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“. . . defending the faith once delivered unto the saints” (Jude 3)

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### FROM THE DIRECTOR’S DESK: Let Freedom Ring—Loudly

God’s Word tells us through the prophet Zechariah (1:3) “...thus saith the Lord of hosts; turn ye unto Me...and I will turn unto you....” In the book of 2 Chronicles (7:14), God tells King Solomon “If My people...seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven....” The action that I’ve highlighted in these two verses is that of turning. First, on the part of God’s people, and then by God Himself. Jesus was clear that we are unable to equally serve two masters (Matthew 6:24), as we will either hate the one, and love the other, or hold to the one while despising the other. And then He added the very important last sentence of that verse: “Ye cannot serve God and mammon.” Mammon is the biblical term for riches, often used to describe the debasing influence of material wealth. God’s people had been exiled to Babylon due to their unfaithfulness to God, and Zechariah was sent to remind them of their estrangement from Him and their need to return. In similar manner, He used Solomon to remind the people what they needed to do to fall back under the mercies and graces of God. And as Jesus so clearly pointed out, in order to turn TO something, we must first turn FROM something.

Fast forward to 21<sup>st</sup> century America. The country that was founded on Judeo-Christian principles under the clear providence of the Almighty, as stated by our founders. The biblical prophets of old were called of God to deliver His message to His people. Whereas we have no need of prophets today, as the message hasn’t changed, we do have a dire need for God’s current spokesmen in America, it’s pastors, to rise up and be heard. But maybe what they need to do first is turn from THEIR mammon, and back to God.

Too many church leaders today are influenced more by material wealth than they are the spiritual riches of serving God. White clergy won’t speak out against sin for fear of being called a racist, homophobe, or xenophobe and losing their cushy, pension-packed jobs, while black preachers won’t unshackle themselves from their bondage to the Marxist, Democrat political machines that control them and all of America’s big cities. “Deny Me before men, and I will deny you before My Father,” Jesus said to His disciples in Matthew 10:33. Where are Jesus’ pastor-disciples today, and why aren’t they speaking up?

Will we go quietly like lambs being led to slaughter, or will we be zealous in putting everything on the line, like our founders did (in establishing our country), in order to take it back? Our God is sovereign and providentially ruling us from above, but unless and until we turn from our sin and seek His face, I fear our land will never be healed. Happy 245<sup>th</sup> Birthday, America. How many more we freely celebrate is up to God and His people.

Rev. David Lewis

**The Prayers God Answers**  
**Part II – God Calls George Mueller to Open an Orphanage**

**By Robert Luthardt, Sr.**

On November 21, 1835, George Mueller officially began his dream to open an orphanage and on April 11, 1836, the first house was opened at 6 Wilson Street for 17 children. Soon 30 girls lived with the Muellers. God further leading, they bought the house at 1 Wilson Street which was soon filled with 30 infants and a third was opened at 3 Wilson Street which became home to 40 boys, seven years of age or older.

Now the ever-expanding orphan ministry began to be a burden on the Wilson Street area so that relocation became a necessity. God's plan was for the Muellers to wonderfully impact the lives of many Christians throughout the world by reaching over 10,000 orphans with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and solid preparation for adulthood. An equally great work was God's transformation of George from a larcenous youth, stealing his father's money, into a man who could be trusted with millions of resources sent from his heavenly Father (1 Pet. 1:7).

God changed the focus of George Mueller's heart which was to go out into the mission field to instead bring the mission field to him, providing for thousands of orphans. Mueller's burden to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to unbelievers increased with his burning desire to save the bodies and souls of orphans.

George's observation (in his day) was that even older Christians were not effectively looking to the "living God" to take care of them. He began to emphasize in his sermons that God never leaves or forsakes His called-out ones. He knew of his own past defeats from internal conflicts that also plagued Christian businessmen. They carried guilt burdens for not running their business lives by the Word of God. He preached to them to live by God's will and ways as they did otherwise. When we "regard iniquity" in our hearts, God does not hear.

George used his changed prayer life as God's teachable proofs that trusting Him and living His way is the only path to a clear conscience and the peace that Christ promised (Phil. 4:7).

