

## **THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER**

- (1) O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last  
gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars,  
Through the perilous fight, o'er the ramparts we  
watched,  
Were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting  
in air,  
Gave proof thru the night that our flag was still  
there.  
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the  
brave?
- (2) O thus be it ever, when free men shall stand  
Between their loved homes and the war's  
desolation!  
Blest with victory and peace, may the heaven  
rescued land  
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us  
a nation!  
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just;  
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust!"  
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall  
wave,  
O'er the land of the free & the home of the brave!

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States  
of America and to the Republic for which it stands.  
One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and  
justice for all.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG**

I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the  
Savior for whose kingdom it stands. One Savior,  
crucified, risen and coming again with life and liberty  
to all who believe.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE BIBLE**

I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word.  
I will make it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my  
path and will hide its words in my heart that I might  
not sin against God.

## GOD OF OUR FATHERS

- (1) God of our fathers, whose almighty hand,  
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band.  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.
- (2) Thy love divine hath led us in the past;  
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;  
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,  
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.
- (3) From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;  
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,  
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.
- (4) Refresh Thy people on their pilgrim way;  
Lead us from night to never ending day;  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine;  
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

### RESPONSIVE READING: GOD AND COUNTRY

- LEADER:** All the commandments which I command thee  
this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live...
- PEOPLE:** And thou shalt remember all the way which the  
Lord thy God led thee...
- LEADER:** For the Lord thy God bringeth thee into a good  
land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and  
depths that spring out of valleys and hills;

- PEOPLE:** A land of wheat, & barley, & vines, & fig trees,  
& pomegranates; a land of olive oil, & honey;
- LEADER:** A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without  
scarceness, thou shalt not lack any thing in it; a  
land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills  
thou mayest dig brass.
- PEOPLE:** When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt  
bless the Lord thy God for the good land which  
he hath given thee.
- LEADER:** Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in  
not keeping His commandments, and His  
judgments, and His statutes, which I command  
thee this day:
- PEOPLE:** Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast  
built goodly houses, and dwelt therein;
- LEADER:** And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and  
thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that  
thou hast is multiplied;
- PEOPLE:** then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the  
Lord thy God...
- LEADER:** And thou say in thine heart, my power and the  
might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth.
- PEOPLE:** But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God; for it  
is He that giveth thee power to get wealth.
- LEADER:** And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the Lord  
thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve  
them, and worship them, I testify against you this  
day that ye shall surely perish.
- PEOPLE:** As the nations which the Lord destroyeth before  
your face, so shall ye perish; because ye would  
not be obedient unto the voice of the Lord your  
God.

Deuteronomy 8:1-20

## NOT ALONE FOR MIGHTY EMPIRE

- (1) Not alone for mighty empire, stretching far o'er land & sea; Not alone for bounteous harvests, Lift we up our hearts to Thee. Standing in the living present, memory & hope between, Land we would with deep thanksgiving, Praise Thee most for things unseen.
- (2) Not for battleship and fortress, not for conquests of the sword; But for conquests of the spirit, Give we thanks to Thee, O Lord; For the heritage of freedom, for the home, the church, the school; For the open door to man-hood, In a land the people rule.
- (3) For the armies of the faithful, souls that passed and left no name; For the glory that illumines, Patriot lives of deathless fame; For our prophets and apostles, loyal to the living Word; For all heroes of the Spirit, Give we thanks to Thee, O Lord.
- (4) God of justice, save the people from the clash of race and creed, from the strife of class and faction; Make our nation free indeed. Keep her faith in simple man-hood; strong as when her life began, till it find its full fruition, in salvation's glorious plan.

## GOD BLESS AMERICA

God bless America, Land that I love,  
Stand beside her and guide her,  
Thru the night with a light from above.  
From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans,  
white with foam.  
God bless America, My home, sweet home,  
God bless America, my home sweet home.

## THE SOLID ROCK

- (1) My hope is built on nothing less,  
Then Jesus blood and righteousness,  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
- (refrain) On Christ the solid Rock, I stand -  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.
- (2) When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I stand on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.
- (3) His oath, His covenant, His blood,  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.
- (4) When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in Him be found,  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand, before the throne.

## SERMON OUTLINE

### Matthew 7:24-27 - “The Importance of the Foundation”

Intro:

I. Remember Our Foundation

II. Realize the Importance of Maintenance

III. Repair Before It Is Too Late

Conclusion: