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### God Bless America What a Difference if America Would Bless God

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What is meant by the statement, "God bless America?" In most circumstances, if asked to clarify this statement, the majority of Americans would undoubtedly

describe God's blessing as material - health, two cars, a nice house filled with stuff, a good job, food, clothing and a nice vacation. In reality, it is often the material that creates distance between us and God. When we have all the material things we think we need, why do we need God? Wealth is not necessarily evidence of God's blessing. In fact, it may evidence the lifting of God's hand of blessing, allowing men to merely fulfill their fleshly desires.

A better declaration may be, "America, bless God." What blesses or pleases the heart of God? As a nation, we have stood, from our inception, for the protecting of innocent human life. Our nation was founded on the principle that we are answerable to our Creator. America's founding documents declaring our nation's independence from England could not state this truth more clearly.

The Declaration of Independence IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776. The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America, When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

Since 1978, with the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision, 57,000,000 innocent human lives have been



taken simply because, in most situations, the innocents were an inconvenient intrusion. We have robbed these innocents of their right to even begin life. We demonize a Hitler for the murder of 6,000,000 innocents, but support a billion dollar industry that stops a human heart beat. The financial gain for clinics and associated

components of the abortion industry is a large part of what continues to drive this now legal, by government standards, and federally funded practice.

Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. King is a leading pro-life voice who formerly had two abortions, stated the following in an opinion article for LifeNews.com, December 29, 2011: "Abortion is first about money, a lot of money. Each year the abortion industry brings in over \$1.1 billion in America alone. With that much money at stake, the abortion industry has a lot to lose if abortions are made illegal. That's why they will do and say anything to prevent that from happening. Another area that would cut into their profits are regulations. They spend a lot of money (some of which is taxpayer dollars) to fight any proposed legislation to regulate abortion clinics. (CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE) Another example of the corruption of the abortion industry (and focus on finances) is the surprisingly common practice of Medicaid fraud. There have been cases and charges brought about in many states



against Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers for inappropriately billing Medicaid for services not performed or not related to the abortions. One such case is the recent indictment and arrest of Dr. Tyrone Malloy and his abortion facility office manager right here in my home state of Georgia. Malloy and his office manager are being charged with defrauding Medicaid out of about \$400,000 in payment for preabortion ultra-sounds Malloy never did and abortions that did not qualify for reimbursement."

The innocent human life is labeled a mere "fetus" in an attempt to rationalize and sanitize an unnatural act that affects the soul of a mother for the rest of her life, and robs a father of his privilege and responsibility for a future generation. Ignored is the fact that the word "fetus" is Latin for "little one." The life terminated is innocent human life, no matter the definition or the legal ruling that makes this action now acceptable.

To legislate what God has established as wrong as now right, flies in the face of all that is rational. Other governments like Rome and Nazi Germany have altered established moral standards to fit their agenda as well, leading to the destruction of their society. Majority opinion or the ruling of a court does not make something right or wrong by God's unchanging standard.

Imagine being one of the judges who will be tried in the final judgement hall when 57,000,000 witnesses rise up with one voice asking the accused, "Why?" It is a certainty that each of us will stand before the Supreme Judge and answer for our decisions.

A few unexpected consequences of this decision are:

- Man's law and majority opinion now establish and determine moral standards. "Fairness" has replaced "Justice." "Fairness" is fickle; it floats. "Fairness" is regulated by circumstances and majority opinion. "Justice" is based on principle, an immutable standard.
- We've devalued human life, allowing courts to decide who lives and who dies.
- We have destroyed the financial base supporting our Social Security system.

It is curious that most of those who support a woman's right to choose to stop the heartbeat of a child also oppose capital punishment, the ending of a guilty human life, tried and convicted by the government. Rather ironic, isn't it? What trial does the innocent child have? They are automatically guilty and deserving of the death penalty, simply for existing and being undesirable.



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# Another Opportunity to Pray with Us . . .

Continue to pray for LaRae Damschen as she undergoes another surgery around July 6th. According to her latest posts, she is doing better, but there are some definite health challenges ahead.

- Diane got to spend a few more days at Valley Hospital once again fighting bacterial pneumonia which this time also caused septicemia (a serious blood infection).
- G2 continues to do well. With more weight loss, there is potential corrective surgery in the future that may help with the blood flow issues in his leg.
- Praise—Lake Roosevelt Bible Church has a new Pastor, Drew Johnson.

Continue to pray that two new churches will officially partner with us.

Pray that we will continue to be effective in ministry and meet needs of

those we serve and for safety as we travel.



