

An American flag is shown waving on a wooden pole against a blue sky with white clouds. The flag is the central focus of the image, with its stars and stripes clearly visible. The text is overlaid on the flag.

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INTRODUCTION



We live in a time when America is far removed from what it once was. There is no doubt that God shed his grace upon this country, just as he did with Israel and Judah. America today is unrecognizable as the America that once was. In these two sermons, Brother Gordon exposes the development and promotion of the Satanic, secular religion of humanism, its promotion in our public schools, and the effect it has had in turning this nation away from the principles it was founded upon.

While we have witnessed many changes that have subtly brought about the change towards the advancement of an evil, humanistic, secular society, not all has changed. While America may no longer be what it once was, God is still God. And we as God's people have a job to do.





I'd like to turn to the book of Isaiah, chapter 5. We'll read verse 8, then we'll read verses 11 through 14, then versus 18 through 23.

Verse 8, *"Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no place, that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth!"*

Verse 11, *"Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them! And the harp, and the viol, the tabret, and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts: but they regard not the work of the LORD, neither consider the operation of his hands. Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst. Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it."*

Verse 18, *"Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope: That say, Let him make speed, and hasten his work, that we may see it: and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know it! Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink: Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!"*

This chapter opens in verses 1 and 2, with a song about God's Vineyard. In verse 2, He says, well verse 1, *"My wellbeloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill: And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also made a winepress therein: and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes."*

He paints a picture of a very beautiful Vineyard. We're told in verse 7, that this vineyard is Israel, *"For the vineyard of the*

LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant" fruit. As you read those verses, verses 1 & 2, with the exception of the last line of verse 2, "*and it brought forth wild grapes*", it portrays God's gracious and abundant blessings upon Israel. In verse 3, God speaks and calls Israel to personal examination, calls them to personal judgement. He states in verse 4 that He had made every provision on His part for them to produce the fruits of righteousness. As the last words of verse two state, they failed, they brought forth wild grapes.

In verses 5 and 6, God states His judgment upon them. Basically, what He says there is, "I have hedged you in but I'm removing the hedge." I'm removing the hedge, and the result was first Syria, then Assyria, and then Babylon. God removed the hedge. That's God's judgement. When God removes the hedge, you're under the judgement of the Lord.

The balance of the chapter mentions the specific sins that brought this judgment of God. We're not going to go into these verses that we just read. We just want to mention a few things. In verse 8, there's the sin of materialism. Verses 11 and 12, there's the sin of drunkenness and revelry. In their drunkenness and revelry, they care nothing for the deeds of God. They had no respect for the work of God's hands. In other words, God was forgotten. In verse 13, there's the sin of spiritual ignorance. In verse 18, it says, "*... they draw iniquity with cords of vanity.*" That is, they're attached to their sin, they are deeply involved in it. Then it goes on to say, "*and sin as it were a cart rope*", that is, they expended their energy, they expended all their energy, as though you would pull on a cart rope. They expended all their energy in sin. In verse 20, there is the sin of placing man's values ahead of God's, holding up evil as good. In verse 21, there's the sin of self-deception and pride. In verse 22, the sin of drunkenness in leaders. In verse 23, the government was ready to be bribed. They did not care for the people that they were ruling. They were only concerned for their own well-being. As you read these verses, we see that Israel was no longer what it was in verse 2. You read verse 2, and you read the rest of the chapter, and Israel was no longer what they were. What we've just read is a picture of our own country. America is no longer what it once was. It's gone.

In light of such, what should a child of God do? We're not

going to cover this morning. We will cover it tonight. I want to speak this morning on, "**America Is No Longer What It Once Was, But Not All Has Changed**". Then that will lead into this evening's message. I could very easily preach this message and just go into this evening's message and we could be here that long. We won't be.

I want to say first of all, pray for me. This is the type of message that's very easy to get in the flesh and I don't want to do that. I do want to say, that I thank God for the establishment of this nation. I thank God for the America that most of us grew up in. I'm grateful to those who have served, those who have given their life for this country. Since 1775, the beginning of the Revolutionary War, there have been over a million soldiers killed, over three million wounded, and many, many missing. Military men and women, and their families, have been willing to go into terrible places, away from family and friends, to protect our liberty and the liberty of others. We realize that there's a very high price has been paid for the America that was. We realize that, and we're thankful for that. But, we must come also to the painful and sorrowful realization that America is far removed from what it once was.

