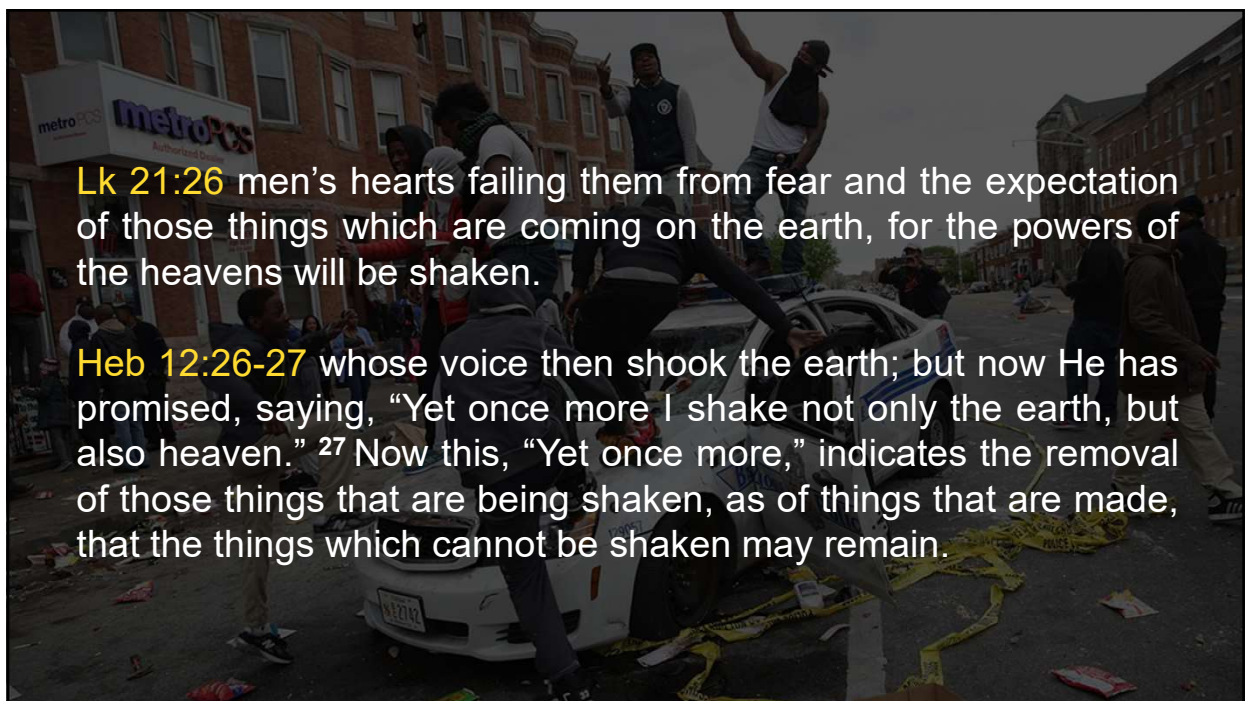




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## Repentance and Humiliation

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### Repentance

- **Legal repentance** – sorrow proceeding merely from the fear of punishment; being excited by the terrors of legal penalties, and it may exist without an amendment of life.
- **Real/evangelical penitence** – sorrow or deep contrition for sin, as an offense and dishonor to God, a violation of his holy law, and the basest ingratitude towards a Being of infinite benevolence; it is the relinquishment of any practice, from conviction that it has offended God and is accompanied and followed by amendment of life.

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## Humiliation

descent from an elevated state or rank to one that is low or humble; the act of abasing pride; or the state of being reduced to lowliness of mind, meekness, penitence and submission.

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**Acts 8:33** In His humiliation His justice was taken away, and who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth. I dwell in the high and holy place,

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**Is 57:15** For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

