**SERMON OUTLINE**

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1. INTRODUCTION
   1. The great American dream was placed into the hearts of our founding fathers by Almighty God.
      1. No nation has ever had such a Christian beginning as America.
   2. The American dream is becoming not a dream, but a nightmare.
      1. The nation we once knew is receding over the horizon.
      2. We have those who claim to lead us who are now such poor examples.
         1. Someone has wisely said that we know when little men cast long shadows that the sun is about to set.
      3. The nation that was born in Philadelphia in 1776 needs to be born again.
   3. America ranks high in homosexuality, militant feminism, divorce, destruction of family values, abortion, political correctness, the occult, and the New Age religion.
      1. If Jesus tarries, then will some historian write, “The Rise and Fall of the American Empire”?
   4. What will happen to our children and grandchildren, the generation to come?
      1. This is what is really concerning.
   5. Psalm 78:1-6
      1. “Dark sayings of old” in this passage refers to the mysterious things that can only be understood by the revelation of Almighty God.
   6. Some time ago, a political campaign’s slogan implied that if you wanted to get a vote from Americans, then don’t worry about morality, righteousness, family, and don’t think about God and churches; only think about one thing, the economy.
      1. But we don’t want a nation that is wealthy and morally bankrupt for our children and grandchildren.
         1. We want a nation we can thank God for; one nation under God.
   7. In today’s message, we will talk about the generation to come and how to keep the great American dream alive as we look at these three words:
      1. History
      2. Memory
      3. Legacy
2. we must preserve our history (psalm 78:4-6)
   1. One of the major responsibilities of fathers and grandfathers is to teach history.
      1. According to the Word of God, there is to be a spiritual chain between the past and the future.
         1. The fathers and the grandfathers are to be links in that chain.
   2. If we don’t know our roots, if we do not remember what God has made us to be, and if we don’t understand what God has done for us, then we as Americans are just one generation away from paganism.
      1. Many parents today don’t want to force their views upon their children.
         1. They want their children to be free to choose their own standard, their own morality, and their own philosophy.
            1. While they are giving them that freedom of choice, there are plenty of forces that are working on their children’s plastic mentality to mold them into their image.
      2. Secular humanism is alive and well in America.
         1. There is an insidious plan to take our children, to remake and remold them, and to cut them off from American history as we knew it.
         2. Secular humanism is a religion.
            1. They disguise it; and therefore, they make the secular classrooms the Sunday school for their new religion.

Only it does not meet on Sunday; it meets on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

* + - 1. A leading humanist has said that the battle for humankind’s future must be waged and won in the public school classroom by teachers who correctly perceive their role as the proselytizers of a new faith.
         1. They say that they will not allow Christian values in the schools today, but will bury the rotting corpse of Christianity.

There will be a new faith that is secular humanism.

* 1. God holds parents responsible to teach their heritage and their history.
     1. It is to go from parent to child to grandchild to great grandchild.
        1. There is to be a spiritual chain.
  2. The Psalmist talked about the history of Israel; but what history do we have in the United States of America?
     1. Revisionists are trying to change our history.
     2. The original colonies were founded because of the Christian faith.
     3. The Pilgrims, who came over on the Mayflower, wrote the Mayflower Compact.
        1. It begins with these words, “In the name of God, Amen.”
        2. They stated that they came to these shores for the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith.
     4. In 1776, our forefathers drafted the Declaration of Independence.
        1. Not only was it a declaration of independence from earthly tyranny, but it was also a declaration of dependence upon Almighty God.
        2. They said in the opening statement that all men are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights.
           1. They believed in the Creator.
           2. They didn’t say that government is going to give these rights.
           3. They didn’t say that these rights are self-generated.
        3. The closing words of the Declaration of Independence include, “We do this with a firm reliance on the protection of the Divine Providence.”
        4. They believed that the sovereign God is the Creator of mankind and that the rights we enjoy as Americans have been given to us by Almighty God.
           1. Our government cannot give them.

Our government is here only to protect them.

* + 1. Many of our children don’t know the price that has been paid for us.
       1. Of the men who signed the Declaration of Independence, few were long to survive.
          1. Some were captured by the British and tortured before they died.
          2. Some had their homes ransacked, looted, and occupied by the enemy.

Some of their homes were burned.

