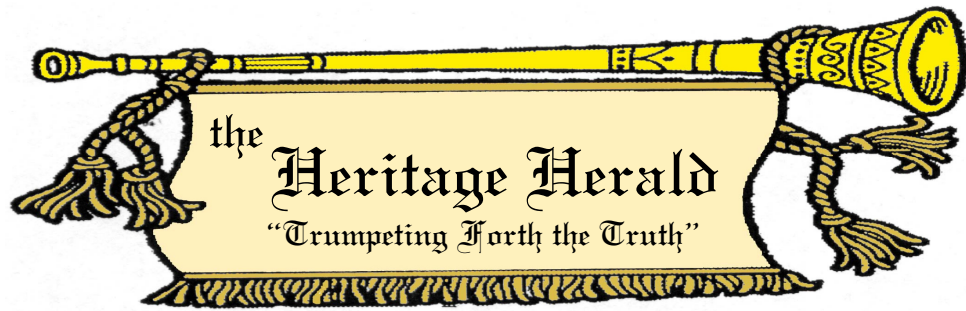




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## The Land Of Forgetfulness

**Introduction:** One of the great warnings given to God's people is found in *Deuteronomy 6:12*, "*Then beware lest thou forget...*" This clear warning went unheeded by God's people. If you take a look at the history of Israel, you will clearly see that it was this neglected verse that has led to their unending battle to survive. I love America, but I believe we are now living in the land of forgetfulness.

### **First: we have forgotten our nation's history.**

Our nation may appear to be Godless now, but that's not how it was in the beginning. On November 11, 1620, William Bradford penned these words:

*"Being thus arrived in a good harbor, and brought safe to land, we fell upon our knees and blessed the God of Heaven."*

Notice our nation's first great document:

*"In the name of God, Amen... having undertaken for the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith."*

America, land that I love, was not founded upon greed and gold, but upon God and upon faith in his Son, Jesus Christ.

### **Second: We have forgotten our nation's heroes.**

George Washington. On June 1, 1774, as the colonies were seeking God's will as to whether they should break from England, George Washington made this entry in his diary:

*"Went to church and fasted all day. Blessed, my family, kindred, friends, and country. Be our God and our Guide this day and forever for his sake, who lay down in the grave and arose again for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."*

John Adams. On June 21, 1776 John Adams wrote:

*"Statesmen, my dear sir, may plan and speculate for liberty, but it is religion and morality alone which can establish the principles upon which freedom can securely stand."*

May I say that all of our nations heroes and founders were firm believers in a Supreme Authority, and the majority professed faith in Jesus Christ.

### **Third: we have forgotten our nation's heritage.**

We dare not forget our Spiritual heritage. Well said an American poet, "They have left unstained what here they found—freedom to worship God."

What we have fought for, and our forefathers died for, was freedom. But more than just freedom from oppression, but freedom to practice the faith of God's Word. It's wonderful to live in a nation in which we can dissent, but let us never forget the blood that it cost.

During World War I, a man was addressing a group of Christians as to why blood has to be shed for freedom.

He began to say, "The Bible says in Hebrews 9:22, 'Without the shedding of blood there is no...'" He paused, and with quivering lips, looked around and said, "There is nothing, no country, no free civilization, no Christianity."

**Conclusion:** Dear readers we should keep in mind that upon this generation rests the fate and fortunes of the generations to come. I heard a great preacher say, "America is now following luxury, ease, plenty, divorce, nudity, homosexuality, and ignorance. And when the iron goes out of the backbone of the young, then will virility go out of our nation."

Christianity must not be allowed to die in our nation while cult religions, and dangerous religions like Islam, thrive. Let us arise and rebuild the walls that gave us strength and security. Let Christ arise and our enemies be scattered.