There is no doubt in my mind, and I praise God for the fact, that God, just as he did with Israel and Judah, shed His grace upon this country. But, sadly, many of us, if not most of us here, have witnessed, in our lifetime, the downfall of this country. America today is unrecognizable as the America that once was.

First of all, we are no longer a nation that recognizes God. America was settled by people looking for a religious freedom. People who had a strong desire to be and to do what was pleasing to God. But America is no longer what it once was. The nation was founded by men and women who acknowledged God's supreme rule over men and nations. But America is no longer what it once was.

Most do not realize it, well most here probably do, that the Star Spangled Banner has 4 verses. Because it's usually, of course only the first verse, that is generally sung. It's a beautiful song. It represents a glorious history. It represents what America was. In the fourth verse there are the words, "praise the power that has made and preserved us a nation and this be our motto in God we

trust." People would have a stroke if that part was sung today.

When the writers of the Declaration of Independence were debating how it should be written, at one point they were so sharply divided that it didn't look like they were going to be able to continue on. Benjamin Franklin stood and called the men to pray. Out of that, of course, arose the phrase "e pluribus unum", out of many one.

John Quincy Adams, would become president in 1821, said about the Declaration of Independence, "From the time of the Declaration of Independence, the American people were bound by the laws of God and the laws of the gospel of Jesus Christ, which they all acknowledge as the root of their conduct. We all came together to obey the word of God." That is gone.

Patrick Henry said, "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists but by Christians not on religion but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ." You're not going to see or hear that today, taught in schools. That America is gone.

If you were to take a tour of historic sites, and in particular Washington DC, it would be revealed to you that this nation was birthed by men and women who had a deep conviction concerning God, and had a firm reliance upon Almighty God. Inscribed upon many of our building and monuments and on many of our national symbols is our nation's faith in God. But America is no longer what it once was.

In our history as a nation, Satan and the forces of hell, the enemies and the haters, and despisers of God and His ways, the deniers of God and His ways, the rebels against God and His ways, those who are offended by God, those who consider God to be a nuisance, have descended, not just this last couple of weeks, this has been going on for decades, decades, decades, has descended upon our nation and has engaged in a cultural war, a revolution that stands in direct opposition to God and His ways. They have been relentless, they have been determined in there all out assault upon America. The result is, America is no longer what it once was. It's no longer.

John Dewey is most often remembered in his efforts in establishing our current educational system. Also known, of course, for the Dewey System in your libraries. He was one of the

chief signers of the 1933 Humanist Manifesto. That Manifesto contained 15 tenants. I would suggest you get online and read it.

The very first tenant is, "Religious humanist regard the universe as self-existing and not created." That's evolution.

The second tenant, "Humanism believes that man is a part of nature and that he has emerged as a result of continuous progress."

The fifth tenant is stated, "Humanism asserts that the nature of the universe depicted by modern science makes unacceptable any supernatural guarantees of human values." In other words, science trumps God. It goes on to say, "Religion must formulate its hopes and plans in the light of scientific spirit and method."

In the sixth tenant it is stated, "We are convinced that the time is past for theism and deism."

In the ninth tenant it is stated, "In the place of the old attitudes involved in worship and prayer, the humanist finds his religious emotions expressed in a heightened sense personal life and a cooperative effort to promote social well being."

In the thirteenth tenant it is stated, "Humanism maintains that all associations and institutions exist for the fulfillment human life." And goes on to say, "Certainly religious institutions, their ritualistic forms, ecclesiastical methods, and communal activities must be reconstructed as rapidly as experience follows, in order to function effectively in the modern world."

In the fourteenth tenant it is stated, "A socialized and cooperative economic order must be established, to the end that, the equitable distribution of the means of life be possible." And it goes on to say, "Humanists demand a shared life and a shared world."

The fifteenth tenant is, "Though we consider the religious forms and ideas of our fathers no longer adequate, the quest for the good life is still the central task for mankind. Man is at last becoming aware that he is alone responsible for the realization of the world of his dreams, that he has within himself the power for its achievement. He must set intelligence and will to the task." Secular humanism is an attempt to function as a civilized society with the exclusion of God and his principals. Again, John Dewey was one of the chief singers of that document in 1933.

