

State of the Union

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I. Introduction.

- A. Our nation faces the dangers of secularism and relativism, which results when man is the center of all things.
- B. God judges all nations when they forget him. (Psalm 9; Proverbs 29:1; 28:2; Psalm 8:17; Genesis 6:7; 1 Chronicles 21)
- C. God turns back his wrath because of people repenting and humbling themselves before him. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

II. America's roots.

- A. Fifty-two of the fifty-six founding fathers were evangelical Christians.
- B. The truth of our history is vital to Christian living.
- C. The Supreme Court used the Bible for many of their decisions.

III. "Separation of Church and State" does not appear in the constitution.

- A. It was instituted to protect the church from the state, but people eventually applied to remove religion from the state.
- B. When it was misapplied, education went down.
- C. Education should be based on Christianity because it is the only religion that deals with the heart.
- D. Sexually transmitted diseases increased.
- E. Broken families increased.

IV. Response.

- A. Face the facts.
- B. Do not panic. God is still sovereign. (Psalm 75:6-7; 115:3; Isaiah 46:10)
- C. Pray for our nation.
- D. Watch your own life. (Jeremiah 17:9; Ecclesiastes 11:19; 2 Corinthians 5:17)
 - 1. Admit you have a need.
 - 2. Be willing to change.
 - 3. Believe that when Jesus died on the cross, God laid on him the sins of all.

4. As an act of your will, by faith invite Jesus into your life. (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

E. Take a stand. (Psalm 12:1; 11:3)

F. Do not be intimidated. (Luke 12:8-9)

G. Be politically incorrect.

H. Be informed.

I. Teach your children biblical morality and priorities.

V. Conclusion.

Application questions:

1. What are some ways America is on the decline?

2. How should American Christians understand the separation of church and state?

3. What are some different ways you can respond to the decline while maintaining love? Explain.