* + - * 1. Two lost their sons in the army.
        2. Some died in the war.
      1. These were not poor men, and they were not wild-eyed fanatics.
         1. These were men who had established themselves, most of them in comfort, but were willing to forgo that comfort so that we, free-born Americans, might be here today.
         2. They pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.
    1. James Madison, the architect of the federal Constitution and the fourth president of the United States, stated that the future of American civilization was staked, not upon the power of the government, but upon the capacity of each of us to govern ourselves according to the Ten Commandments.
       1. Today, we cannot even post the Ten Commandments in our public school classrooms.
    2. In George Washington’s inaugural address, he sought the blessings of God and said, “We are to be no less persuaded that 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.”
    3. Daniel Webster confirmed that our founding fathers brought their high respect for the Christian religion and sought to incorporate and infuse its influence through all their institutions: civil, political, and literary.
    4. John Quincy Adams stated that the highest glory of the American Revolution was that it connected in one dissoluble bond the principles of civil government with the principle of Christianity.
    5. Our founding fathers believed in the separation of church and state, in that there should not be a state church.
       1. But they never believed in the separation of God and government.
    6. Andrew Jackson said that the Bible is the rock upon which our Republic rests.
    7. The United States Congress adopted the “Star-Spangled Banner” as our national anthem, in which the fourth stanza says, “This be our motto – In God is our trust.”
    8. In 1954, Congress adopted the phrase “under God” to be added to the Pledge of Allegiance.
    9. In 1956 by joint resolution, Congress adopted a bill providing that the national motto of the United States would be “In God we trust.”
  1. According to Psalm 78:5, God depended upon the fathers and grandfathers to teach the spiritual history of Israel to their children.
     1. Should we not teach to our children the spiritual history of America?
  2. Not only should we teach our children the history of America, but we also need to teach them the history of our church.
  3. Every family should have its own spiritual history written down.
     1. Teach the spiritual heritage of your family.
        1. Tell your children what God has done for your family.
     2. Get each child to write down their testimony and when they received Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.
  4. The devil wants to disconnect this generation and set them awash in a sea without any spiritual heritage.
  5. We need to remember the generation to come.
     1. Psalm 78:6

1. we must retain our memory (psalm 78:7-11)
   1. Do not forget the blessings of God.
      1. It is easy for us to forget.
      2. God warned Israel in Deuteronomy 6:12.
   2. Ephraim was the dominant tribe.
      1. Ephraim was a strong tribe, but they were defeated in the day of battle because of a poor memory.
         1. They forgot God.
         2. America, like Ephraim, can be destroyed if we forget Almighty God.
   3. There are those who want us to forget.
      1. There are those who are rewriting American history.
         1. When we get cut off from our roots, then the fruit that we have been enjoying will wither and rot.
   4. There are three memory killers that Satan uses:
      1. The lust of the flesh
         1. Psalm 78:17-21
         2. Americans are suffering from an erosion of moral values.
         3. Sexual perversion is paraded.
         4. There is the casual disposal of unwanted, unborn children.
         5. There is the breakup of the family, the consuming obsession of self and material acquisitions, and the craving of pleasure, drugs, and sex.
      2. The lure of the world
         1. Psalm 78:40-42
            1. They limited the Holy One of Israel.
            2. The word “limited” in this passage literally means that they prescribed or put a circle, a horizon around God.

There were certain areas where God was off limits.

They made no room for God in every area of their lives.

* + - 1. In America, there is no room for prayer, the Bible, or the Ten Commandments in our classrooms.
         1. They say that they are not going to be for God, and they are not going to be against God.

They are going to be neutral.

This is like saying that we are neutral about food.

We are not for food, and we are not against food; therefore, nobody will eat food.

* + - 1. We find the following in America’s schools today:
         1. Prayer is out; policemen are in.
         2. Bibles are out; values clarification is in.
         3. The Ten Commandments are out, but armed robbery, gang warfare, and cheating are in.
         4. Creation instruction is out; evolution is in.
         5. Learning is out; social engineering is in.
         6. History is out; revisionism is in.
    1. The lies of the devil
       1. Psalm 78:58
          1. Not only did they shut God in, but they turned to pagan gods.

1. we must reclaim our Legacy (psalm 78:59-61)
   1. Israel was God’s chosen nation, yet God was angry with them and abhorred them.
      1. God is our only hope, and God is our biggest threat.
      2. The great nation of Israel was taken into captivity.
   2. We sing “God Bless America,” but are we asking God to bless sin?
      1. Are we asking God to bless intolerance, greed, perversion, and blasphemy?
   3. America may become a moldy crust in history’s garbage can unless we have a moral and a spiritual awakening.
      1. What kind of nation are we going to leave the generation to come?
         1. What kind of world will they grow up in?
         2. What kind of a land will our children know?
   4. There is no price too high for us to pay for this nation.
   5. What do we need to do?
      1. We need to look up.
         1. God is the only one big enough and strong enough to save us.
         2. God had rather forgive than to judge.
            1. God wants to forgive us.
      2. We need to confess up.
         1. God will not bless sin.
         2. We cannot use our prayers as a smokescreen to hide sin.
         3. We need to get right with God.
      3. We need to stand up.
         1. The world is trying to get us in our little stained-glass prisons and tell us that we need to stay in our holy huddles and not go out into the public arena.
            1. They don’t want us to call sin, sin.
         2. We need to come out from under the rock, stand on the rock, and say some things today.
      4. We need to speak up.
         1. We need to understand what the issues are.
         2. We need to speak up while we still have time.
         3. Leviticus 26:8
         4. Romans 8:31
2. CONCLUSION
   1. We don’t know what God will do with America.
      1. We don’t know whether the Republic that was born in 1776 will survive.
      2. We don’t know because we cannot control the hearts and minds of other people.
         1. But Jesus is the King of the universe, and He is the King of the ages.
   2. Give your heart to Jesus Christ today, and teach the generation to come that if they will know and love Jesus, then no matter what happens, it will ultimately be all right.
   3. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
   4. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
      1. Romans 3:23
      2. Romans 10:9-10
      3. Romans 10:13
      4. Acts 16:31
      5. John 3:16