**Js 4:10** Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

**1 Pet 5:6** Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

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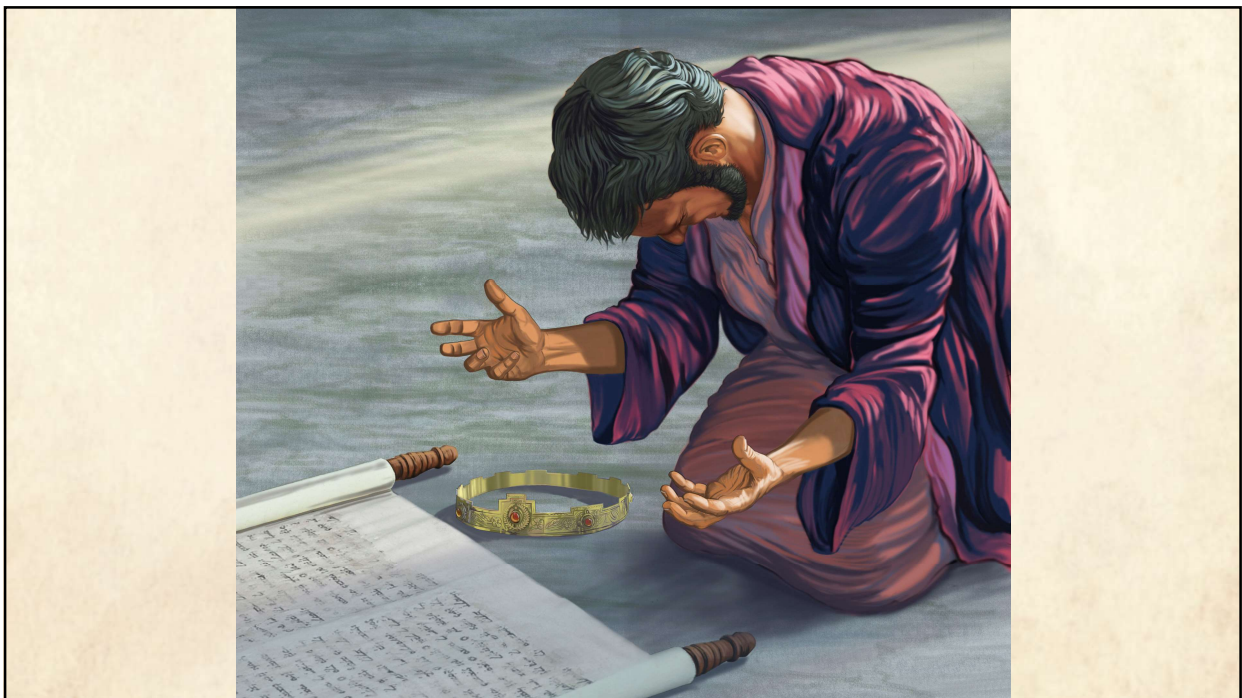
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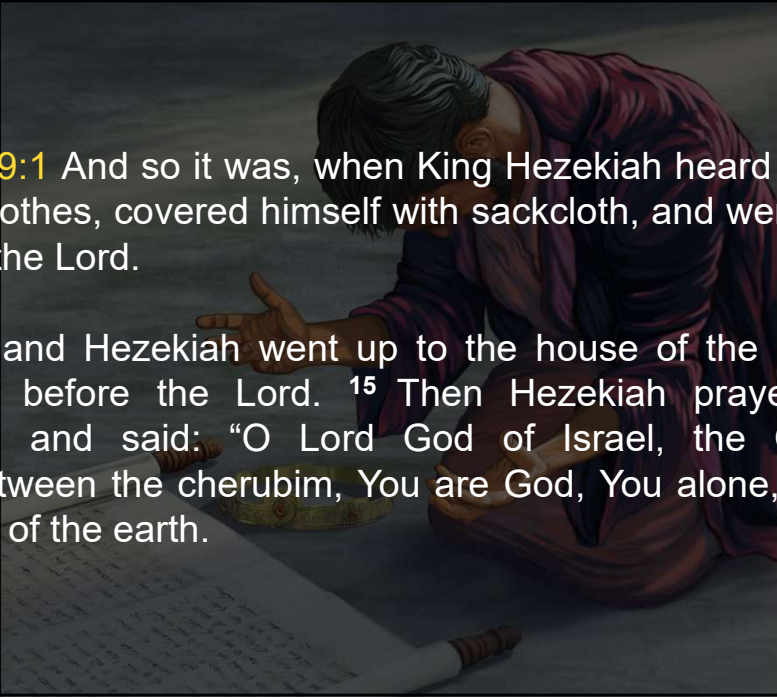




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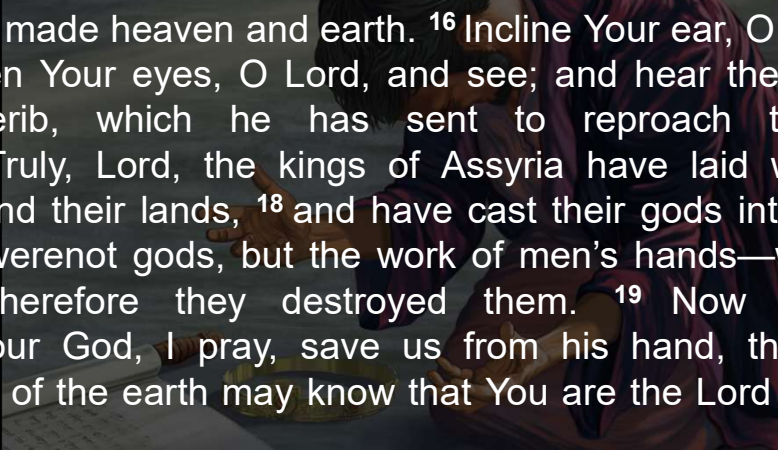
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**2 Kings 19:1** And so it was, when King Hezekiah heard it, that he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the Lord.

**19:14-19** and Hezekiah went up to the house of the Lord, and spread it before the Lord. <sup>15</sup> Then Hezekiah prayed before the Lord, and said: “O Lord God of Israel, the One who dwells between the cherubim, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth.

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You have made heaven and earth. <sup>16</sup> Incline Your ear, O Lord, and hear; open Your eyes, O Lord, and see; and hear the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to reproach the living God. <sup>17</sup> Truly, Lord, the kings of Assyria have laid waste the nations and their lands, <sup>18</sup> and have cast their gods into the fire; for they were not gods, but the work of men’s hands—wood and stone. Therefore they destroyed them. <sup>19</sup> Now therefore, O Lord our God, I pray, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You are the Lord God, You alone.”

