

As one's daily living gets harder and heavier to manage, it is being **affected** by much that is going in the **wrong direction**: health care, higher taxes, excessive regulations, jobs, energy (oil, coal, etc.), rising cost of living, enormous national debt (many trillions and counting), being moved to line up with socialism, loss of a good national image around the world, terrorism, failure to support and honor the military, questionable support for Israel, the abuse of power by government agencies, legalizing immorality, drugs, etc.—all bringing us into a mental and moral swamp.

All these troubling things make it most difficult to appropriate the benefits and blessings of **our historical American heritage and liberties** found in our Declaration of Independence and Constitution. What can we do to survive and to succeed in a responsible way before God and mankind?

## **Consider God's Personal Concern**

"Look unto **Me**, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else." Isaiah 45:22

A nation may not seek God, a people may not seek Him, but **you have the right and privilege to seek and know**. God has given His Word so that we might know and honor Him.

God is to be found: "If thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find Him, if thou seek Him with all thy heart, and with all thy soul. When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days...turn to the LORD thy God." Deuteronomy 4:29-30
"Seek ye the LORD while He may be found, call ye upon Him while he is near." Isaiah 55:6

God is to be a present help: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help?My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth."Psalm 121:1-2"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."Psalm 46:1

God is to be a present hope: "Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise Him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God." *Psalm 42:11* 

"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." Rom. 15:4

God is to be found in the Person of our Lord Jesus Christ: "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." John 1:14

"But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons (children) of God, even to them that believe on His Name." John 1:12

Have you received Him as your Saviour? <u>HE is the HELP</u> (The Lord is my Helper–Heb. 13:6), and the HOPE (Christ in you, the hope of glory–Col. 1:27) and the LIFE (Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by Me"–John 14:6). Even in the midst of life's troubles, may you benefit and prosper from God's help and hope and life here and now.

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