Do right and wrong exist? Everyone has some standard of right and wrong. The standard is either based on man's ideas or God's Word. If you think this isn't true, let me steal your wallet, your car,

your house, or your children and tell me what you think about that. How do you determine what is right and wrong? If there is no God and humans exist as the result of mere time and chance, why do we have any code of law? "Survival of the fittest" is the norm if there be no Creator. If there be no God, restrictive laws would actually be a deterrent to the development of our species. The elimination of weaker human life would simply be the natural course for improvement, the advancement toward the master race. To superimpose restrictive laws upon this natural progression would actually be detrimental. If God does not exist, the leaders of Nazi Germany had the right idea.



Is it wrong for two siblings to marry? Is it wrong for a parent to marry his or her son or daughter? Is it wrong for men to marry men or women to marry women and to have sexual relations? To say the least, it is not "normal" by any dictionary definition. Most cultures would state categorically that such relationships are wrong for many reasons. Why? Once the lines of right and wrong are blurred or those who attempt to draw lines are labeled as unloving, we've started down more than a slippery slope.

Crush an eagle egg, kill a new born puppy or kitten or abort a whale, get caught and realize the consequences. The full extent of the law will come down upon the offender. The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) is a federal law that prohibits the taking, killing, possession, transportation, and importation of migratory birds, their eggs, parts, and nests except as authorized under a valid permit. Penalties under the MBTA include a maximum of two years imprisonment and \$250,000 fine for a felony conviction and six months imprisonment or \$5,000 fine for a misdemeanor conviction. Fines double if the violator is an organization. Yet many become wealthy in the abortion industry, destroying human beings.

#### The Supreme Court of the United States of America Rules in Favor of Same-sex Marriage Nationwide, June 26, 2015

A second political and moral hot topic issue is the legalizing of homosexual marriage and the redefining of "marriage." As I type this article, the Supreme Court just published its five to four ruling on this very issue. How have we as a culture allowed less than 2% - 4% of our nation's population to coerce and intimidate the acceptance of an abnormal view of right and wrong upon the majority? In recognizing the Supreme Court ruling, the President stated we have been "Rewarded with justice like a thunderbolt" and that "communities will be strengthened" by this landmark decision. I sadly await the real thunderbolts that are about to come and we must all recognize this will not strengthen communities and our nation, but only serve to divide us even more deeply.

"Don't legislate what I do in my bedroom" has become a perverse battle cry. If a person does not want bedroom activity legislated, then don't announce what he or she does in bed. There would be no way to conclude bedroom activity unless that person flaunted such behavior. All sin is wrong and carries with it consequences, ultimately death. All sexual sin carries with it even more complicated consequences than other sins. Some of the potential consequences involve mental and emotional scars that can nev-



er be erased, destroyed relationships, diseases (some of which are life threatening), a potential new life and the consumption of one's life and energy and resources leading to addiction. God's word speaks clearly to the issues of sexual intimacy outside of marriage, adultery and homosexual acts, as well as the damaging consequences of such immoral behavior. How can we ignore the clear instruction in the Old Testament, or Paul's unambiguous insight in Romans 1? "21For although they knew God,

they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles. 24Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. 25They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen. 26Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. 27In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error. 28Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. 29They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, 30slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; (NEXT PAGE)

31they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. 32Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them." (ESV)

We tend as a culture to equate love and sexual intimacy as synonymous; they are not. For the militant homosexual, abnormal sexual behavior is not merely an act, it encompasses who they are; it is his identity. If one approves that such behavior is normal and acceptable, it is the one who disagrees who becomes problematic. Such intolerable disagreement will not be tolerated. Biblical belief is not to be tolerated because it is regarded as a position of intolerance. The only thing that is not to be tolerated is that which is reasoned as intolerant.

Psalm 12:8 "When that which is vile is honored, the wicked freely strut about." In today's America, we are not only to accept that which Scripture clearly states is wrong, but we are to elevate a sinful lifestyle as honorable and acceptable. Today, the wicked are freely strutting about. There will come a day when the strutting stops. For the militant homosexual, his or her sexual activity defines him or her. The demands are not equal rights, but superior rights based on preference in performing sexual acts. If the homosexual does not get his or her way, that person can claim prejudice based on their sexual preference, whether it be on the job in a classroom, or on a school bus. Try to disprove their claim.

erence, whether it be on the job in a classroom, or on a school bus. Try to disprove their claim. Christians are labeled "homophobic" (sic) for not agreeing that homosexual standards and practices are acceptable. The reality is that the militant homosexual is "heterophobic." By the way, the "homophobic" term is a deliberate misuse of the English language. Disagreeing with a lifestyle does NOT equate to fear. The concern is that once lines of right and wrong are erased, the boundaries of established norms will be pushed further and further until there are no boundaries. Right and wrong will officially no longer exist. The only wrong will be demonstrated by the one who attempts to hold to a moral standard by setting limits on human activities and degenerate behavior.

Militant homosexual activists imply and at times boldly state that Christians are the real problem. Christians keep bringing up the subject of "SIN." Animals do not sin. They simply do what comes naturally. The archaic concept of "sin" must be erased in this age of enlightenment. Conforming to humanistic reasoning, humans are animals. Follow the logic. There is no life after this life. There is no ultimate accountability. The challenge is that God states clearly in His Word that we are NOT "animals." We were "created in His image, male and female. There is life after this life. There is ultimate accountability. Why do humans have laws at all if there is not God? Every law is legislated morality. Every law is based on some standard.

Altering recognized standards in the industry would create pandemonium. Without a consistent accepted financial standard, commerce would be chaotic at the least if not impossible. If everyone set up his or her own standard of currency, weights and measurements, commercial interchange would be mayhem. When considering moral issues, this is exactly what is happening in American culture. The last verse of the book of Judges states, "Everyone did that which was right in his own eyes." Is it any wonder that we have ethical and moral chaos from the White House to the schoolhouse? "Everyone lies" has become the norm. Truth and a consistent moral standard have been sacrificed on the altars of fairness, tolerance and progression. A moral standard is either based on the shifting intellect of man, or the immutable wisdom of God. We make life's decisions based on principle or opinion. By government standards and opinion, what is now wrong with having multiple spouses? What is now wrong with an adult marrying a child if both love each other? What is wrong with a parent-child or sibling official union if real "love" exists? It is more than Pandora's Box that has been opened. America as we have known it is dead. This is not the "freedom" our founding fathers or the "Greatest Generation" who fought against Imperial Japan and Nazi Germany to save our nation ever envisioned.

In decision making, when is the last time you were aware of a Congressman, a Supreme Court Justice or a President asked, "What does God want us to do?" In the midst of the greatest division our



nation has known, on March 30, 1863, Abraham Lincoln called for a National Day of Humiliation. One of the goals is stated in the following: "It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness." We must humble ourselves before God, pray, seek God's face

and turn from our selfish, wicked ways. Is it too late to withhold the hand of God's judgement? It is only through painful honesty and humility that we can anticipate the blessing of God once again upon America.



Psalm 9:20 "let the nations know they are but men."

AMERICA BLESS GOD, AND GOD WILL BLESS AMERICA!



# Thoughts from Diane . . . DEATH'S APPOINTMENT

Separation is probably a more palatable word but when it happens, but the truth is, people die. This past week I was sitting out in my back yard when I heard sirens. It always makes my heart skip a beat. I wondered where they were coming from, where they were going. Across our neighboring yard an ambulance had pulled to the side of the road. I had no idea to which house they were headed because my line of sight was blocked from the activity. I sat there and watched more

vehicles pull up and park. I wondered if it might be our immediate neighbor who is in his eighties. I looked to the house in back of us. Then it became apparent that paramedics were going into the duplex on the other side of the fire truck. There was a lot of activity and I just watched, not knowing exactly what had happened.

A family owns the duplex, parents living on one side and a daughter and her family on the other. George had spoken with the older man, Bob, who lived on one side with his wife, Sue, and developed a friendly relationship. Bob had obvious health issues but was always outside doing something. He walked, worked around the house and it seemed, was always in motion. The sirens were for him. George found out later that Bob had contacted his son-law next door to let him know he felt dizzy and then collapsed. He died



without any hope of resuscitation. That makes the third neighbor in the past three years who has died.

There is another man that George and I work with bus driving. He is in his seventies and is convinced he'll live well into his hundreds. He's healthy, full of energy and always appears upbeat. He believes life is his to grab, take hold of, control. Ecclesiastes 8:8 "No man has power over the wind to contain it; so no one has power over the day of his death..."

None of us has control over when we'll die. We can live well, eat well and exercise to our hearts content. We can consume vitamins, grind up vegetables

and fruit into delicious concoctions that boost our energy levels. We can sleep eight hours, disinfect our homes and drink glass after glass of water to flush the toxins out of our systems. We'll still die someday. Hebrews 9:27 "And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,"

I spent time in prayer today, thanking God that I'm alive and able to pray for all my family. I thank God that He has spared me from death and continues to allow me to know Him more and praise Him more. There are so many people who suffer ill health, who need our prayers, many who need to know the fact that Christ died for their sin.

We have a verse on our son Benjamin's head stone. Ecclesiastes 12:6 "Remember him, before the silver cord is severed..." Not only does this verse testify to me because I'm his mom but also it testifies to those who don't want to think about what's coming. This verse testifies to those of us who know Jesus personally. We

don't know the day of our death but it's as sure as the day of our birth. Be wise with your time; tell others the hope they can also have. Christ died for them. They too can have eternal life and know for sure that death is not the end. It can be the beginning of an eternal life with Jesus.



#### 1 Corinthians 15:58 Standing Firm, Diane

### PAL WORKSHOP 2016

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