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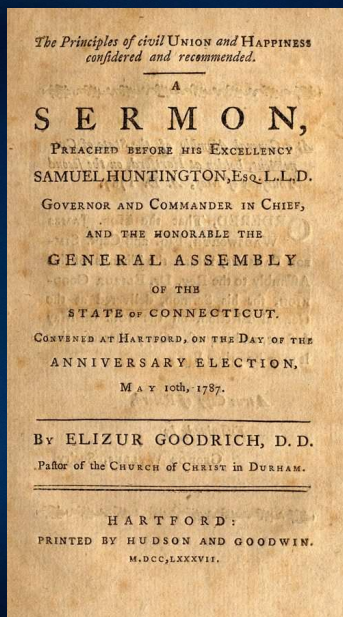


**Simeon Howard**  
Pastor, West Church, Boston

Massachusetts election sermon,  
May 31, 1780:

"There can be no doubt but God often brings distress and ruin upon a sinful people through the ill management of their rulers, given up to error and blindness. ... therefore, if a people desire to have rulers of wise and understanding hearts, counseled and directed by Heaven, they should take care that they be men who fear God."

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Elizur Goodrich Connecticut election  
sermon, May 10, 1787:

"Not only may a people be delivered into the hands of tyrants, as the rod and scourge of heaven for their impiety and madness; but through their own folly, "children may be their princes, and babes rule over them." Such a "people shall be oppressed every one by another, and every one by his neighbor."

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June 12, 1775, President John Hancock and the Continental Congress declared:

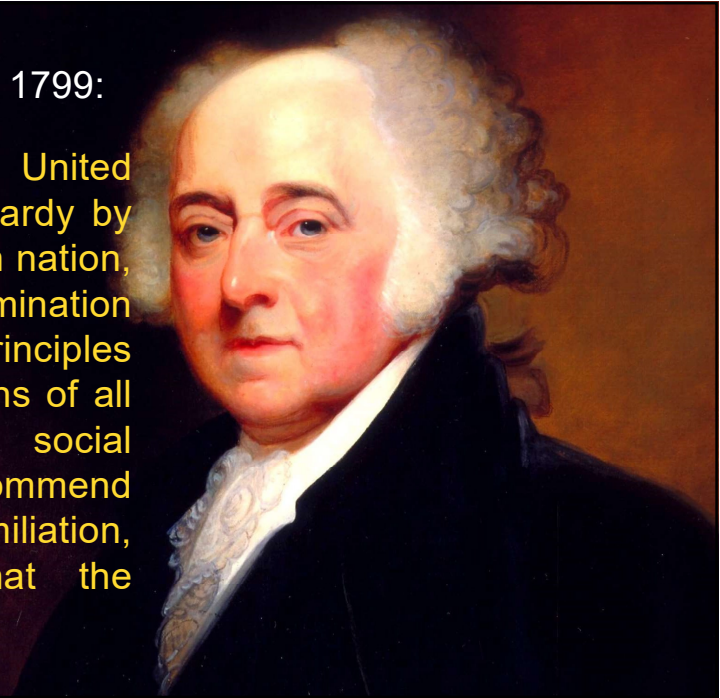
“[C]onsidering the present critical, alarming and calamitous state ... do earnestly recommend, that Thursday, the 12th of July next, be observed by the inhabitants of all the English Colonies on this Continent, as a Day of Public Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer, that we may with united hearts and voices, unfeignedly confess and deplore our many sins and offer up our joint supplications to the All-wise, Omnipotent and merciful Disposer of all Events, humbly beseeching Him to forgive our iniquities.”

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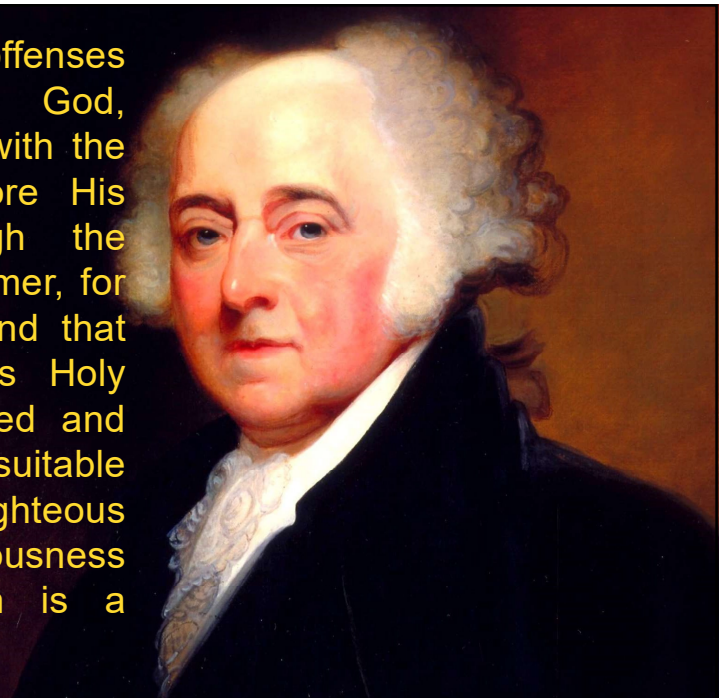
March 23, 1798 & March 6, 1799:

"As ... the people of the United States are still held in jeopardy by ... insidious acts of a foreign nation, as well as by the dissemination among them of those principles subversive to the foundations of all religious, moral, and social obligations ... I hereby recommend ... a Day of Solemn Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer; That the citizens ...

