**HOW TO MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN**

**Joel 2:21**

**Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things.**

**INTRO:**

**\*\*America was great on July 4, 1776 when its leaders signed the Declaration of Independence.**

**\*\*America was great because the country wanted freedom to worship the Lord as they felt led to worship Him.**

**\*\*What has happened to America in the 240 year span between the dates of July 4, 1776 and July 4, 2016?**

**1. America has Turned from the Word**

 **A. Some Americans have BLOTTED the Scripture**

**\*\*They have Rejected and Re-written the Word of God.**

 **B. Some Americans have BLASPHEMED the Scripture**

**\*\*Some have turned their back on God’s word and said it was either False or a Fairytale.**

 **C. Some Americans have BASHED the Scripture**

**\*\*It is bashed because in it our Savior is Adored and our Sin is Admonished**

**2. America has Turned form the Worship**

 **A. Just a few want Savior Worship**

 **B. Just a few want Spiritual Worship**

 **C. Just a few want Sincere Worship**

 **D. Just a few want Scriptural Worship**

**3. America has Turned for the Worse**

 **A. America’s Society is the worse it has ever been.**

 **1. It’s Ungodly 2. It’s Ungrateful 3. It’s Undone**

 **B. America’s Sin is the worse it has ever been.**

**1. The Evil is Unbelievable 2. The Effect is Unimaginable**

**\*\*So How can America be Great Again?**

**\*\*America will not be great again because of the worldly power, the plans, or the proposals of the politicians.**

**\*\*America will not be great again because of the wicked objections, outcries, and outbursts of the people.**

**\*\*America can only be great again if America as a whole will do what Israel did in Joel chapter two!**

**\*\*Here are three things on How To Make America Great Again.**

**\*\*America would be Great Again . . .**

**I. IF THE LORD SAW REPENTANCE**

**Joel 2:12 Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye *even* to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning:**

**\*\*When we repent in America, God will . . .**

 **A. Take Care of the Emptiness of America (The Famine)**

**Joel 2:19 Yea, the LORD will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith:**

**\*\*Explanation: Three things Israel was in need of Corn, Wine, and Oil. We learned in history that Columbus discovered corn in the New World and took it back to Europe. Since the Old Testament talks about corn, and history tells us that Columbus discovered corn, I had to study this out. The corn in the book of Joel is talking about wheat; you use wheat to make bread. Columbus discovered a grain that he called corn . . . not wheat. Here is what you need to know:**

**a. The Corn is Wheat, and it makes bread. That reminds me of Jesus Christ the Bread of Life!**

**b. The Wine is grape juice and that reminds me of the Blood of Jesus!**

**c. The Oil reminds me of the anointing of the Holy Spirit!**

**\*\*Israel was in a famine and needed Corn, Wine, and Oil.**

**\*\*America is in a famine and needs the Bread of Life, the Blood of Jesus, and the anointing of the Holy Ghost!**

**\*\*I still believe that if America would get back on her knees and repent, the Lord would cure the spiritual famine in our country!**

 **1. America would be fed from the Scripture!**

 **2. America would be fed from the Spirit!**

**\*\*There would not be any Empty Lives, Empty Love, and Empty Living!**

**\*\*When we repent in America God will . . .**

 **B. Take Care of the Economy of America (The Finances)**

**Joel 2:26 And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.**

**\*\*He did it for Israel, and He can do it for America.**

 **1. God can fix the Wages of America**

 **2. God can fix the Wealth of America**

 **3. God can fix the Worth of America**

**\*\*When we repent in America God will . . .**

 **C. Take Care of the Enemies of America (The Foes)**

**Joel 2:20 But I will remove far off from you the northern *army*, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate,**

 **1. He can defeat those who fight us with Weapons!**

 **2. He can defeat those who fight us with Words!**

**\*\*If the American people would only seek repentance, America would be great again!**

**America would be Great Again . . .**

**II. If THE LORD SAW REDEDICATION**

**\*\*God told Israel that He would make them great again if they would do two things:**

 **A. God said to Tear Open Your Heart**

**Joel 2:13 And rend your heart, and not your garments**

**\*\*Explanation: Many times the bible speaks of men who were in sorrow or mourning a death, and they would rip apart their clothes on their chest. It was an outward emotional demonstration that they were mourning. The Lord told Israel to rip open their hearts and not their garments. In other words, don’t just act like you are sorrowful and mourning with this ritual, but rather rip open your hearts and let God see that you are broken, sorrowful, and mourning over the sin and the spiritual death of your nation.**

**\*\*Americans need to Tear Open Our Hearts and . . .**

 **1. Give God Our Sin**

 **2. Give God Our Sorrows**

 **3. Give God Our Soul**

 **B. God said to Turn Over Your Heart**

**Joel 2:13b and turn unto the LORD your God: for he *is* gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness**

 **1. God needs to take Custody of our Hearts**

 **2. God needs to take Control of our Hearts**

 **3. God needs to take Command of our Hearts**

**\*\*You must turn over your heart to God first!**

**\*\*If the American people would only seek rededication, America would be great again!**

**America would be Great Again . . .**

**III. IF THE LORD SENT REVIVAL**

**\*\*The only hope we have is that God sends Revival to make America Great Again.**

 **A. Revival is the only Hope for Our Churches**

 **1. God’s People Need Revival**

**Joel 2:16** **Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet**.

 **a. The Congregation can get Sanctified**

 **b. The Church can get Spirit-filled**

 **2. God’s Preachers Need Revival**

**Joel 2:17 Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them:**

 **a. If preachers would Bawl again revival would come.**

 **b. If preachers would Beg again revival would come.**

 **B. Revival is the only Hope for Our Community**

**\*\*Revival changes communities by making . . .**

 **1. New Creatures**

**\*\*Drunkards, Druggies, and the Dishonorable can be made new creatures in Christ when revival is sent!**

 **2. New Christians**

**\*\*They want to be Submerged in a Pool and Sitting on a Pew!**

 **C. Revival is the only Hope for Our Country**

 **1. It can Spare Our Country**

**Joel 2:17 Spare thy people, O LORD**

 **2. It can Save Our Country**

**Joel 2:27 And ye shall know that I *am* in the midst of Israel, and *that* I *am* the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.**

**CLOSE**

**\*\*If America would only do what Israel did, God would do for America what He did for Israel. He would do great things just like He promised Israel.**

**Joel 2:21 Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things.**

**\*\*Now there are roughly 318 million people in America, and I am a realist in the sense that I know we are in the last days. It’s not very likely that 318 million people are going to fall down before God to seek for Repentance, for Rededication, and for Revival.**

**\*\*However, it is very likely that God is speaking to this little congregation in the country and even to an individual and saying, “I will do great things for you if you will only seek Repentance, Rededication, and Revival.”**

**\*\*God wants to make this Church Great and this Community Great. Will you come and tear open your heart before the Lord and turn over your heart to the Lord and repent and rededicate so God will send revival to you and do great things in your life?**