

“Is it possible for the Living God to still bless America?”

You have heard everybody say this at one time or another....the politicians, the preachers, the teachers, business people, everybody. All you have to do is put a person before an audience and sooner or later, most of them always add this to the ending of their speech. That familiar and I mean all too familiar ending is: “God bless America.” At some time in the past I decided that I would like to suggest a change to this phrase to any and all peoples that wanted to end their speech with the phrase “God bless America.” Please do not misunderstand me. I desire for America all the blessings that God has to offer. My hope for Americans is to actively seek the blessings that God is willing to bestow on us but I fear that we take so much for granted, that we use the words without desiring their fulfillment. The change that I would like to suggest as the ending to a speech is for the speaker to simply say; “God has blessed America and let me tell you how.” The speaker then gives a few heartfelt statements about how God has blessed America and then shuts up and sits down. Then, I believe the audience is left with thinking about what they might add to the list. Let’s have people begin **to think** about our blessings. Yes, we already know what we would place on our list. So, if you ever have an opportunity to speak to any group of people. Give your audience an opportunity to think about their blessings.

Now that I hope you have decided to change your ending to your next speech, what about the topic for this month.....what about the question? “Is it possible for the Living God to still bless America?” America, a nation

That emphasizes the belief that all men are created equal.

In which Freedom of Speech exists for all.

Where Freedom of Religion is still an important part of our culture.

That offers a better and safer life for immigrants who still seek this as the land of opportunity.

Of people who still believe in the freedoms of others around the world so much that we put out own lives in danger for them.

Of choices, choices, choices. Food, clothing, transportation.....

Politically that is “a public affair” (republic) in which we hold as most important the constitution and the people’s right to vote.

So, my answer to the question is a resounding Yes, Yes, Yes. The Living God is still blessing America. We just need to take the time to not just recognize our blessings but to let the world know that our blessings continue because of a Loving and Living God. Also, I think a most important question is.....Will these blessings from our Living God continue? There have been many powerful nations and civilizations in times past. There were the great ancient civilizations of Mesopotamia, Greece, Rome. They exist no more. There were many powerful nations of the world in times past and that power is not as great today as in times past. Some believe that God continues to deal with peoples and nations and their judgments are an incremental loss of power as time passes. A loss of power that God is responsible for because of the indiscretions of its people. Many

reasons can be given by many groups of people who might accept this line of thinking of mine. But my reason that I offer for your consideration is:

The Lord speaking to Abram:

“I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” (Genesis 12:2-3)

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Yes, but we must understand there are conditions and responsibilities that are ours for these blessings to continue.

God has blessed America and I pray that he continues to do so and let me share with you some that are most important to me. Think and actjust like you want the blessings to continue.

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