George determined to reach not only the "down and out" (John 4:13-14) but the "up and out" also (John 3:14-15). Now George remembered his student days at Halle University in Germany and his living in the free housing at A. B. Francke's orphanage that he provided for divinity students. George now felt the spirit of God's providential move in his own heart and life to begin his own work with orphans in England.

George observed that Francke depended only upon the living God and His heavenly Father alone. God never fails to show living proof and power to whomsoever needs it. Mercy is also there for every child of God who claims God's promises in their prayers. Persistence in prayerfulness will change a believer's focus from trusting in themselves to trusting in God. Some changes are God-given and instantaneous (John 3:8) and some come only over a lifetime of claiming Christ's promises.

Mueller taught that praying, studying, and reading the Bible is that which increases faith and brings God's loving approval (2 Tim. 3:15-17) and the blessing of assurance of eternal life (1 John 5:13).

Mueller's simple beginning plan was to set aside all other reading and entertainment. God will provide a spiritual feast when He speaks to us individually from His infallible, inerrant Holy Spirit inspired scriptures.

In George's account on January 16, 1836, he recorded his dependence on God alone regarding establishing an orphanage. "I prayed that if it were of the Lord, HE would bring it about, but if not, He would take it from my mind." "There was no question that it was needed and someone should do it. My question was whether God intended me to be the one." My comfort was the fact that if this was God's plan, He would not only provide the finances but also the individuals who are able to care for children. George noted that while he lacked full answers to prayer, when there was abundant encouragement granted by the Lord, he continued to pray.

Inspired by Psalm 81, Mueller opened his "mouth wide" to ask the Lord to provide not just knowledge of His will, but to provide an actual house and means to begin the work in His time and way. Next, I asked for specific funds and dedicated assistants for the orphanage. I asked next for furniture and clothing for children. When I asked for these things, I had no other prospect of obtaining them but God's grace alone.

Just a few days later (December 10, 1835) George received a letter from a brother and his wife offering service for the orphanage. They would bring their furniture and declined any salary. Another brother wrote of his intent to make regular donations. Another believer sent yards of linen and sheets. Another donated a clotheshorse, frocks, pinafores, handkerchiefs, quilts, blankets, tin cups, teaspoons, and a donation of funds.

Mueller wrote on June 15, 1837 that he now gave himself even more earnestly to pray for the initial funds needed and that evening came the final amount to complete that specific sum. He declared openly that every penny had come without asking anyone but God alone. Though he brought the most minute details before God's throne, He graciously provided everything. Ready to launch, Mueller had forgotten an important petition. When all was ready, not one application for a place for an orphan had been received. Mueller realized that none had been asked for in prayer.

"This neglect brought me to bow low before the Lord in prayer the entire evening of February 3, 1836." I told the Lord that His glory alone was my chief aim, and my second aim was the welfare, spiritual and physical, of the orphans. I finally had peace enough to petition the Lord for applications and the next day they began to come in until 43 were received.

Moving ahead (July 22, 1837) Mueller had nearly 100 souls to care for and funds very low. "I went to the garden to pray and meditate (using Heb. 13:8 "Jesus Christ the SAME yesterday, today and forever") and sought again the Lord's unchangeable love and power and His infinitely greater wisdom. I concluded prayer and was handed a letter with funds for another day or two."

Likewise on November 21, 1838, funds were even lower and while we had food enough today there was nothing for tomorrow. We all went to prayer as our situation was never more dire. "Went

out for exercise to gain warmth and walked a longer way than usual and toward the end a brother met me who was also walking. He was led to give me funds, half for coal and half for other needs. Praise God for the chill that took me the longer way.” In the rest of Mueller’s personal journal there is a multitude of answered prayers and God’s ability to meet all their needs and never once did the orphans fail to have a wholesome meal.”

In his journal there is seen his complete trust in God’s care. He recorded the passing of a wealthy donor and the loss of those funds and of others whose funds were depleted. He wrote of a lost source that was replaced by that of another brother who only heard of the orphan work three days before. Our dependence remains upon the eternal living God and not upon perishing mankind and are therefore beyond being forsaken. We have God’s promise that “no good thing” will He withhold from them that walk uprightly (Ps. 84:11).

