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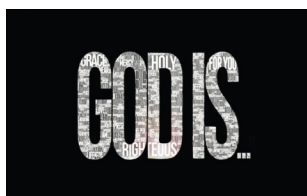
THE REMINDER

Looking Over Jordan

Will America bless God? God is sovereign, and what He wills to do He does in righteousness and wisdom. Sometimes God allows violent and disrespectful people to oppress His own people and their leaders. God allows these attackers, who are inflamed by ill will and anger, to try and ruin the people of God. It is as if they are at war with God's people!

BIRTHDAY

None this month



God is all powerful, and His justice does not change with the tides. God is all and ever wise, and He chooses perfectly the things which please Him in this world. He is the standard of morality in His rule over all things which glorify Him. As part of this, He cares about the happiness of His covenant people! God's people are not perfect; we make mistakes and we goof up. We often drift away from God and let our obedience take a back seat to the circumstances. Sometimes we find ourselves guilty of significant transgressions and sins against God and others.

So God decides to punish us when we revolt. When we try and get away from God and from the obedience the flows from faith, punishments might bring us back from what they used to call "backsliding." Remember the old adage, "spare the rod, spoil the child?" Psalm 89:32 says, "Then I will punish their transgression with the rod And their iniquity with stripes." God will do this among us when it fits the situation, with this punishment or that judgment just as He pleases, as a Loving Heavenly Father. So we need to realize this is happening, that God is providentially acting in all public horrors and disasters. God is the judge, and God governs in our lives. That is why we pray in the bad times, when tough things are happening.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY



- Income: \$4749
- Expense: \$6851

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truly appreciated!*

Sometimes people pretend to be out for the greater good of our country when they are not. They might be simply cunning and ambitious people actually trying to ruin society on purpose. They harass all that is good, to bring upset and injury to God's people and their peace and liberty. Tyrants and tyranny are real. Cruelty is not far down the street, and psychopaths and sociopathic tyrants lack empathy. But in all this trouble we must acknowledge God's over-ruling providence, and see if He is providentially showing his immediate anger and judgment upon our country.

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God is very fair, and brings His wise and appropriate decisions to bear on all God's people. In Leviticus 26-28 we learn that God promised blessings for obedience to His commands, and promised judgment upon disobedience. Israel was a country, a nation, and these judgments took place publicly and to the whole people of Israel.

But when the people chose to obey, and to follow God's laws, then they were prosperous, were victorious in battle, and had what they needed and more. Again, when they rejected God they lived as a corrupt and weak country. The other powerful nations ruled over them, and they were raided, pillaged and oppressed. When God's public calamity came to them, either by nature or by other nations, it was always a just punishment for their national sins!

We would do well to avoid Israel's mistakes. May people in our nation, in our community, in our time return to God with a whole heart filled with repentance. May we repent of our national sins and then prove we have repented.

May America bless God!

Happy because of Jesus,

Pastor James



Everyone is welcome to come
to the vesper service at
The Carillon
Sunday, July 28 @ 4 PM

Jesus
Unconditionally
Loves
You!



What Kind of a "Nut" is He?

- He wants to run his own business.
- He wants to select his own doctor.
- He wants to make his own bargains.
- He wants to buy his own insurance.
- He wants to select his own reading matter.
- He wants to provide for his own old age.
- He wants to make his own contracts.
- He wants to select his own charities.
- He wants to educate his own children as he wishes.
- He wants to make his own investments.
- He wants to select his own friends.
- He wants to provide his own recreation.
- He wants to compete freely in the market place.
- He wants to grow by his own efforts.
- He wants to profit from his own errors.
- He wants to compete with ideas.
- He wants to be a man of good will.

What kind of nut is he?

He's an American who understands and believes in the Declaration of Independence, that's what kind. Aren't you glad you are, too? And don't you wonder why so many of our fellow Americans are trying so hard to destroy the kind of life that has made us the aim and the envy of every other people on earth?

—Author Unknown