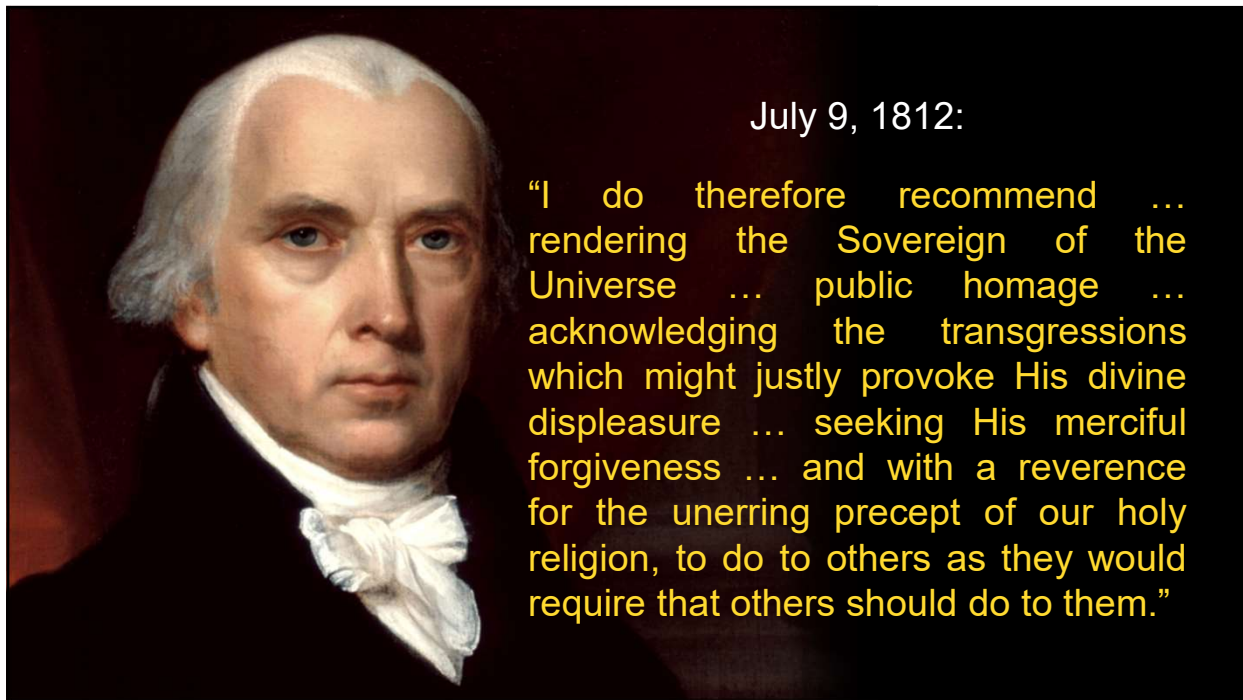


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call to mind our numerous offenses against the Most High God, confess them before Him with the sincerest penitence, implore His pardoning mercy, through the Great Mediator and Redeemer, for our past transgressions, and that through the grace of His Holy Spirit, we may be disposed and enabled to yield a more suitable obedience to His righteous requisitions ... 'Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.'"