Other instances of God’s providential blessings to Mueller for and to the orphans are recorded as direct answers to prayer. Still other interventions of God’s aid came when George prayed with an abused wife until the persecutor was converted (Matt. 18:19).

Mueller published financial reports annually not to induce more giving in the future but to benefit other saints by our experiences of the unlimited grace of God. Even in the deepest poverty, we are to ask God alone and no one else for “He NEVER fails.”

If the Lord’s path leads any of His children into physical or spiritual poverty He promises, “There hath no temptation [testing] taken you but such as is common to man but God ... will with the temptation also make a way of escape ...” (1 Cor. 10:13). He unailing acts “as a Father that pitieth His children” (Ps. 103:13; Rom. 8:28).

“Keep looking up” (Luke 21:28).

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# America, the Beautiful

By Nancy Long

Psalm 33:12-22 – *“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance. The Lord looketh from heaven; He beholdeth all the sons of men. From the place of His habitation He looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth. He fashioneth their hearts alike; He considereth all their works. There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength. An horse is a vain thing for safety neither shall he deliver any by his great strength. Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His mercy; to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. Our soul waiteth for the Lord: He is our help and our shield. For our heart shall rejoice in Him, because we have trusted in His holy name. Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in Thee.”*

2 Chronicles 7:14 – *“If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”*

We citizens of the United States of America are soon to celebrate its 245th birthing of freedom. July 4<sup>th</sup> is celebrated as a legal holiday in the United States, commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. It's the day in which we became free from the tyranny of Britain. We, the citizens of this beautiful America, have a huge responsibility in preserving its liberty, standing on the promises, and the firm foundation, of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. God has shed His grace on this country over the past almost two and a half centuries, and even continues to do so. Over the years though, so many of us have totally ignored the ways of the Lord. Any desires to live in a righteous manner have surely been dismissed. God's guiding principles? God's Providence? We can do it "our way"!! For how long though, Lord, for how long? There's widespread pornography; abortion is extensively accepted, and much other grave immorality is running rampant across this "sweet land of liberty".

Parties, celebrations, reunions, extended vacations, picnics .... balloons, streamers, and clothing (all in red, white, and blue colors, of course) .... pomp and parades, fireworks, the waving of American flags, patriotic speeches, and the like .... supposedly in remembrance of, as well as honoring, our forefathers, who fought to make this country "the land of the free and the home of the brave". Ceremonies and observances are good, but we must be on our knees to a greater degree, praying fervently, and without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17 and James 5:16b). We need an awakening, a renewal, a revival in the hearts of men!!

Our forefathers .... those men, who made our country great, were men of God .... Christian men, who believed, proclaimed, relied on, and practiced the incredible saving Gospel of free salvation from sin, and regeneration unto righteousness (Titus 3:5) ..... the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Quotes from some of our forefathers:

George Washington (1<sup>st</sup> president of the US) – *“Don’t let anyone claim to be a true American .... Don’t let them claim the tribute of American patriotism if they ever attempt to remove religion from politics.”* (Farewell address)

*“It is impossible to rightly govern .... without God and the Bible.”*

*“Whereas, it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly implore His protection and favor.”*

John Jay (First Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court) – *“Providence has given to our people the choice of our rulers, and it is the duty of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers.”* (1816)

James Madison – *“We have staked the whole future of American civilization, not on the power of government, but upon the capacity of each and every one of us to govern ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God.”*

*“Before any man can be considered as a member of Civil Society, he must be considered as a subject of the Governor of the Universe.”*

John Quincy Adams – *“No book in the world deserves to be so unceasingly studied, and so profoundly meditated upon, as the Bible.”*

Andrew Jackson – *“Go to the Scriptures .... the joyous promises it contains will be a balsam to all your troubles.”*

Abraham Lincoln – *“Unless the great God, who assisted (President Washington), shall be with me and aid me, I must fail. But if the same omniscient mind and Almighty arm, that directed and protected him, shall guide and support me, I shall not fail .... Let us pray that the God of our fathers may not forsake me now.”*

