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*From Where I Sit . . .*

### **“I’m Proud To Be An American”**

**A**s a child I took for granted my citizenship in the United States of America. I grew up hearing all the adults in my “little world” talking about our being the greatest nation on the face of the earth so I assumed we were. My boyhood was spent wondering when the “Russians” were going to attack us. We had to watch civil defense films in school about atomic bombs and then practice getting down under our desks in case of an attack. I never quite figured that one out. But I was reassured that America was the greatest and the strongest nation on the face of the earth, and that we could “lick” anyone and solve any problem. We were The United States of America!

I’m convinced in growing up that as a general rule, that has been the case. Sure we have some warts and blemishes. Sure we’re going through a really stressful time that may reshape the future of this country. However, I thank God I’ve had the privilege to live in a country that was founded on the principles that were largely affected by belief in the Bible and the One True and Living God. I’ve often written that I believe God has blessed America. Until recent years she was a nation that clearly declared “God Bless America.....from sea to shining sea!”

Times have changed, and the complexion of our nation seems to be in a serious “redefining” stage. Liberal movements within political, judicial, social, and educational circles have “come out of the closet” and are no longer the underground. There was a time when there was no stigma to being known as a Christian, but in the name of “fairness” and “political correctness” as well as a pseudo-enlightenment, people in influential places seem bent on redefining who we are as a people.

I never expected in my lifetime to hear a candidate for public office state that America is no longer a Christian nation, but Jewish and Muslim, and others as well. Nor did I dream that I would hear a political candidate mock the religion of the Bible because of stories within the Old Testament. I certainly never expected there to be a time when special concessions would be made for those of other “world” faiths while the expression of the “Christian” faith would be suppressed so as not to infringe on someone’s “rights.”

It sounds like I’m no longer proud to be an American. **But I am!** I wouldn’t choose to live in any other country on our planet. I still believe that the majority of American people have good core values; that they do believe in the God of the Bible; that they do want to treat people equitably and fairly; that they’re willing to pay their “fair” share and not resort to graft and corruption to get rich quick. America still has some of the most compassionate people on the face of this earth as its citizens.

Our country is worth saving. The voice of those who believe in righteous principles needs to be heard. The moral majority need to exercise wisdom, prayerfulness, and then express their concerns **with the power of their vote**. You see, in America we still get to vote for what we believe in. I happen to believe the old adage that “All it takes for evil to triumph is for enough good men to do nothing.”

I don’t know what the future will hold for our great country, but I do know that God holds the future in His hands, even if we have to go through difficult or even perilous times. Yes, I’m proud to be an American, but I’m even more thankful to be a citizen of God’s Eternal Kingdom than of this one carved out by man’s hands. God sustained His people even in times of enslavement and oppression in Bible times. He will not fail us nor forsake us. We must trust in the Lord always!!!

**. . . . Terry Broome**