

***What Time
is it
in America?***

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Our text:

“Now the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle, and were gathered together at Shochoh, which belongeth to Judah, and pitched between Shochoh and Azekah, in Ephes-dammim. And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of Elah, and set the battle in array against the Philistines. And the Philistines stood on a mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side: and there was a valley between them. And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. And he had a helmet of brass upon his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of brass. And he had greaves of brass upon his legs, and a target of brass between his shoulders. And the staff of his spear was like a weaver’s beam; and his spear’s head weighed six hundred shekels of iron: and one bearing a shield went before him. And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, ‘Why are ye come out to set your battle in array? Am Not I a Philistine, and ye servants of Saul? Choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me, and to kill me, then we will be your servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us.’ And the Philistine said, ‘I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.’ When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.” I Samuel 17: 1-11.

The Philistines brought their armies down to the land of Judah to the mountain of Shochoh. There they set up their tents and their encampments and prepared to meet the armies of Israel in battle. Israel comes and encamps across the valley of Elah, on a mountain, directly across from the Philistines. Israel is also preparing for battle. The fight will be down in that valley, between the two mountain tops, for all to see.

In verse number nine of our text, Goliath sets the stage for the battle: ***“You win and we become your servants, you lose and you lose your freedom, and you-all become our slaves!”***

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Thus, becomes the reality of every single war: There is always a winner – to whom goes the spoils, and there is always a loser that loses more than just the battle...their freedom is always at stake.

On July 4, 1776 the Continental Congress, of the thirteen United Colonies, adopted the final draft of the *Declaration of Independence*. Not just from England, but from all elements of tyranny, whoever they may be.

Immediately following the adoption of this Declaration, the British sent a large naval fleet carrying 32,000 well trained soldiers, under the command of General Howe, to New York Harbor. General George Washington was there with 20,000 ill equipped and not well-trained troops. In August 1776, the British attacked Brooklyn...and America...in the persons of the thirteen United Colonies...walked down into the valley against Goliath to fight for her freedom!

We, as the United States of America, have walked down into the valley on several occasions since...ever protecting our freedom, our citizens, and our Nation.

Beginning with the first bombing of the World Trade Center, in New York, on February 26, 1993, as Muslim terrorists drove a vehicle into the parking garage under World Trade Center Tower One, where it was detonated, killing 6 and injuring over 1000 people. Culminating with the horrendous attacks of September 11, 2001, again on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and United Airlines flight 93 that was taken down outside Shanksville, Pennsylvania. A war has been raging, in our Nation, for what is now some 24 years, America has been at war with radical Islamic fundamentalists terrorists. A war that is now raging around the entire world.

In our Nation, our enemies seek to destroy us and our very way of life. They hate everything about us. They hate:

- Our Country.
- Our Freedom.

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- Our Constitution.
- Our God.
- Our Bible.
- Our Flag.
- Our National Standards.
- Our way of life.

Our enemies have a goal. That goal is to either convert us to their religion and their way of life, enslave us as a subjugated people, or kill us per the Quran's direction. We cannot peacefully co-exist with Radical Islam. They believe that they have a higher calling and are on a mission from their god to convert the entire world and subjugate it in a one world caliphate under "*The Madi*" and there is no middle ground...they believe that they must and will prevail!

We, the civilized and non-radical Muslim world are at war with the fundamentalists Muslim radicals globe over. The question then becomes...What do we do now, as Christians and as Americans...there are some definite things that must begin to be done, by us, right now.

Therefore, I ask you-all the following question about our Nation and our responsibilities in it during this time in history: ***What time is it in America?***

To begin with; we must realize some very important things:

- America is a Nation that has been abundantly blessed by the God of heaven! Never has there been a greater Nation evangelistically or missionarily. God has blessed us with great freedom and the great responsibility that goes with such freedom. No other Nation on the earth allows the freedom of religion that we experience and enjoy. We must protect that freedom and liberty for the sake of our posterity, our Nation, and the world.

