

God's Curse on America: the Result of Christian Apathy Towards Abortion

Thomas Jefferson, our country's third President, made a prophetic statement reflecting America's present in the following quotation: “Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever.” Abortion has cast the shadow of God's curse on this land because Christians have failed to acknowledge God in our political system, allowed this murder to continue for thirty-three long years, and have not promoted activism aimed at stopping abortion.

More serious than the national sin of abortion is the fact that Christians have thrown God off His throne in America. Our supposed Christian politicians have refused to recognize God's sovereignty over our government and instead made decisions based purely on pragmatism rather than the principles of the Bible and the Constitution. O for men in government who would believe in the faith of Joshua 24:15! “And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” Many pro-life politicians try to regulate rather than stop abortion by using bans. These measures only divert a certain kind of abortion from occurring to those abortion processes that are still viable. All efforts aimed at reducing abortions fail because they pit life against life (*Liberty Forum*, p. 5, 12). Mark 3:25 says “And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.” Christian politicians have supplanted God's rule for the rule of wicked men. They have believed in the lie of abortion's legality. The decision of any court is not law; its opinion is only valid when it aligns with God's law and the Constitution. The judicial branch's sole responsibility is interpreting the law, not usurping the role of Congress. Christian legislators and executives have allowed the murder of 46 million babies to occur by accepting this myth. For

hundreds of years, it has been an established principle that God's immutable law has precedence over all human laws if they conflict. Christian politicians have helped to bring down God's curse on us because of their swerving loyalty. The Bible says in Psalm 33:12, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." Thomas Jefferson posed an insightful question that our Christian officials would do well to answer. He said, "Can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God?" We will continue to see God's curse on this nation unless our representatives recognize the Savior who gave them their position.

A second reason for God's curse on this nation is that we as Christian citizens have allowed this foul murder to continue. We have voted for pro-abortion candidates and for those individuals who only offer regulation of abortion. Alexis de Tocqueville, a French aristocrat, remarked that Americans of the 1800s were generally ignorant of European politics, but very aware of their own. Christian political literacy has slumped in the last one hundred years since we no longer learn the law but simply trust our elected officials to promote our values. We have allowed temporal security to lure us from our duty to save the unborn rather than fearing the eternal God that made us (*Liberty Forum*, p. 5). How many days go by when we do not think to pray for the ending of abortion in our land? Our relative comfort and security is a contemptibly false assurance when all around us a portion of the population is being systematically murdered. We have ignored God's call to rescue the perishing through preaching of the Word, protesting, and praying at the clinics. Proverbs 24:11-12 makes this mandate: "If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain; If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider it? and he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he know it? and shall not he render to every man according to his works?" The apathy of the Christian is a major cause for God's wrath with the United States.

Finally, our nation is feeling God's curse because most Christians have failed to promote activism against abortion. We have not told Christians that abortion is an illegitimate judicial decision according to our own Constitution. Failing to follow the Biblical view that law comes from God, we have given human contradictions of the divine law the status of legality. We have not trusted the Lord to secure the victory for our righteous cause but rather have come up with our own solutions. The Bible says that we ought to obey God rather than man. Preaching, praying, or protesting at an abortion clinic is simply an act of obedience to God's command. These killing factories are invalid according to our own laws and the Bible and many have been closed down through obedience to God's commands. The only true solution to abortion is a revival in the hearts of Christians. Believers need to rise up and proclaim the Biblical and legal facts against abortion. Only then will this reproach be removed from us.

Tragic instances like the terrorist acts of violence on September 11, 2001 and a series of hurricanes in New Orleans are proofs of God's anger with this Christian nation because of our failure to exalt God as our country's head, our failure to stop abortion, and our failure to properly act against it. William Penn, the founder of Pennsylvania, eloquently summarized 21st century America's condition. His words were, "Men must choose to be governed by God or condemn themselves to be governed by tyrants." There is still hope if this generation of Christians will let their light so shine before men to reflect the great Giver of the liberties we enjoy. Let us heed John Winthrop's advice: "For we must consider that we shall be as a City upon a hill, the eyes of all people upon us."

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