prayed** - *“O Most Glorious God, in Jesus Christ, my merciful and loving Father; I acknowledge and confess my guilt in the weak and imperfect performance of the duties of this day. I have called on Thee for pardon and forgiveness of my sins, but so coldly and carelessly that my prayers are become my sin, and they stand in need of pardon.”* Also, *“I have sinned against heaven and before Thee in thought, word, and deed. I have contemned Thy majesty and holy laws. I have likewise sinned by omitting what I ought to have done and committing what I ought not. I have rebelled against the light, despising Thy mercies and judgment, and broken my vows and promise. I have neglected the better things. My iniquities are multiplied and my sins are very great. I confess them, O Lord, with shame and sorrow, detestation and loathing and desire to be vile in my own eyes as I have rendered myself vile in Thine. I humbly beseech Thee to be merciful to me in the free pardon of my sins for the sake of Thy dear Son and only Savior Jesus Christ who came to call not the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Thou gavest Thy Son to die for me.”* [George Washington; from a 24 page authentic handwritten manuscript book dated April 21-23, 1752 William J. Johnson *George Washington, the Christian* (New York: The Abingdon Press, New York & Cincinnati, 1919), pp. 24-35.]

**- James Madison - The three branches of the U.S. Government: *Judicial, Legislative, Executive*** - At the Constitutional Convention of 1787, James Madison proposed the plan to divide the central government into three branches. He discovered this model of government from the Perfect Governor, as he read,

**Isaiah 33:22-** ***“For the LORD is our judge,  
the LORD is our lawgiver,  
the LORD is our king;  
He will save us.”***

- **James Wilson:** *Signer of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution; Supreme Court Justice appointed by George Washington spoke 168 times during the Constitutional Convention* **"Christianity is part of the common law"** [Sources: James Wilson, Course of Lectures [vol 3, p.122]; and quoted in Updegraph v. The Commonwealth, 11 Serg. & R. 393, 403 (1824).]

- **James McHenry – Signer of the Constitution** – *“Public utility pleads most forcibly for the general distribution of the Holy Scriptures. The doctrine they preach, the obligations they impose, the punishment they threaten, the rewards they promise, the stamp and image of divinity they bear, which produces a conviction of their truths, can alone secure to society, order and peace, and to our courts of justice and constitutions of government, purity, stability and usefulness. In vain, without the Bible, we increase penal laws and draw entrenchments around our institutions. Bibles are strong entrenchments. Where they abound, men cannot pursue wicked courses, and at the same time enjoy quiet conscience.”*

- **Patrick Henry: "Orator of the Revolution"** - *This is all the inheritance I can give my dear family. The religion of Christ can give them one which will make them rich indeed.* —The Last Will and Testament of Patrick Henry *“It cannot be emphasized too clearly and too often that this nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religion, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ. For this very reason, peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here.”* [May 1765 Speech to the House of Burgesses] *“The Bible is worth all other books which have ever been printed.”*

- **John Quincy Adams** - *“Why is it that, next to the birthday of the Savior of the world, your most joyous and most venerated festival returns on this day [the Fourth of July]?” “Is it not that, in the chain of human events, the birthday of the nation is indissolubly linked with the birthday of the Savior? That it forms a leading event in the progress of the Gospel dispensation? Is it not that the Declaration of Independence first organized the social compact on the foundation of the Redeemer's mission upon earth? That it laid the cornerstone of human government upon the first precepts of Christianity?”*--1837, at the age of 69, when he delivered a Fourth of July speech at Newburyport, Massachusetts. ***“The Law given from Sinai [The Ten Commandments] was a civil and municipal as well as a moral and religious code.”*** John Quincy Adams. *Letters to his son.* p. 61

**> AMERICA LET’S PRAY! - “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.” (Ps. 33:12)**

- **Pray for the FAMILY** – **Mark 3:25** - *And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.*

- **Pray for the CHURCH** – **John 17:23** - *I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.*

- **Pray for the GOVERNMENT** – **1 Timothy 2:1-7** - *Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle — I am speaking the truth in Christ and not lying — a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.*

- **Pray for the MILITARY** - **Joshua 1:9** - *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."*

- **Pray for the EDUCATION** – **Proverbs 2:3-5** - *Yes, if you cry out for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding, If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures; Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, And find the knowledge of God.* **Psalms 119:66** - *Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe Your commandments.*

- **Pray for the BUSINESS** – **Proverbs 22:29** - *Do you see a man who excels in his work? He will stand before kings; He will not stand before unknown men.*

- **Pray for the MEDIA - *Philippians 4:8-9*** - Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy — meditate on these things.

- **Pray for the HARVEST - *Matthew 9:36-38*** - But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

**> AMERICA, GOD SHED HIS GRACE ON THEE! - Joshua 24:14-16 -**

"Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD! And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

## *America, The Beautiful Lyrics*

by Katharine Lee Bates – 1913



O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet,  
Whose stern impassion'd stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat  
Across the wilderness!  
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control,  
Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved,  
And mercy more than life!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine  
Till all success be nobleness,  
And ev'ry gain divine!

O Beautiful for patriot dream  
That sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam,  
Undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!