Their primary approach was to target youth through the

public school system. Forty years later, in 1973, Humanist Manifesto number two was formulated and simply enlarges upon Humanist Manifesto [number one, and] number three and is even more sickening.

Under the heading of "religion" it is stated, "We believe that traditional dogmatic or authoritarian religions that place revelation, God, ritual, or creed above human needs and experience, do a disservice to the human species." Then it goes on to say, "Promises of immortal salvation and fear of eternal damnation are both illusory and harmful."

Under the heading of "ethics" it is stated, "We affirm that moral values derive their source from human experience and are situational, needing no theological or ideological sanction. Ethics stem from human need and interest."

It has been 82 years since the Humanist Manifesto of 1933. How many have sacrificed their children, and we all have to some degree, upon the altars of humanism. We do it in the name of education. We do it in the name of entertainment. Do you realize that the Supreme Court decided that secular humanism is a religion in 1961? On June 17th, 1963, that's two years after they decided that humanism was a religion, the Supreme Court of the United States ban government endorse prayer and Bible reading in the public schools. The Court's ruling that day was a ruling in favor of the religion of secular humanism. In 1968 the Supreme Court of the United States overturned state laws that ban the teaching of evolution in government-funding schools. Again the government, or the Court ruled in favor of the religion of secular humanism. God and His ways were expelled from the schools.

We are now a society where the median age is 37.6 years and about eighty percent of the population was born from 1960 on. That makes us feel pretty old. Eighty percent from 1960 on. You say, "What's your point?" That's significant. Because, what it means is is the vast majority of our population, like eighty percent of it, have lived their entire lives under the perverted narration and bombardment and the lies and the control and the manipulation of humanism and secularism. The vast majority of our population have live their entire lives exposed to anti-God philosophies of the militant secularist. The vast majority of our population have live their entire lives in a society infiltrated by the Godless religion of

secular humanism. The vast majority of our population have lived their entire lives in the classrooms of humanism and under the intimidation of humanism. The vast majority of our population for their entire lives have had their brains saturated with the twisted and perverted and erroneous beliefs and views and feelings and attitudes of those who are offended by God and those who absolutely are hostile toward God.

American culture has progressively denied God, has progressively denied God's word. God and His words have been systematically pushed out of the national consciousness and we have degenerated into a Godless society. The Godless religion of secular humanism has infiltrated every facet of our society. We read in Psalms 9 verse 17, “... *the wicked shall be turned into hell and all Nations that forget God.*” Be sure of this, a nation that, or people that, turns its back upon God, sets its face towards hell. That's what America has done. So, make no mistake about it, America is no longer what it once was.

Secondly, we are no longer a republic or free nation. Our Pledge of Allegiance says, “I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands.” A republic is a state in which supreme power is held by the people. That's not the case. It is exercised by representatives elected by them. That is, our government represents us. That's not the case. We're no longer a republic. Our government was intended, it was designed to serve and to protect America and its citizens. But, priorities of government have changed from serving the common good to serving its own agenda and self-interest. Again, The Star Spangled Banner has four verses and each one of those verses ends with the words, “land of the free and the home of the brave”. That's not true. We're not the land of the free. We are an enslaved nation. Plato said, “... in a republic democracies will always succumb to tyranny.” We've seen it. We've seen it.

There is an over extension of the powers of the Supreme Court. After World War II, in an unwritten way, Congress basically gave its power away, in regards to war and foreign policy, to the president, and its power to decide issues of race and gender and religion and culture and morality to Supreme Court, which is all unconstitutional. The logic behind this is, these are issues that cost votes. So, doesn't it make sense to turn these issues over to

justices, and I use that term loosely, appointed for life who *never* face the voters? We'll just turn it over to them. May I say that many of these justices have cared nothing about what is right, but rather relish in remaking our society according to their own vision and beliefs. Make no mistake about it, we are under the rule of a judicial dictatorship. We have been for a long time. It's just becoming more and more evident all the time.

When they overturned what states voted, back in the early sixties, concerning evolution, that's a dictatorship. "Well, we all have a vote." You keep telling yourself that. Our votes don't mean anything anymore. It's been proven. We're under the rule of a judicial dictatorship, where judges twist phrases in the Constitution to impose their ideology upon a once free people.

