

Something's Gotta Give

Revelation 2:16—*“Repent, or else...”* Repent or “something’s gotta give.” The following Scripture transcends all dispensations and may be applied to any nation, not just Israel.

- Jeremiah 1:5: *...I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.* Jeremiah 18:8: *If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them.*

The cliché “*Something’s Gotta Give*” was the title of a popular song several years ago.

When an irresistible force such as you,
Meets an old immovable object like me.
You can bet as sure as you live, Something's gotta give, something's
gotta give, something's gotta give.

➡ The cliché means that a given situation cannot continue going the same way indefinitely and a change is inevitable.

- Opposing forces are pushing against each other—Something must either yield or it will break under the force or pressure.

Like a game of “tug of war” with two teams pulling in opposite directions, but no one is moving. “Something’s gotta give,” meaning either one of the teams will lose ground or the rope will break (unlikely).

I want to use this cliché as my sermon topic as we consider the direction America is going. America cannot continue opposing God without something snapping—Something’s gotta give.

Recent polls reveal most Americans have little confidence in our government. This lack of trust is justifiable when you consider the NSA spying on American citizens and the IRS targeting conservative organizations.

Between 2010 and 2012 the government spent \$50 million of our tax dollars on parties, political conventions, and social gatherings. That is money taken by the IRS that if you owed them a dime, they would track you down and intimidate you until you pay it. Yet, they can waste \$50 million of your money and get away with it.

➡ Where is America heading? ? Let me suggest four things that will be a factor in America's destiny.

The destiny of America will be determined by its...

I. Remembrance of the SACRED (Ps. 9:17— *The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.*).

- ➡ The words "In God We Trust" appears on our currency, but it has become nothing more than a meaningless cliché to most people.
- ➡ America is forgetting what made it a great nation. America has a heritage that was founded upon the principles of the Bible.
- ➡ A new Gallup survey finds 7 out of 10 Americans (71%) say the signers of the Declaration of Independence would be disappointed in today's United States.¹

A. America's BEGINNINGS. America's roots are in God!

1. Christopher Columbus recognized God's leading in the discovery of our continent. He wrote, "It was the Lord who put in my mind to sail from Spain. I could feel His hand upon me. There is no question that my inspiration to sail came from the Holy Ghost of God."
2. When the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, they knelt upon the shore and thanked God for giving them a new country. The worship of Jesus Christ was at the center of every new settlement in this land.
3. America's first universities, Harvard, Yale, Princeton, were originally established to train preachers and missionaries.
4. Benjamin Franklin: "God surely was no idle spectator when this great nation was born in His name and with His grace."

B. America's BOOK.

- In 1954, Chief Justice Earl Warren was quoted in *Time Magazine*: "I believe no one can read the history of our country without realizing the Good Book and the good Spirit of the

¹ http://politicalwire.com/archives/2013/07/04/most_think_founders_would_be_disappointed_in_us.html

Saviour have from the beginning been our guiding geniuses... I believe the entire Bill of Rights came into being because of the knowledge our forefathers had of the Bible and their belief in it..."

C. America's FORGETFULNESS (Dt. 8:10,11,18,19).

- Abraham Lincoln said more than 125 years ago, "We have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand, which has enriched and strengthen us; and we have vainly imagined that all things were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving Grace, too proud to pray to the God who made us."

Our destiny will be determined by our...

II. Rebuking of SIN (Prov. 14:34— *Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.*).

- ➡ Abraham Lincoln said, "The smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right, which heaven itself has ordained."
- A. SIN—The word "sin" seems to have disappeared. Today we laugh at, and even enjoy what 30 years ago would have shocked us.
- America is corrupted by pornography and sexual perversion. Scandals plague society. Marijuana is legalized. Organized crime flourishes. Human life is no longer held sacred. Drive-by shootings are commonplace. Mass murders, like those of Columbine and Sandyhook, are becoming more frequent.
- B. ABORTION— America still aborts thousands of unborn babies every year. God hates this shedding innocent blood, and it needs to stop!
- C. Now, our government has stuck it's nose into the oldest institution of God on planet earth—MARRIAGE. Is nothing sacred anymore? I hold in my hand the latest

issue of *The Week* magazine with this cover headline: “Marriage Redefined.” God is the Author of marriage and He has already defined marriage as one man united with one woman with the purpose of bringing children into the world. Gay marriages cannot fulfill God’s purpose in marriage. When the government begins to alter what God has ordained from the beginning, they are trespassing on holy ground, and be sure—

This past week a couple of Christians were attacked at Seattle’s gay “Pridefest.” They were physically assaulted and beaten by several gay supporters. It was all caught on video and shown on KOMO news last Wednesday night. Those who were arrested were charged with “misdemeanor assault.” Anyone who saw the video with the profane language uttered by the gay supporters and physical abuse inflicted on those Christians could tell this was nothing less than a “hate crime” against Christians. I guarantee that if it were Christians attacking gays, it would be called a “hate crime” and not just a “misdemeanor assault.”

- Yet, President Obama praises gays for their courage to “come out” and stand up for their perverted lifestyle.
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General Douglas MacArthur was right when he said, "History fails to record a single precedent in which nations subject to moral decay have not passed into political and economic decline. There has been either a spiritual awakening to overcome the normal lapse or a progressive deterioration leading to ultimate national disaster."

Listen, America—If
 something doesn’t change, it ain't going to be pretty!

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III. Righteousness of the SAINTS.

A. (Mt. 5:13).

1. 10 righteous people in Sodom would have spared the city from destruction (Gen. 18:17-32).
 - God told Jeremiah, *“Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it.”* (Jer. 5:1).
 - God said to Ezekiel, *“I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none”* (Ezek. 22:30).
2. I believe God has blessed America because there are still some salty Christians in it living for God!
 - God blessed Laban because of the presence of Jacob (Gen. 37:27).
 - God blessed the house of Potiphar for Joseph’s sake (Gen. 39:5).
 - God blessed the house of Obededom because of the presence the ark of God (2 Sam. 6:12).
 - God spared the mariners in the storm because Paul was on board (Acts 27).
 - A family is sanctified by the presence of a believing spouse (1 Cor. 7:13-16).

➡ Never underestimate the value of the presence of Christians in their community and country.

B. (1 Tim. 2:1-2).

In 1904 a great revival began in Wales. It became international news. The impact on the moral condition of the nation was overwhelming. Judges had almost no cases to try. There were virtually no rapes, robberies, or murders. Drunkenness was cut in half, and many taverns were forced to close for lack of business. ALL OF THIS HAPPENED BECAUSE ONE YOUNG MAN NAMED EVAN ROBERTS BEGAN TO PRAY.

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IV. Relationship to the Jewish STATE.

- American's destiny is determined by her friendship to God's chosen people—Israel, and prayers for Jerusalem's peace (Gen. 12:3; Ps. 122:6).
- Every nation that has ever persecuted the Jews has felt God's judgment. Every nation that has ever stood with the Jews has experienced God's blessing. God has blessed America because America has blessed the Jew. If America wants her fields to remain white with grain, her scientific achievements to remain notable, and her freedom to remain intact, America must continue to stand with Israel.

: We cannot continue on course we are traveling without one of three things happening:

- 1) Repentance, or else...
- 2) Retribution, or
- 3) Rapture

Psalms 33:12 still applies: *Blessed is **the nation** whose God is the LORD.*
and...

Psalms 144:15—...*yea, happy is **that people**, whose God is the LORD.*