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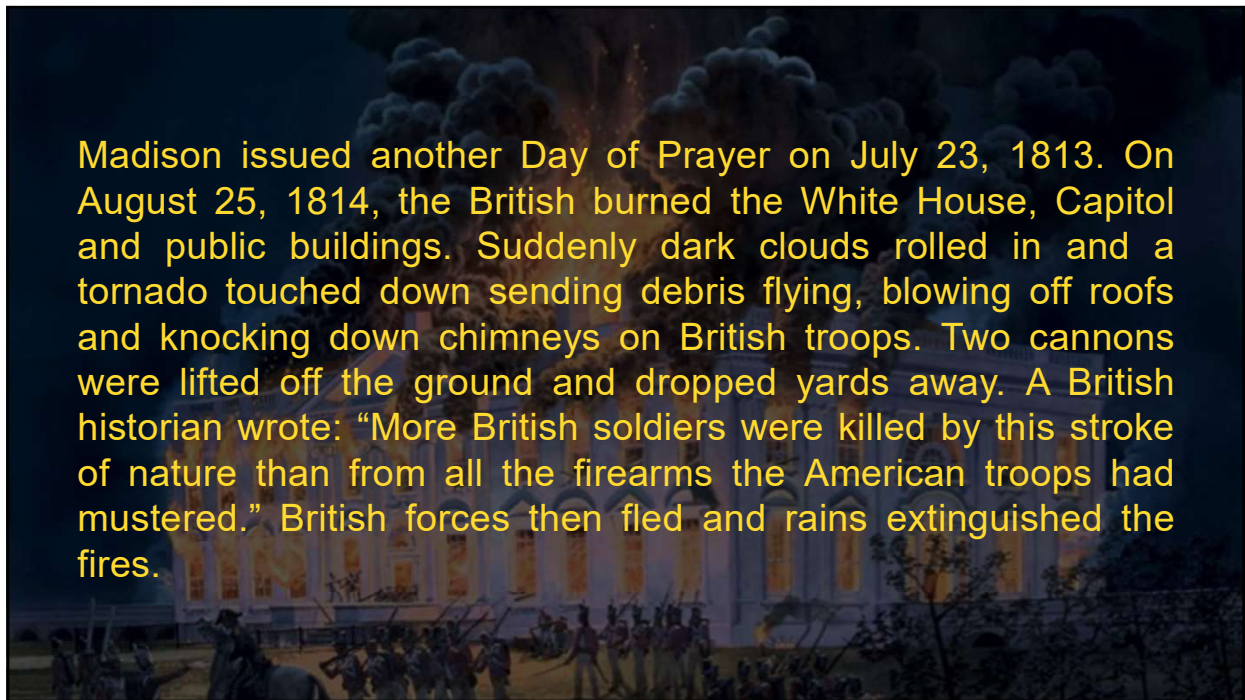


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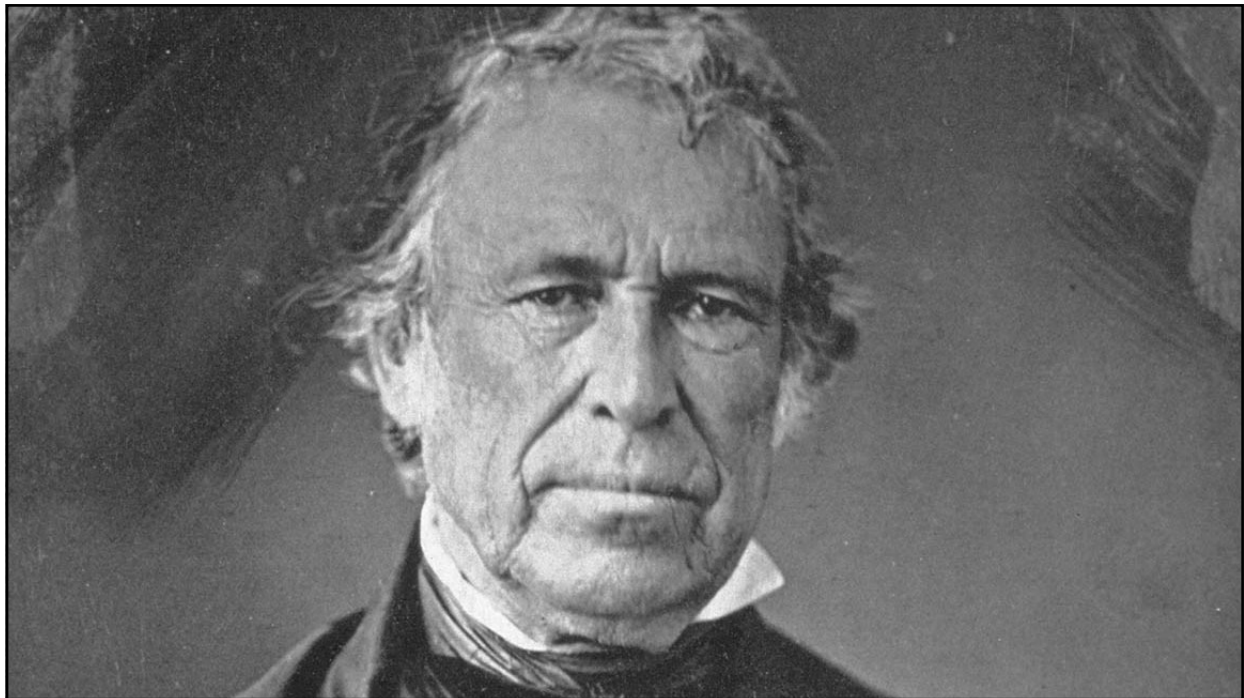


