Is God Cursing America?

"Ye Do Always Resist the Holy Ghost"

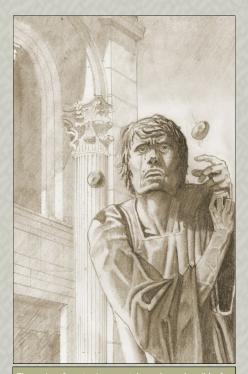
Over 1,000 years ago God was planning to bless the servitude of the martyrs of the <u>Dark Ages</u> with a country. That country would be a place where God would be preeminent and glorified, and men would live to please God. It would be a country of many freedoms and mostly the opportunity to live free from religious persecution. And that country was America, unknown to Europe at the time.

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America has pleased God for many years—in the past. Our public schools at one time had a KJV Bible in them, and many of our national anthems and government contained references to God. But that was at one time. The secular humanist got in after the wars were fought to keep us a free nation. They did away with God in public and contained it to churches. Now the persecution of the Christian, at least in the form of humiliation, is widespread in America.

Most people will mock you if you chose to live like a Christian today. The world is going to public ale houses, and the Christian is going to church. The world is wearing shorts on women and the Christian is wearing a dress that is high at the top and long at the chins. The world is cheating on their taxes, the Christian is trying to be honest on their taxes. The way of the world makes it difficult to be a Christian, but many Christians will not give up their standards regardless. It may not be the Christian who is the reason for a curse on America, unless perhaps he is a hypocrite, it may be the unsaved people that resist the Holy Ghost.

In John 16:5-14 Jesus promised us that he would send the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) as a Comforter to replace His presence. He did just that after he was resurrected and breathed on the disciples (John 20:21-23). Ever since then, the human race has had the opportunity of God's presence with us in the form of the Holy Spirit, and there is no excuse for rejecting it. The Pharisees that Stephen reprimanded in Acts 7 refused the Holy Spirit



The pain of a stoning must have been horrible for Stephen, but his joy of going to Heaven must have surpassed it. The leaders of his day were very similar to the leaders of our day in that they changed the laws of God and replaced them with laws coined by man, some of which were similar, but not all. The permissiveness of America in areas of abortion, concupiscence, inordinate affection and many other things that have been allowed by laws have put us in very bad position with God. There was a time when America did not tolerate these abominations. And many many people are refusing the Gospel and therefore resisting the Holy Ghost.

and chose rather their own laws that they felt pleased God. They became so angry at Stephen for telling them just that they stoned him to death (Acts 7:1-53). How much the more today do people wag their heads at the soul winner trying to show them the Plan of Salvation? There is no desire for the presence of God among Americans, only for the rules laid out by religious leaders that sometimes, if not most of the time, oppose that which the Holy Ghost would put into our hearts from the King James Bible.

Romans 8:4 tells us that we do not need the law if we have a Holy Spirit because the law deals with the flesh, the Spirit deals with the heart. Yet America resists the Holy Spirit. That's why there is a curse on us. The Jewish people that crucified Jesus took the curse upon themselves for the fault of killing Him Mattew 27:21-25). because they wanted Him dead so badly they were willing to accept the consequences. This is just like America takes the curse for wanting its worldly pleasures over the pleasures of God, and she vehemently refuses a Holy Spirit that would change her sinful ways.

I was riding the bus and I was sitting next to a young East-Indian man. I handed him a tract thinking he was Hindu and it would be useless for me to try and win him to Jesus. Quite to my surprise he was very interested in the Plan of Salvation, and he got saved, politely listening to everything I had to say. When I asked him if he was Hindu he said yes, but his parents didn't practice it that much. There is really no excuse for people not getting saved and being filled with the Holy Spirit.

