

THE HOPE OF AMERICA

Christian's duty to his country and his duty to God, go hand in hand. From the beginning it was founded on the Christian faith, inspired by Christian hope, guided by Christian truth, and nurtured in prayer.

THE HOPE OF AMERICA ** It does not lie in her illustrious past. Past greatness does not guarantee future hopes. Look back upon those things that inspire for the present.

God's warning to Edom applies to nations today: "The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground? Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, then will I bring thee down, saith the Lord."

"Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

God give us men ---

Give us men to match our mountains,

Give us men to match our plains;

Men with empires in their bosoms,

Men with eras in their brains.

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Men whom the lust of office does not kill;

Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy.

Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog. Needed for troubled times. Spirit of sacrifice gives way to selfishness. Liberties purchased by the blood of the fathers are

Six billion dollars a year for strong drink? Murder every thirty minutes. Both out boys and our girls.

Bowed down to the god of gold. Two liquor distilling firms roll up fifty million dollar dividends in one year. America is willing to see fat fortune built on the cold firegrates, and empty flourbarrels, coffinlids, damned souls of their victims. Trampled underfoot the Lord's Day, permitted the movies to exploit the public with sex filth, promote suggestiveness in lower the moral standards of society. No nation can sell its morals for gold, and escape the consequences. "God bless America," but which America? Drunken America? Gambling America? Sunday desecrating America? Mammon worshipping America? Lawless America? To your knees, O America! God is calling: "Of my people, which are called by my name, shall 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 will heal their land."

It is repentant America upon which God will pour out his blessing.

IS IN HER RELIGIOUS INTEGRITY.

People become like the gods they worship. Nations that forget God (Psalm 9:17) Shall our nation that was rocked in the cradle of prayer, and nurtured in the truth be amont them?

At Dover, England - three lights in line so as to shine as one great light. Church with steeple pointing heavenward.

Unity between the church and the home. Inseparably bound together. "I will set mine eyes upon them for good,.... And I will give them an heart to know me, that I am the Lord: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God. "

Let Independence Day call us back to the altars of our fathers; back to their Christian faith - to their courage that defended it.