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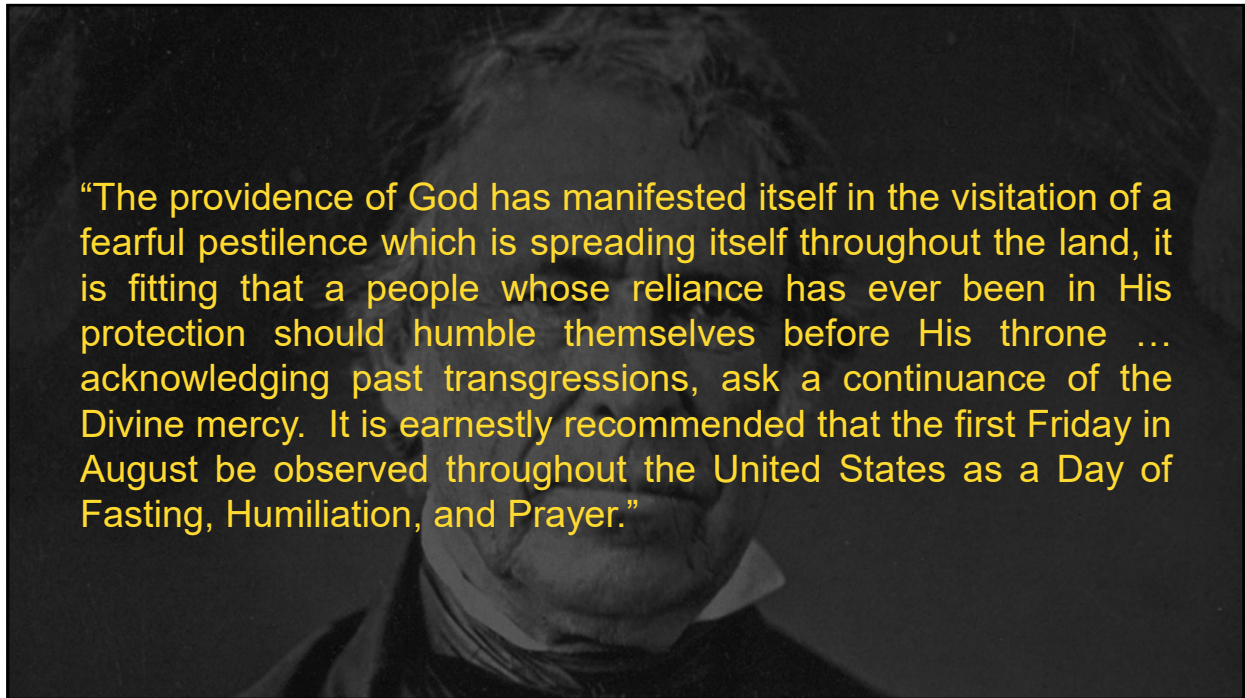




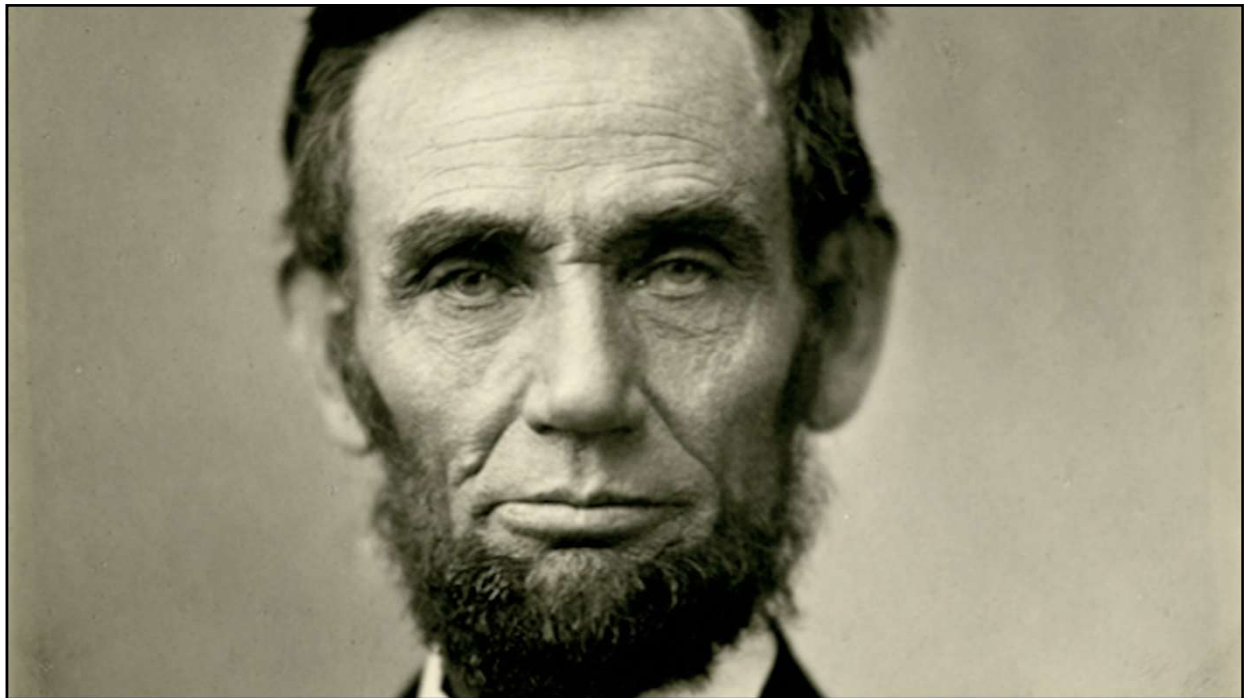
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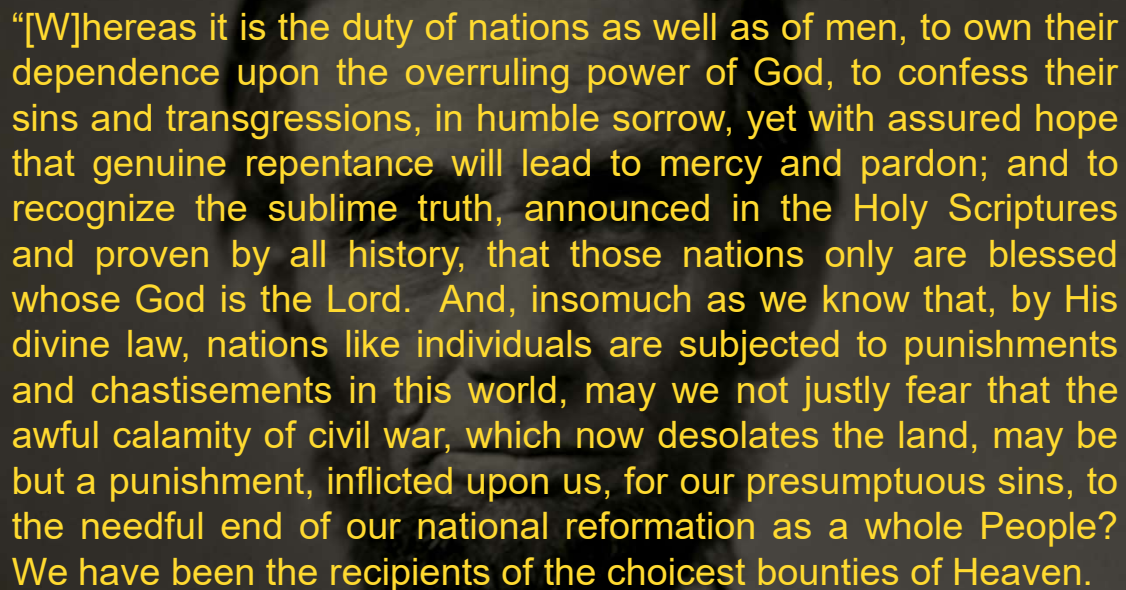