Grover Cleveland – *“All must admit that the reception of the teachings of Christ results in the purest patriotism, in the most scrupulous fidelity to public trust, and in the best type of citizenship.”*

Teddy Roosevelt – *“In this actual world, a churchless community, a community where men have abandoned and scoffed at, or ignored their religious needs, is a community on the rapid downgrade.”*

Woodrow Wilson – *“America was born a Christian nation. America was born to exemplify that devotion to the elements of righteousness which are derived from the revelations of the Holy Scripture.”*

*“The Bible is the one supreme source of revelation of the meaning of life, the nature of God and spiritual nature and need of men. It is the only guide of life which really leads the spirit in the way of peace and salvation.”*

Patrick Henry – *“It cannot be emphasized too often, or too strongly, that this great nation was founded not by religionists, but by Christians: not on religions, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”*

Noah Webster (Revolutionary soldier, Judge, Legislator, Educator) – *“The moral principles and precepts found in the Scriptures ought to form the basis of all our civil constitutions and laws.”*

*“The Christian religion is the most important, and one of the first things in which all children, under a free government, ought to be instructed.”*

*“The Bible is the chief moral cause of all that is good, and the best corrector of all that is evil in human society .... the best Book for regulating the temporal concerns of men.”*

Benjamin Franklin – *“Here is my Creed. I believe in one God, the Creator of the Universe. That He governs it by His Providence. That He ought to be worshipped.”*

*“God governs in the affairs of men. 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 in the Sacred Writings that except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it. I firmly believe this. I also believe that, without His concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel.”*

(Constitutional Convention of 1787)

John Witherspoon (President of Princeton) – the only clergyman to sign the Declaration of Independence – *“No man, whatever be his character or whatever be his hope, shall enter into rest, unless he be reconciled to God through Christ Jesus.”*

*“If you are not reconciled to God through Christ Jesus ... if you are not clothed with the spotless robe of His righteousness ... you must forever perish.”*

*“I will preach this Savior to all who hear me, and entreating you in the most earnest manner to believe in Jesus Christ, for there is no salvation in any other” (Acts 4:12).*

In researching for this article, I was pointed to many more godly quotes from men of renown, who took a major role in either the founding of, or in the developing of, this “nation under God”. It’s my personal conclusion that a lot of our Founding Fathers were Christians, believing that Christianity was the foundation for the governing of America.

Governor William Bradford, in writing of the Pilgrims’ arrival, gives this clear description, *“Being thus arrived in a good harbor and brought safe to land, they fell on their knees and blessed the God of heaven who had brought them over the fast and furious ocean, and delivered them from all the perils and miseries thereof, again to set their feet on the firm and stable earth.”*

Our nation, at its inception, recognized the hand of the Almighty!! Have we, at this point in history, forgotten? Have we, little by little, over the years, veered off the straight and narrow? Have we lost our moorings? Have we lost sight of His more than abundant love, mercy, wisdom, and strength? Have we buried somewhere deep within, the truth that *“the Lord He is God: It is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people .....”* Psalm 100, verse 3? Have we blotted out the validity and soundness of Scripture? Has our vision become so distorted, and even eroded to the point where we no longer see His gracious hand upon our land?

As we are, once again, about to celebrate America’s Independence Day, 2021, let us remember the sacrifices of our godly forefathers, and stand firm on our rich Judeo-Christian heritage. We thank, and honor, those who went before, for such a legacy! More importantly though, we need to get back to our roots. We need to humble ourselves before our Maker, confess our national sins and as well, our individual ones, seeking His forgiveness. Then, and only then, will we be able to find that promised, perfect peace and rest, in the Omnipotent, Omniscient, Omnipresent, Sovereign God (Isaiah 26:3).

*God bless America, Land that I love,  
Stand beside her and guide her  
Thro the night with a light from above;*

*From the mountains, to the prairies,  
To the oceans white with foam,  
God bless America, My home sweet home.  
God bless America, My home sweet home.”*

Words and Music: Irving Berlin

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