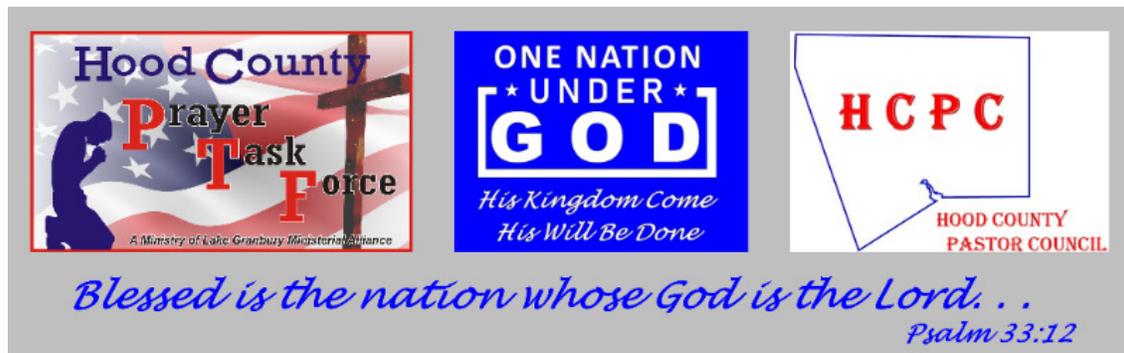


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Pray That We Humble Ourselves

As One Body in Hood County

Then the Lord appeared to Solomon at night and said to him, "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice. If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among My people, and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to the prayer offered in this place..."

2 Chronicles 7:12-14

Reflections

Often times we may read about Israel in the Old Testament and think it has nothing to do with us today, here in the United States. How wrong that thought is. In many ways, America parallels the country of Israel. Our

Challenge

Find the miracles that God performed in the American Revolution. Then find

country is a land founded by people of faith. Like Israel, America was already inhabited by people who did not know the true God. Some of those people embraced the truth and some became enemies of the truth. God's hand was on the people of Israel as they went about conquering the Promised Land and protected it from enemies. God's hand was also on America as she was being formed. Just as Israel wandered in the desert for 40 years preparing to inhabit their land, the American settlers had to be prepared also. They too were set apart. The distance to Europe mandated these settlers to learn how to govern, build, protect, and nourish themselves. These people were strong believers who depended on God for everything. I'm sure they did not see their lives as blessed or much protected. They sacrificed greatly with their lives, their fortunes, and their loved ones. Yet looking back you can see God's hand throughout the founding of America. We are the Promised Land for the people called by the name of Jesus Christ.

Just as Israel could look back and see God's hand, the newly formed America could look back on the Revolutionary War and see the hand of God on them. I encourage you to explore the many miracles God performed for America. He is still performing miracles for America. Sadly, we are endangered of being the people of Hosea 4:6, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge"; and Isaiah 5:13, ". . . therefore my people go into exile for their lack of knowledge".

We must learn to humble ourselves and seek the face of God. In the age of the "me first" generation, we must learn to recognize that God is the King of Kings. He has

the miracles around us today.

Learn to be humble before the Lord.

For Discussion

What makes America different than the other nations.?

Are we still the Promise Land?

What would the world look like without a Christian America?



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the power to establish and destroy people and societies. It is only through His providence that we remain. It is only through His good will that we will survive as a Christian nation. In 1787, Benjamin Franklin was 81 years old. He urged the Continental Congress to begin their daily deliberations with prayer. He said, "I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: that God governs in the affairs of men." I challenge you my brothers and sisters to turn off the television, search history for the miracles of God in this country, and search for the miracles continuing today. God still governs in the affairs of men. Whether it will be to our blessing or our curse depends on us. If we get down on our knees, turn away from our selfish pursuits, and pray; He will hear us and heal our land. Greater is He who is in us than he who is in the world.

Prayer

Hear our prayer O Lord, our God, King of the universe. Forgive our lack of knowledge. Forgive our desire to be entertained instead of educated in your glory. Put in us a hunger to know You, to follow only You, and to trust in only You. Break our hearts for what breaks yours, and let our eyes see and understand what Yours see. Heal our land and bring us back to You.

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