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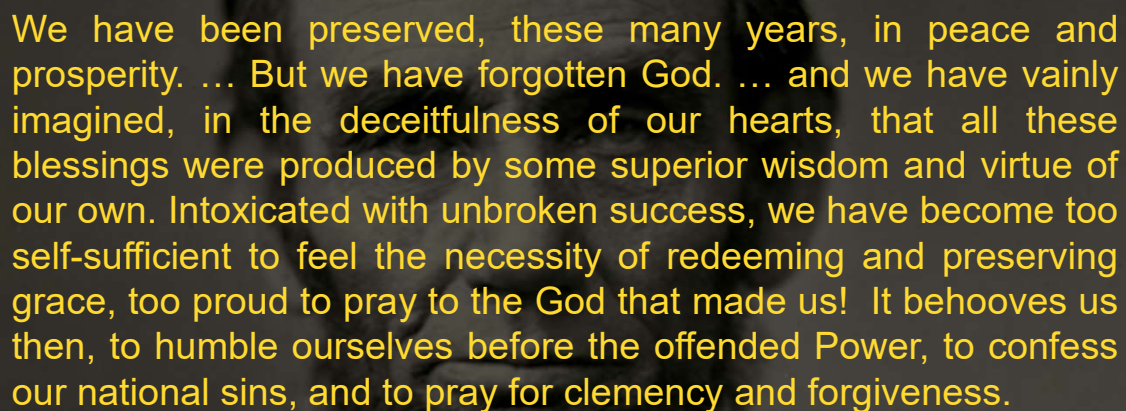
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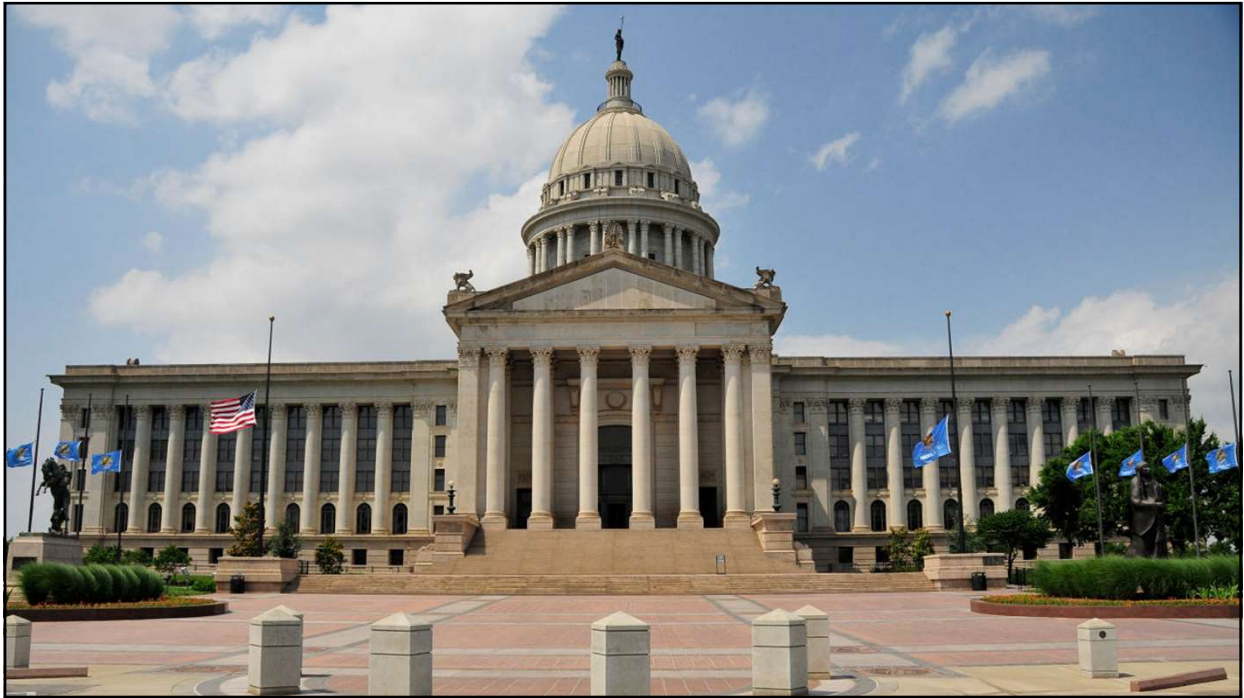
“[W]hereas it is the duty of nations as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord. And, insomuch as we know that, by His divine law, nations like individuals are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world, may we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war, which now desolates the land, may be but a punishment, inflicted upon us, for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole People? We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven.

