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This month we Americans celebrate Independence Day. July the 4th is considered the birthday of our nation, but two declarations were made on that day in 1776. Of course we are all aware that on that day our founding fathers declared independence from England by signing The Declaration Of Independence, but in that most important document they also made another declaration, Dependence On Almighty GOD. The Declaration Of Independence ends with the following words to which all Americans need to know.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, Assembled **appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions**, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these united Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States, that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. ~~ **And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence**, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

The signers of The Declaration Of Independence appealed to the **Supreme Judge of the world** for rectitude of their intentions. The American Dictionary of 1828 gives a clear definition of the word "rectitude" as used in The Declaration Of Independence. It means: rightness of principle or practice; uprightness of mind; exact conformity to truth, or to the rules prescribed for moral conduct, either by divine or human laws. Perfect rectitude belongs only to the Supreme Being. The signers believed GOD to be the custodian of perfect rectitude and therefore appealed to HIM for the right heart and mind in this great undertaking of independence.

"With a firm **reliance** on the protection of **Divine Providence**."

We know that Divine pertains to the true GOD, and in the language of the day **Divine Providence** is understood as **GOD HIMSELF**.

Our founding fathers never intended for this government or people to be independent of GOD but rather enforced the view that they relied on HIM for a right heart, wisdom, and protection. There was no separation of GOD and State in their thinking, on the contrary they sought for Divine Intervention. They won independence because of their dependence on **ALMIGHTY GOD!**

The pathway to victory always begins with a dependence on GOD.

Proverbs 21:30 & 31 says, "**There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD. The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of the LORD.**"

In the past 10 years America has seen some pretty hard times. The terrorist attacks of 911 which brought about great loss of life, hurricanes Katrina and Rita which devastated the south and Gulf coast regions, the collapse of the housing market, soaring fuel prices, the war in Iraq, California wild fires, and Midwest flooding all of which will cost our already ailing economy billions of dollars.

This is not the time for America to declare it's independence from GOD, and yet there are those who blindly seek to do so. Removal of prayer from schools, legalizing abortion, legalized gay marriages, and adopting the idea that homosexuality is an acceptable alternative lifestyle are all acts of independence from the known nature of GOD. Adam acted independent of GOD when he disobeyed and ate the forbidden fruit and it cost him everything. If America is to survive and prosper in this dark hour it must turn back to GOD and once again declare it's dependence upon HIM. But it must first begin with the Church, as the Church goes, so goes the nation. **For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God,** (1 Peter 4:17a) as Christians who claim to know the truth we must declare to this world that our dependence is on CHRIST, and that we will not compromise that position!

2 Chronicles 7:14 must be our passion, and it goes like this: **If my people, which are called by my name, shall 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 will heal their land.**

On this Independence Day, lets declare our DEPENDENCE on GOD!
 May GOD Bless America, and May America Bless GOD!

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PRAYER FOR THE NATION

Judge of the nations, hear us;
 We rest our faith in Thee.
 Stay Thou forever near us
 And guide us constantly.
 Through all our days protected
 By Thy unfailing light,
 We shall not be deflected
 From paths of truth and right.

Eternal Father, teach us
 The courage of the free.
 With Thy pure spirit reach us
 With faith and charity.
 Illumine all around us
 With brotherhood and love.
 In all our ways surround us
 With wisdom from above.

God of the years, remind us
 Of our great history,
 The memories that bind us
 In one fraternity ~~
 Heroes who served before us,
 Whose valor paved the way
 For this flag floating o'er us ~
 Oh, bless this land today!

