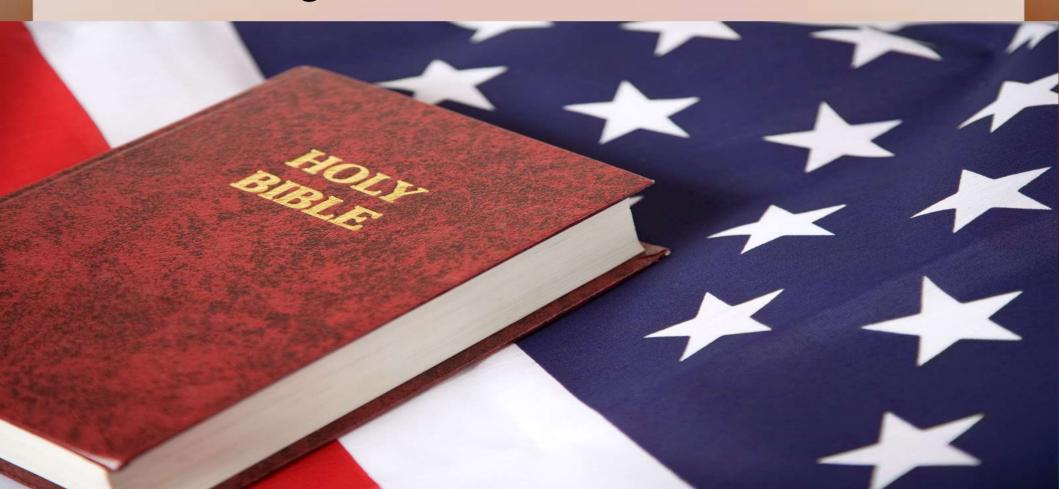
God Bless America

Psa 33:12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! - ESV



Blessings we have in 'Murica

- FDA to ensure clean food, water, medicine
- EPA to control pollution output
- National Parks to enjoy God's creation
- Free public schooling
- New inventions/advances in: medicine, transportation, appliances, energy
- Freedom to assemble peacefully, Church
- Relative peace because of police, military.



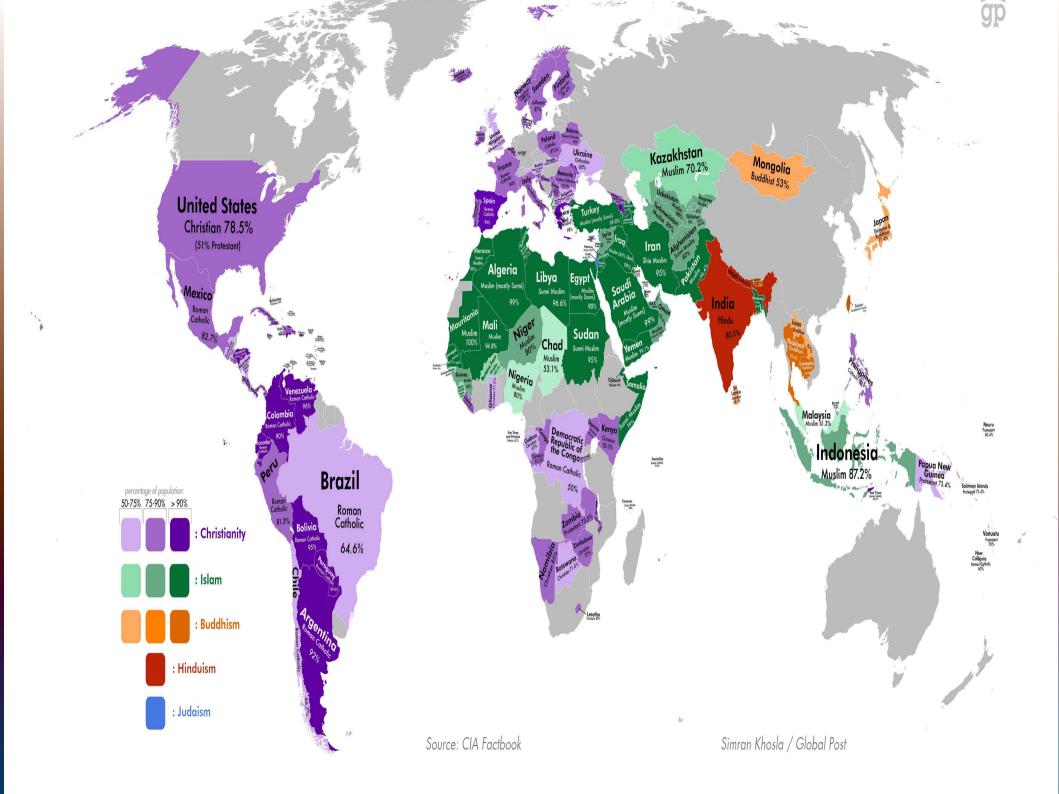
The Lord blesses those who keep His commandments

