

## ONE NATION UNDER GOD

### David – Part 5

2 Samuel 1-5

July 4, 2010

- **After a season of waiting, David found that (decisive action) was necessary to accomplish God’s will.**

*“In the course of time, David inquired of the LORD. ‘Shall I go up to one of the towns of Judah?’ he asked. The LORD said, ‘Go up.’ ...David also took the men who were with him, each with his family, and they settled in Hebron and its towns. Then the men of Judah came to Hebron and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah.” – 2 Samuel 2:1-4*

- **A long and (difficult struggle) was necessary to make Israel one nation under God.**

*“Meanwhile, Abner son of Ner, the commander of Saul’s army, had taken Ish-Bosheth son of Saul and brought him over to Mahanaim. He made him king over...all Israel.” – 2 Samuel 2:8-9*

*“The war between the house of Saul and the house of David lasted a long time. David grew stronger and stronger, while the house of Saul grew weaker and weaker.” – 2 Samuel 3:1*

*“All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, ‘We are your own flesh and blood. In the past, while Saul was king over us you were the one who led Israel on their military campaigns. And the LORD said to you, ‘You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler.’ When all of the elders of Israel had come to King David at Hebron, the king made a compact with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel.” – 2 Samuel 5:1-3*

*“We have heard with our ears O God; our fathers have told us what you did in their days, in days long ago.” – Psalm 44:1*

## **Our Heritage as Americans:**

- **In 1776, 11 of the 13 colonies required that one had to be Christian to run for political office.**
- **In 1777, the Continental Congress voted to spend \$300,000 to purchase Bibles for distribution in the nation.**
- **94% of the writings of the founding fathers of the U.S. contain quotations from the Bible.**
- **All U. S. Presidents take their oath of office with their hands on the Bible and conclude their vow by saying, "...so help me God."**
- **One third of President George Washington's first inaugural address in 1789 was devoted to asking God for guidance and strength for our nation.**
- **The Supreme Court begins each session with the phrase "God save the United States and this honorable court."**
- **Our first Vice President and second President John Adams wrote in 1798: "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."**
- **John Adams said: "The general principles on which the Fathers achieved independence were the principles of Christianity." He went on to say of our observance of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, "It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to Almighty God."**
- **Our sixth President, John Quincy Adams said: "No book in the world deserves to be so unceasingly studied, and so profoundly meditated upon as the Bible."**
- **At the Constitutional Convention in 1787, Benjamin Franklin said: "God governs the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid?"**
- **Woodrow Wilson (our 28<sup>th</sup> President) said: "America was born a Christian nation. America was born to exemplify that devotion to the elements of righteousness which are derived from the revelations of Holy Scripture." (1911)**
- **Gerald Ford (38<sup>th</sup> President) quoted a speech by former President Dwight Eisenhower: "Without God there could be no American form of government, nor an American way of life. Recognition of the Supreme Being is the first—the most basic—expression of Americanism. Thus the founding fathers of America saw it, and thus with God's help, it will continue to be." (1974)**
- **Ronald Reagan said: "If we forget that we are 'One nation, under God,' then we will be one nation gone under."**
  
- **In 1853 Congress was petitioned for the separation of Christian principles from government, a separation of church and state. After nearly a year of the House and Senate Judiciary Committees studying the matter, the two groups returned almost identical reports. The Senate Judiciary Committee**

said, “In this age, there is no substitute for Christianity...that was the religion of the founders of the republic and they expected it to remain the religion of their descendants.” Two months later the House Judiciary Committee added, “The great vital and conservative element in our system [the thing that holds our system together] is the belief of our people in the pure doctrine and the divine truths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.” The committees went on to explain that they could not separate these principles of Christianity from the government because it was these principles which made us so successful.

### What Can I Do to Bring about Change?

1. I can (pray) for change.

*“If my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” – 2 Chronicles 7:14*

2. I can (participate) in the political process.

*“Jesus said to them, ‘Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what it God’s.’” -- Matthew 22:21*

3. I can (persuade) those around me.