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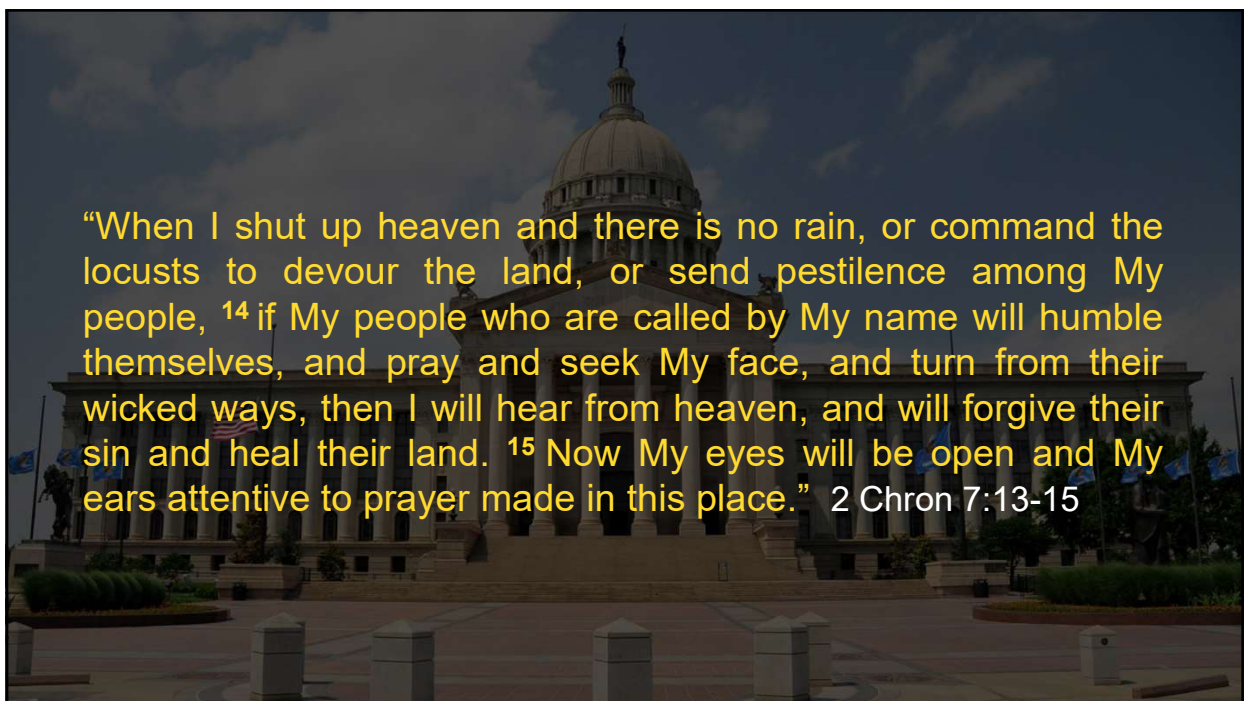
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We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. ... But we have forgotten God. ... and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us! It behooves us then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.

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**Jonah 3:5-10** So the people of Nineveh believed God, proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them. <sup>6</sup>Then word came to the king of Nineveh; and he arose from his throne and laid aside his robe, covered himself with sackcloth and sat in ashes. <sup>7</sup>And he caused it to be proclaimed and published throughout Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; do not let them eat, or drink water. <sup>8</sup>But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily to God; yes, let every one turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. <sup>9</sup>**Who can tell if God will turn and relent, and turn away from His fierce anger, so that we may not perish?**

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