

# WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY NOTES

*Grace and Peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;... 2 Peter 1:2*

## Thanksgiving Message

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Our Thanksgiving Celebration has its roots in the tradition of giving thanks to God for a bountiful harvest.

We as Americans, we as Christian Americans most of all, must never forget that the prosperity we enjoy as Americans is directly attributed to our Gods blessings on this great nation.

Some refer to the United States of America as some great experiment, this nation is not, and has never been an experiment.

It is a nation whose founding fathers sought divine guidance in the establishing of this nation, declaring it to be, one nation under God.

### America is Very much like the Garden of Eden:

**Genesis 1:26** Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness;... **27** God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. **28** God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth,.... "

**Genesis 2:8** The LORD God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed. **9** Out of the ground the LORD God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

### 4 Things God Did in Creation:

1. He created mankind in His Image He Created them male and female
2. He commanded them to be fruitful and multiply, and thereby also defining marriage as between a man and a woman.
3. He created a prosperous land of plenty
4. He gave mankind the freedom of choice to have God rule over mankind or the devil. To be blessed or to be cursed

- We see clearly in the word of God that the Garden of Eden was established by divine design.
- The United States of America was also established by divine design
- It is the only nation in the history of the world to have been designed, and established by God
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- This was accomplished through men who sought His wisdom in the creation of its government, and whose Declaration of Independence acknowledges God as our creator.
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- Now Israel is a land set apart by God for the Jewish people and for prophetic purpose

- But The United States of America is a land whose purpose and government was Intended by God to be a Christian nation, where men, just like Adam in the Garden, would be free to choose whether to be ruled by God or the devil
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- America was established through men who sought God's wisdom in creating it. No other nation in the world can lay claim to that but us.
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- That is why in the history of the world no nation has ever been so powerful and prosperous as the United states of America
- We need to acknowledge God for that, and we need to thank God for that
- Our prosperity is not a result of some democratic experiment; it is a result of us being one nation under God...

#### From the Very Beginning of This Nation before it was a nation:

>Early American settlers, particularly the Pilgrims, made a religious covenant with God in the Mayflower Compact. They covenanted to form a "civil body politic" for the sake of order and the advancement of their faith, and saw themselves as a chosen people establishing a new society in a promised land.

>Other early groups, such as those at Jamestown, also made a prayer of dedication, that functioned as a covenant to establish a claim to the land and its Christian mission.

#### **The United States of America is, and always shall be a Christian nation**

>The Founding Fathers of these United States of America sought God's direction through **prayer**, issuing official **proclamations for fasting and thanksgiving**, referencing **divine providence** in their deliberations and documents, and basing their principles on the **moral frameworks** they believed were divinely ordained.

>From the First Continental Congress onward, proceedings often began with prayer.

>During a difficult deadlock at the Constitutional Convention in 1787, Benjamin Franklin famously rose and proposed that the assembly begin each day with prayers for divine assistance, reminding the delegates of their use of daily prayers during the Revolutionary War.

>Leaders like George Washington frequently referenced "Divine Providence" in their letters and speeches, giving God credit for the successes of the Continental Army and the eventual formation of the government. Many, including Washington and James Madison, viewed the successful outcome of the Revolution and the creation of the Constitution as "little short of a miracle" guided by God's power.

>The Declaration of Independence asserts that all men "are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights" and appeals to "the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God" and "Divine Providence," grounding the new nation's rights in a divine origin.

#### **There are basically two political parties in America today, just like there were two trees in the Garden of Eden:**

- One party like the tree of Life in the Garden, that would have allowed God to reign over man, and would have kept man free and under the rule of God
- And one party like the tree of the knowledge of Good and evil that would make man god, and whose path would lead to the destruction of this nation
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- One party that believes in God and in His divine right to have this country reflect His values, and maintaining through their governing that this remains one nation under God.

- **And one party that is ungodly in almost all of its basic tenants, placing greater value on secular humanism, which leads to lawlessness and evil that is unrestrained.**
- **One party whose supporters, when things do not go their way, humble themselves and pray**
- **One party whose supporters, when things do not go their way, riot and cause massive destruction of property and society**

**If you truly want to discern what the spiritual forces of wickedness in heavenly places are up to, just look at what is happening in politics**

**Like in the Garden of Eden, Americans, just like Adam and Eve, have been given the freedom to choose life or death, light or darkness, God's sovereignty over this nation or satans...**

**So, let us for a moment imagine if you will, that in America we have come to the place where our elections are not between one party or another, but actually between light and darkness, between good and evil, between Jesus and the devil,**

**Remember: We are free as Americans to choose which one of these rule this nation will be under?**

**Like every election, we will list what each candidate stands for:**

**Now I am specifically speaking to Christians.**

**Both what the devil stands for and what Jesus stands for is clearly stated in the word of God, this is not open to interpretation as it is very clear:**

**Jesus:** There is Male & Female / Liberals believe there are 57 genders

**Jesus:** marriage is between a man and a woman only. /

**Jesus:** Only man and a woman can procreate / the devil is confused on this

**Jesus:** Thou shall not murder, Abortion is murder./

**Jesus:** The government shall in no way interfere or cause to compromise true Christians in their worship to Him /

**Jesus:** As far as it is possible, be at peace with all men and pray for those who oppose you/

**Jesus:** Pray for those in authority/

**Jesus:** Authority is from God and should be respected/

**Jesus:** Give honor to whom honor is due/

**Jesus:** we should not curse men who are made in the image of God/

**Jesus:** The law is for the lawless/

**Who Are You Voting For?**

**Proverbs 29:2** "when the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when a wicked man rules, the people groan".

- In our last presidential election only 59% of Evangelical Christians actually voted.
- That was down from 65% in 2020.
- That means that about 30 to 41 million evangelical Christians did not even vote for their leader.
- To not vote is to vote
- To not vote is let the evil vote for you
- To not vote is to give evil authority over you
- To not vote is to allow the devil to tempt you to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil
- And like Adam before you, you will have to give an account
- For the bible declares, that he who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, it is sin.

**It is time to rise and wake up, the church has been asleep for far too long... Matt 25**