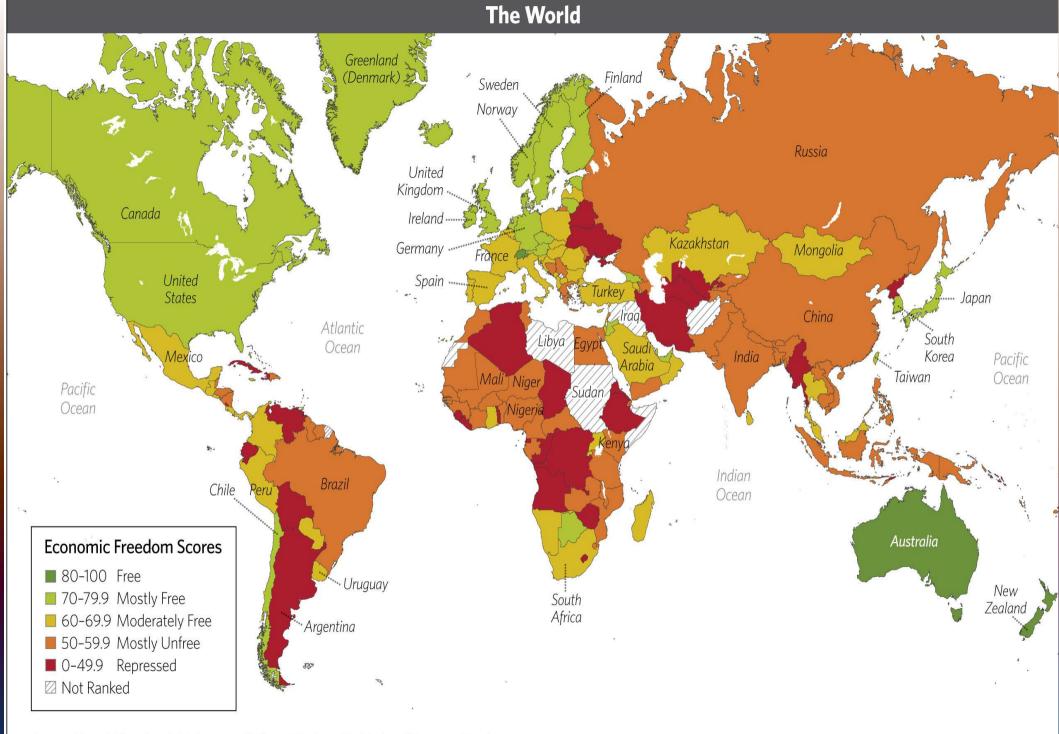
Psa 103:17 But the mercy of the LORD *is* from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

Psa 103:18 To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them. ~ KJV

Other countries do not enjoy the same blessings as America

- Lack of Christian belief (Europe losing faith)
- Atheistic (denial of / or against God)
- Communist, government oppression
- Welfare state. 2Th 3:10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. ~KJV
- Too much freedom: excess greed, pride, drugs, sexual immorality, whatever makes you happy
- Democracy only works in God fearing areas





Source: Terry Miller, Kim R. Holmes, and Edwin J. Feulner, 2013 Index of Economic Freedom (Washington, D.C.: The Heritage Foundation and Dow Jones & Company, Inc., 2013), http://www.heritage.org/index.

USA at 51% 'Protestant', among the most prosperous of nations.

- The maps show that countries with more Christianity have more financial independence.
- Canada, Australia, and Japan do not have large Christian populations, but they have been influenced by Biblical laws and morals.
- Islamic countries are among some of the worst, along with communist/atheist countries. They are against Jesus.
- Catholic countries do not fair well either because of bribery. Indulgences- bribe God, bribe man.

We must continue to follow God, for family, for country!

Deu 10:12 "Now, Israelites, listen! What does the LORD your God really want from you? The LORD your God wants you to respect him and do what he says. He wants you to love him and to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Deu 10:13 So obey the laws and commands of the LORD that I am giving you today. These laws and commands are for your own good. ~ERV

America was founded on belief in God. Declaration of Independence

We Hold THESE TRUTHS TO BE SELF-EVIDENT,

THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL,

THAT THEY ARE ENDOWED BY THEIR

CREATOR WITH CERTAIN UNALIENABLE

RIGHTS, THAT AMONG THESE ARE LIFE, LIBERTY AND

THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. THAT TO SECURE THESE

RIGHTS, GOVERNMENTS ARE INSTITUTED AMONG MEN.

THE THREE BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT

THE US CONSTITUTION

The framers of the Constitution wanted to be sure that no one person or group had too much power. They created a system of checks and balances. They separated the government into three branches. The three branches are separate but equal. Each branch can "check" the power of the other branches.

