Thankful to God

Do Not Forget God

Deuteronomy 8:1-20

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Introduction:

- Preamble to the Constitution of the United States
- **John Adams** … "*Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people … It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other*."
- **Alexis de Tocqueville** … "*I sought for the greatness of the United States in her commodious harbors, her ample rivers, her fertile fields, and boundless forests* ***- and it was not there*** *… I sought for it in her rich mines, her vast world commerce, her public school system, and in her institutions of higher learning* ***- and it was not there*** *… I looked for it in her democratic Congress and her matchless Constitution* ***- and it was not there*** *… Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness, did I understand the secret of her genius and power … America is great* ***because America is good*** *… and if America ever ceases to be good …* ***America will cease to be great!***"
- **Thomas Jefferson** … "*Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is Just: that His justice cannot sleep forever*."
- Quote from the Declaration of Independence
- **1st Corinthians 10:11**

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1. **<u>Do Not Forget the Lessons:</u>**

    a. **Deuteronomy 8:1-5**
    b. **Exodus 16**
    c. God is more concerned with His Church than He is with any nation.
    d. **Hebrews 13:8**
    e. **Galatians 1:6-9**
    f. **Deuteronomy 8:2-3**
    g. Think about what our country was like on September 10, 2001
    h. If the Church does not wake up, our country will not change.
    i. **Thomas Jefferson** … "*Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is Just: that His justice cannot sleep forever*."

2. **<u>Do Not Forget the Provider:</u>**

    a. **Deuteronomy 8:6-16**
    b. **Deuteronomy 8:17**
    c. **Katherine Lee Bates** – *America the Beautiful* – 1893
    d. If the Church remains silent on the issue, the voice of the enemy will only get louder.
    e. **Exodus 1:8**
    f. **Genesis 37**
    g. The revival of this country was never given to politicians – It was given to the Church.
    h. **Romans 1:16**

3. **<u>Do Not Forget God:</u>**

    a. **Deuteronomy 8:19-20**
    b. **Psalm 33:12**
    c. Three things Deuteronomy 8 teaches us:
        1. *We must never forget where God brought us from.*
        2. *Trust in Jesus, not the circumstances.*
        3. *Never let the blessings we receive replace the One who blesses us.*
    d. If we want America to be the beacon of hope that it once was … Then Christians MUST prepare our nation to meet Jesus.
    e. Video
    f. **Abraham Lincoln Proclamation** – March 30, 1863