The Supreme Court is an activist court, not judges who are able to put ideology aside, and that's not all of them of course. They are a political organization, not a body that seeks to uphold the Constitution. This judicial dictatorship, I remind you, expelled God from the schools and ruled in favor of the religion of Godless secular humanism. That same judicial dictatorship, in 1973, ruled that it was legal for the United States to murder the helpless unborn. And on June 26th, [2016] this judicial dictatorship, once again, ruled in favor of Satan and the religion of a Godless secular humanism in redefining marriage. They have now imposed, **5 people have imposed**, its mandate, redefining marriage, on all 50 states. You tell yourself whatever you need to to make yourself feel good. That is a judicial dictatorship.

Five agents of Satan have overturned what had been enacted democratically by statewide referendum. Five individuals mandate, to a once democratic republic, what laws we may or may not enact. Five individuals enshrine in the Constitution a redefinition of marriage. Do you realize that prior to 1962 that sodomy was a felony in all 50 states. Just prior to 1962, **a felony** in all 50 states. But now, the abomination of sodomy is enshrined in the constitution of this country. America is no longer what it once was.

Not only are we enslaved to a judicial dictatorship, our government, without chain and whip, has enslaved us to a debt that it has accumulated, not by serving the people, but by preserving its own power base. A country that had always look at the future with

hope. Most of us can look back, when we first got married and we first started out, that we could look forward to the future [and] it's hope. That America is gone. It's gone. We've had our future stolen. We've allowed it to be stolen. Who stole it? Our own government. The people that are supposed to represent us have stolen our future. America's no longer what I once was.

There's a lot of slave masters. We can preach a whole message on this. There's a lot of slave masters in the United States. There's the slave master called entitlements. It's a slave master. A nation, for the most part, lives under the intimidation of yet another slave master called public opinion. You ever wonder why so many ... I mean polls are taken on everything nowadays. Because people are enslaved by the public opinion. You can make a poll say whatever you want it to say.

The nation for the most part lives under the powerful influence of yet another slave master called materialism. It's a slave master.

The nation as a whole lives under the intimidation of yet another slave master called political correctness. This slave master serves as the language police and is encroaching on our daily lives with increasing regularity and is taking hold of life. Even politicians who might have some grasp, and there aren't very many of them, of truth, they're afraid to say it. They're afraid to say it. Political correctness basically says, your rights end where my feelings begin. That's basically what it says. To defend so and so, you can't say it. Well pretty soon you can't say anything. That's exactly the point.

The slave master of political correctness presents itself as one sensitive to race. That's a lie. As one sensitive to gender and that's a lie. One sensitive to multiculturalism. It's all lies. The underlying premise of political correctness is all about controlling what people say. *They don't care about race! They don't care about gender!* They just want to control what can be said. ***They want to shut up the truth!*** They want to dismantle any semblance of God and His word.

If you think for a moment that the sodomites and the far left are going to stop with their homosexual marriages, you are deceived. That's not their goal. Their goal is to shut up everyone who stands opposed. They're not going to stop. "Well, at least

they have this now and they'll ... we'll just go on". Oh! *Oh, you, you poor thing, if you believe that!*

Political correctness, of course, is especially harsh upon God's people, demonizing those who dare speak their beliefs in public. America is no longer what it once was.

We're no longer a righteous nation. Our history can be seen in basically three segments. Theism is when a people have a certainty about the existence and character and purposes of God. That goes back to the days of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. That segment was gradually eclipsed. In United States history, modernism is when man and his abilities began to be exalted. Any time that happens, man's dependence upon God begins to wane. Here we are today, in postmodernism. We could argue, but I believe it basically has its root in the sixties, but you can make an argument for before that. We are now a post-modern, post God society. In other words, we live in a society that is the result of modernism.

We have allowed Hollywood, pop culture, mainstream media, media who have all sat under the brainwashing of humanism, to determine our values. I say our, I'm not talking about you and I. We are a society that has redefined, justified, minimised sin. Ours is now a society where immorality is exalted and biblical standards are mocked. It's as if the sewer has been open and filth is everywhere.

Evil, like a tidal wave, has come upon this nation. The vast majority of the population, having lived their entire lives being brainwashed and believing that they must be tolerant. I will not sign any piece of paper ... "you have to be tolerant toward ... ". It's not happening, because I know their definition of tolerance. I'm not going to mistreat, but I'm not going to sign any piece of paper "... being tolerant". You have to sign it to get into almost every university today in this country. There's no way I'm signing it. You shouldn't either.