The three branches work together to govern our nation.



makes laws



EXECUTIVE

carries out laws



SUPREME COURT

evaluates laws

9 Justices

- nominated by the president and confirmed by a majority Senate vote
- hold office as long as they choose to stay



CONGRESS

Senate

100

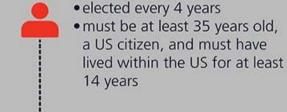
- elected every 6 years
- must be at least 30 years old, must have been a US citizen for at least 9 years, and must live in the state they represent

House of Representatives

435

- elected every 2 years
- must be at least 25 years old, must have been a US citizen for at least 7 years, and must live in the state they represent

PRESIDENT





Vice President



Cabinet

Isa 33:22 For the LORD is our judge; the LORD is our lawgiver; the LORD is our king; he will save us. - ESV



Harvard, one of USA's 1st colleges, taught Bible, trained preachers.

Harvard College was founded in 1636 as a Puritan/Congregationalist institution and trained ministers for many years. The separate institution of the Divinity School, however, dates from 1816, when it was established as the first nondenominational divinity school in the United States. ~Wikipedia

In just 100 years, America went from a small nation of religious refugees and farmers, to a world power 1781-1881.

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

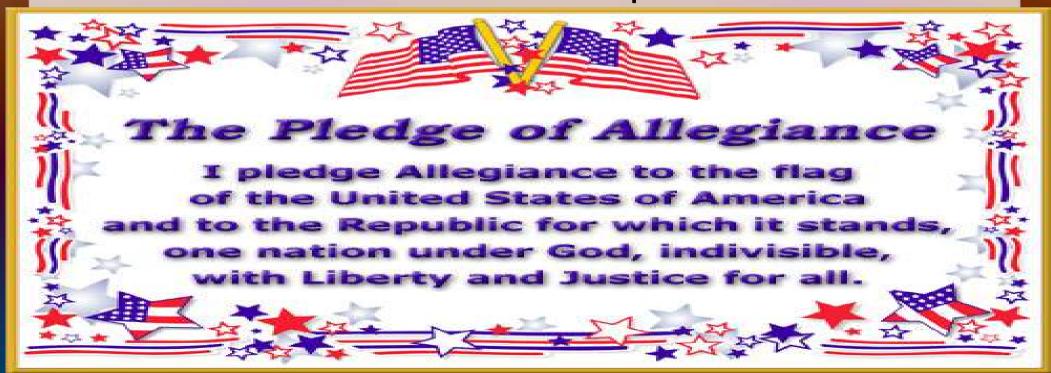
Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

Rom 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us? ~KVJ

The 'Greatest War in History' Pledge of Allegiance, 'In God We Trust'

- It sometimes takes a huge event for people to turn back to God
- After WW2, the Pledge of Allegiance was changed to include 'under God'. Change was authorized by president Eisenhower. 'In God we trust' added to \$
- 'There are no atheists in fox holes..'
- America has been in many wars
- 9/11 terrorist attacks caused some to return. Many have since fallen away, and forgotten.

The Pledge of Allegiance of the United States is an expression of allegiance to the Flag of the United States and the republic of the United States of America, originally composed by Francis Bellamy (a preacher) in 1892 and formally adopted by Congress as the pledge in 1942. The last change in language came on Flag Day 1954 when the words "under God" were added. ~Wikipedia



"In God We Trust" was adopted as the official motto of the United States in 1956 as an alternative or replacement to the unofficial motto of E pluribus unum, which was adopted when the Great Seal of the United States was created in 1782. Secularists have expressed objections to its use, and have sought to have the religious reference removed from the currency. ~Wikipedia



More people have become 'progressive' in their rejection of God

- Television/Movies increasingly graphic, sexually explicit, and the use of foul language.
- Children disrespectful of parents, teachers, elders. Lacking morality, manners.
- People falling away from Church, or denying God's existance
- Excessive pride and greed. Putting self ahead of all else.

Sodom destroyed for being ungodly. Genesis 19

Eze 16:49 Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

Eze 16:50 And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away as I saw *good*. ~ KJV

2Pe 2:6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; ~ KJV

God favors those who follow Him, and against those reject Him.

1Sa 12:14 You must fear and respect the LORD. You must serve him and obey his commands. You must not turn against Him. You and the king ruling over you must follow the LORD your God. If you do, God will save you.

1Sa 12:15 But if you don't listen to the LORD, if you refuse to do what the LORD says, He will be against you. The LORD will destroy you and your king. ~ERV

We must humble ourselves and return to God to avoid His Wrath. Repent!

• God caused the king of Babylon to go crazy until he humbled himself before The Lord.

Dan 4:35 People on earth are not really important. God does what he wants with the powers of heaven and the people on earth. No one can stop his powerful hand or question what he does.

Dan 4:37 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, give praise, honor, and glory to the King of Heaven. Everything he does is right. He is always fair, and he is able to make proud people humble! ~ERV

Be an outstanding Christian, an excellent person, and great American

Mat 5:14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

Mat 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. ~KJV

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:14-16.



Mat 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Mat 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. ~KJV