



What America Needs

- A leader like Moses, who refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, but was willing to go with God.
- Army generals like Joshua, who knew God and could pray and shout things to pass.
- A food administrator like Joseph, who knew God and had the answer to famine.
- Preachers like Peter, who would not be afraid to look people in the eye and say, "Repent or perish," and denounce their personal as well as national sins.
- Mothers like Hannah, who could pray for a child that she might give him to God, rather than women who are delinquent mothers of delinquent children.
- Children like Samuel, who would talk to God in the night hours.
- Physicians like Luke, who could care for physical needs and introduce their patients to Jesus Christ, who is a specialist in spiritual trouble.
- A God like Israel's, instead of the "dollar god," the "entertainment god," and the "auto god."
- A Saviour like Jesus, who could and would save from the uttermost to the uttermost.

- The Visitor, Adamsville, AL

*If My people
who are called by My name
will 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 heal their land.
2 Chronicles 7:14 (NKJV)*

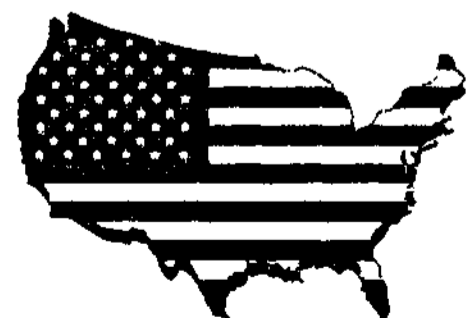
"Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King!"

Joy in the heart is good medicine, but the Great Physician must dwell there.

GOD

BLESS

AMERICA!



News & Notes

- SYMPATHY:** To Bob & Scharlotte Cypers at the passing of their step great grandson, Brian George. Also, to Bill & Pat Wright at the passing Pat's father, George Dunn. God bless and comfort those who sorrow.
- SEND CARDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT:** Dan & Barbara Smith (neighbors of Glenn & Mae McMahan). Address on bulletin board.
- SUMMER BIBLE CAMP:** July 2 - 7. See Gerald Clutter for details.
- CARE & SHARE BEARS:** Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Join the ladies in this good work.
- NURSING HOME VISIT:** Sat., July 7th at 2:30 p.m. at Fox's.
- PANTRY:** Instant potatoes.
- SICK & SHUT-IN:** City Hospital (Skilled): Ruth Brewer. Weirton Medical Center: Jean Larrimore. AT HOME: Don Spencer, Blondenia Orr, Janet Malcolmson, Lloyd & Virginia Ferrell, Lynn Duncan McCall (in Texas), Lloyd Cowdery, Mabel Sprout, Virginia Rickerd, Bette Gentry, Fred Larrimore, Sr., Fred Larrimore, Jr., Cheryl Stackpole, Betty Dunn (Pat Wright's mother). NURSING HOMES: Fox: Ray Baker. Calcutta Health Care: Virginia Clutter (sister-in-law of Eva Stefl). Nentwick: Ruby Kenny. Weirton Geriatric Center: Edna McKitrick, Ila Plum. Aspen Manor, Wellsburg: Ione Asher.

THE NUMBER ONE KILLER

This may come as a surprise to many, but the number one killer of Americans is not cancer or AIDS. We are terrorized by these two "much in the news" diseases. Make no mistake about it, they are tragic and terrible.



Nevertheless, heart disease is still the number one killer among Americans. A recent news story alluded to this fact. Proper diet, exercise, and stress management are cited as preventive measures.

Heart disease is easily the number one killer spiritually, too. Our goal must be to maintain a pure, good, and honest heart (Matt. 5:8; Luke 8:15), while avoiding the development of a "hardened" heart. (Mark 3:5; Heb. 3:8, 15, 4:7). Consider the following four defective hearts.

- (1) The Dull Heart. Jesus described some in His day as having hearts which were "waxed gross." (Matt. 13:15); the New King James Version has "hearts that are dull." Robertson gives *pachus*, which means thick, fat, or stout, as the root. Hence, "made callous or dull." (Vol. 1, p. 105).
- (2) The Distant Heart. Jesus describes others as having hearts which were far from Him. (Matt. 15:8-9). Their religion was ritualistic but not righteous. Their worship was vain because it was based upon the doctrines and commandments of men. Worship must be in both spirit and truth. (John 4:23-24).
- (3) The Darkened Heart. Paul mentions the "darkened heart" in Rom. 1:21. He details how the heart becomes darkened by a lack of gratitude, vain imaginations, lusts, and lies. (See Rom. 1:20-25). The darkened heart cannot see the good things of God.
- (4) The Deceived Heart. It is possible for a man to "deceive his own heart." (James 1:26). Jeremiah reminds us that the heart is deceitful above all things. (Jeremiah 17:9).

Let us keep our hearts with all diligence. (Prov. 4:23). We can guard against defective hearts with purifying faith. (See Acts 15:9; Romans 10:17).

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