They've been brainwashed into believing that they must be tolerant. What they mean by tolerant is you must accept, you must accommodate, you must embrace that which is an abomination to God. They see no shame in their sinful and vile ways. America now celebrates that which is demonic and abominable. It was sickening that the president of the United States, and that the

government of the United States would allow it to happen, and that the people of the United States would allow it to happen, for the White House to be lit up in rainbow colors. It's a disgrace. It's a disgrace. It's amazing to me that God didn't consume us right then and there.

So, we're not what we once were, but not all as changed. Sadly, this nation, which was once was great, has so drastically changed, once again, that we can no longer recognize it as the country we grew up in. It's heartbreaking, it's heartbreaking.

I refused to call them "gays". They're not gays, they're sodomites. I refused the rainbow as a "beautiful thing". They're about to ruin that. Though we long to see again the American that was, not all has changed. God has not changed. We sang about that several times today. God is still God. I got to keep telling myself that everyday. God is still God. God is still everything that He's represented to be in this book. God still reigns supreme. The Supreme Court is not the Supreme Court. He reigns, working all things according to His will.

Again, we don't know what the future holds, the song we just sang, but we know who holds the future. Oh how true. He holds the hearts of men in His hands, turning them whithersoever He will. God is able. God is able.

He is still able to do His works that are recorded in the word of God. Still able to do all of those things.

God still loves His people. He's still everything that his people need. He's still our refuge. He's still our fortress. He's still our rock and still our help. He's the one who hears the cries of His people. He's still the answer.

Don't fall into the trap, "Well, we need to elect the right man." Do you honestly believe that putting a right person in the White House is going to change this country? Oh it could give us a little reprieve. I don't doubt that. But our problems are far more deeply rooted than that. I don't see too many people, I was going to say "any", but I guess that's probably not true, that have the courage to stand up and do what needs to be done. The American people for the most part wouldn't tolerate it if someone did. God is still the answer.

Though this country is no longer what it was, God is. God is. It pains me to think about the country that young ones will

grow up in. It pains me. It really does. It bothers me. The word of God has not changed. The Supreme Court and all its rulings, and all of their overturning of laws cannot overturn this book, no matter how hard they try. It can't be done. "Thus saith the Lord" still stands. No matter how strenuous the effort, God's word cannot be destroyed. It cannot be silenced. Oh they might not listen to it, but it cannot be silenced.

In spite of the full-scale assault on biblical values God's word remains pure God's word remains flawless, untainted, and real. The generations that still hold, people that still hold the truth ... there are members of your own family that can't hardly wait for you to be out of the way. They can't hardly wait to get us out of the way. In the meantime, they'll do everything they can to silence us. If there was ever a time when we need to speak louder, it's today. It's today. God's word is real, it's true, it's right, it's unwavering, it's unshakable, it's guaranteed, it's unfailing, it's reliable, it's alive. It's still the hammer that can break the rock to pieces. You cannot legislate morality and the fire that can consume. America is no longer what it once was, and the America which once was is gone. But glory to God, not all has changed. God hasn't changed.

We need to realize, and we'll speak more on this tonight, we need to realize where our citizenship and patriotism truly lies. We need to get serious about serving God, because the day is soon coming, the day is soon coming, when we are going to be cast in jail or kill. That day is coming. It's not far away. I mean it could happen overnight. It's not far away and we had better *know who the enemy is*. We better know that.

I am thankful that I was born in the greatest country on earth. Will I stand here and tell you today that America is the greatest country on earth? No, I can't say that. I wish I could. I can't say that. We were the 21st or 23rd, I can't remember, country that said it's okay for sodomites to marry. There are like was like 79 other countries where it's still against the law.

We ought to be thankful for the nation we are privileged to live in. We ought to be thankful also for the time which God has placed us. Cause God knows what He's doing. But do not be intimidated by what's going on in this country. And do not be afraid to speak. People say, "Well we need to put in writing this,

this, and this.” The Supreme Court overrules everything. What you put in writing doesn't mean anything. We better come to that realization. We are under a judicial dictatorship that needs to be overthrown. “Well you're calling for civil disobedience.” No, I'm not.

I'm going to stop there.

