

Joshua 24:17-25

SUBJECT: ^{OUR} A Covenant-Day
with God

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Joshua 24: 13-25

A COVENANT-DAY WITH GOD.

THE nation of Israel. God's purpose of grace through them. (Joshua law, seeking to keep them true to it)

THE nation of America. We do not have a prophet to write the history. But God's hand upon us is not less.

THE BEGINNINGS OF AMERICA

1. The Spanish quest for gold.

The stories that came back after Columbus and 1492. Gold, Indian movements, things. The search for gold, made of gold, staked with iron. Horses and Indian weapons, fountains of gold. Salt, apparel etc. and various. Slaves, pearls.

- (1) Fernando Cortez, conqueror of Mexico.
- (2) Cabeza de Vaca, Texas, to west. 5 hundred.
- (3) Francisco de Coronado, Texas, to north.
- (4) Hernando de Soto, Mississippi.
- (5) Ponce de Leon, Florida.

The gold for which they came: put for which they died.

2. The British quest for God.

The British quest for God. - all things to God - search for the land - search for the gold - search for the silver - search for the iron - search for the copper - search for the tin

Death of Queen Elizabeth James Stuart to 1603. "I will send them to you. I will bring them out of the land."

William Brewster, William Bradford, Nottingham, Ohio

The new home in America. 1620. Spenser - Smith - Bradford - Brewster. They found them, 100 persons.

1620, settled Cape Cod. Plymouth.

The number 51. Brewster, Bradford. The spring, however, 26 were lost. Bradford's account.

THE HAND OF GOD IN AMERICAN HISTORY.

The history that followed: French, Spanish, Indian, English.

Texas: "The Raven" Magazine for women. *Latin? Empire?*

As it is today. This state. This America.

Thanksgiving to God. *to be thankful for someone who to people with words about the future.*

no more... that this is the only... for the people... from... from the... the... the...

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

GOD'S PURPOSES OF GRACE.

Israel: The ten commandments of Ex. 20. The rocks given to them for a purpose, Ex. 17:6.

America: To make known the truth and bring God to the world. Our preparation. Language. Bible. Theological literature. Universal opportunity. American interests, rights, customs. Financial power, resources in our hands.

Our one Lord: The co-operation to do it. The dependence upon, and in relation to, things & persons.

Let this be a day of earnest meeting with God.

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- ~~⑤ LA SALLE 1643-1687 French explorer.~~

For gold, for riches, for the Luna City of Cibola (supposed to be made of gold, studded with jewels), for frontiers of gold, for houses of Indian women, for lust and appetite and adventure.

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which one of the passengers has forgotten, they might have gone to the bottom. The foul weather prevented any accurate calculation of latitude & longitude and they were so far wrong in their reckoning that when they caught sight of land it was to Cape Cod that they had come. ^{Nov. 9th, 1620} This attempt to turn southward, was frustrated by stiff headwinds, and perilous shoals, so on the 21st of December, 1620, they decided to make their home at Plymouth, Massachusetts. It was a day of prayers and high hopes and faith in God when the little band of 100 began the task of building a place to live and to worship on New England's rocky cold, inhospitable shore. They had hoped to build their homes before winter set in, but they had not reckoned on the many delays that placed them ashore in the coldest season. When the long winter came to an end, 51 of the 100 Pilgrims had died. At no time the living were scarcely able to bury the dead - only Brewster and Standish and just about being able to get about among the dead and the dying, all crowded under one roof. But spring finally came, and should they in effect and discouragement return home? Brewster spoke the truth in reply: "It is not with us as with men when small things can discourage." By the end of the first summer, there was a little street with seven finished houses, 26 acres of cleared land, and a bountiful harvest with grasses laid out for the winter. Governor Bradford appointed a day of Thanksgiving, and for three days they celebrated the feast, praising and thanking God.

It is a joy from the poor, simple, humble beginning, to the might and glory
 and power that is America today. But it often becomes us to look again into
 the past from whom we were obliged, and to the rock from whom we were born.
 And such a look for mighty America is a clarion call to remember the God
 who gave us this land, and these freedoms, and then comes, as the church,
 the liberty and the government. No greater tragedy could we overtake
 us, no sadder day could we engulf us, than that sorrowful day when beautiful
 America, free America, mighty America, Christian America, turned her back to
 heaven and forgot the God who made her.

(a) Redyard Kipling, 1897. 'Reverend' for Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.
 Tell like a thunderbolt out of the sky.

With all of our might and our strength and our greatness, it is the God who must
 help us and keep us. Psalm 127:1 "Except the Lord build the house, they
 labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchmen
 watch but in vain."

It is the God who hath given us these sublimest gifts.
 Our country.
 Our churches.
 Our homes.

Let us keep them as such - even as God hath given them to us.
 Our houses - Christian. Temples. Highways. Sunday Schools.
 Our churches. Homes, supported, attended, loved.
 "O Lord thy kingdom, God"

Our country. Christian America.
 "O beautiful for spacious skies"
 God bless America

The Congress of the
 in America.
 - signed through the
 - these things were
 done through the
 work of God.
 Completed in
 the year
 of our Lord
 1897

made fragments into a book
 1897