- The Constitution of the United States includes every citizen of this Country: ***“We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution for the United States of America.”*** No citizen is exempted from attaching themselves to these words. To do so makes them a traitor, even if it is done in the name of their religion. Those who seek to destroy us, should they ever rise to ruling power, would dismantle this document immediately.
- They would instantly destroy the First Amendment: ***“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.”***
- They would instantly destroy the Second Amendment: ***“A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.”***
- They would instantly destroy the Fourth Amendment: ***“The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.”***

Those who are our enemies, who seek our destruction, and who threaten our families and our lives daily; have the full intent to destroy our Nation, our Constitution, our religious freedom, our ability to serve our God, Jehovah God of the Holy Bible, and our way of life. **What time is it in America?**

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8. "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; and a time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace."

Jehovah God of heaven is very well aware of what is transpiring in our world and in our Nation. He is not taken off guard, He is not away on a vacation, nor has He abrogated His throne. God knows! He knows everything, He knows all things, He is the sovereign God of the universe! He has set aside a time for every single thing...including this time! The question is not: What will God do? The question is: What will we do? What will America do?

So, what time is it in America?

1. Joel 2: 17 – **It is Time to Weep for Our Nation and Our People!**
2. Nehemiah 1: 4 – **It is Time to Pray because of Our Sins!**
3. I Samuel 7: 3-6 – **It is Time to Return our Hearts to our God!**
4. Psalm 94: 16 – **It is Time to Arise!**
 - a. Psalm 27: 1 – **There is No Need to Fear!**
 - b. Psalm 46: 1-3 – **God will Take Care of His People!**
 - c. Psalm 30: 5 – **Rejoicing will Come Soon!**

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In 1778, at the first meeting of the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, Benjamin Franklin made the motion to those assembled that the Convention should not proceed without an opening prayer each day. He said:

“I have lived for a long time, and the longer I live the more convincing proof I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of men. If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured in the Sacred Writings that ‘Except the LORD build the house, they labor in vain that build it.’ I firmly believe this, and also believe that without His concurring aid we shall proceed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel.”

Without God on the scene in America; She and we are doomed! **What time is it in America?** It is time to get back to God!

During the first World War a junior officer was leading a company of British soldiers, who had been on furlough, back to the front lines. As they walked along the country side, the area was battered, bombed-out, and war torn. There were no people, no animals, just destruction. A straight-down rain was falling. The road-way was muddy and slick and the sky was dark and dreary. It was cold, wet, lonely, and fearsome. Each man, including the young Lieutenant, knew exactly what lay ahead of them...mud, blood, and possibly even death. Their shoulders sagged, their heads hung down, and no one spoke, no one joked, no one smiled...all was silent. As they marched past a ruined church building, the Lieutenant noticed something and called out for the men to **“Halt!” “Right face...March!”** The discouraged and depressed soldiers did as they were commanded. Heads down they marched right up the stairs into the bombed-out church. **“Company, Halt!”** he commanded. Then they all saw what he had seen inside the building. Above the altar, inside this destroyed church building, was a pristine, life size, statue of Christ on the Cross. All stood stunned as they looked at a nearly perfect, life-like, portrayal of Jesus hanging on a rugged wooden cross.

“Look” said the Lieutenant, **“Look at Him!”** **“No hour in history has been darker. No time more distraught! No man more battered! And yet He still marched on! He could have stopped, He could have refused to go, but He did not. He marched on! Why? Because, there were many depending on Him and Him alone. So, He never gave it a second thought. He went for them, He went for us, He went for the world...He just marched on! And so, will we! He held His bloodied head high...and so shall we! He never looked back...and neither shall we! He gave His all...and so will we! He was totally victorious...and so shall we be!** They reformed their lines in the street: **“Attention!” “Right face!” “Just like Christ men...Forward March!”** With heads held high, chests stuck out, they marched off into the battle. A young Private named Kyes would later report. Everyday thereafter we looked at one another and said **“Today, we march on!”**

What time is it is America? It is time for us to stand up and say **“Today, we march on!”** Regardless what lies ahead...We will march onward!

What time is it for you? What will you do starting right now...today?

- Dear lost person?
- Dear backslidden Christian?
- Dear Christian Patriot?

What time is it for you?