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“And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers...” (Acts 13:32)

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Eliminating God From Our Culture

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A culture is a grouping of people with a way of life characterized by beliefs, values, and practices that they accept. These distinguishing characteristics are embedded so deeply in each generation through teaching and example that one generally does not have to think about them. They are just the way things are in our culture.

Today our culture in America is quickly changing from its founding with each passing generation. I am not speaking of modern inventions creating a different way of life; I am speaking of God being intentionally eliminated from our culture. If God can be taken out of the public discourse, and the influence of His word devalued as a way of life, then man becomes supreme in determining the direction our country should go.

God has revealed in His word that He is the Creator of the heavens and the earth (*Genesis 1:1*). Therefore He is worthy of our worship (*Revelation 4:11*). He also created us as male and female, according to His own spiritual image (*Genesis 1:27*).

Our founding fathers did not have a problem recognizing God as our Creator. In the Declaration of

Independence, our American forefathers based their breaking ties with England on the “equal station” in life which “*the laws of Nature and of Nature’s God*” entitled them. To them it is “*self-evident that all men are created equal, and they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights...*” which includes “*...Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.*”

What is missing today when the President of the United States quotes these words from our Country’s great document of freedom? “Creator” has been left out repeatedly (at least seven times) by President Obama when quoting the passage from the Declaration of Independence regarding our unalienable rights. We have to conclude that this is not an oversight. It is deliberate.

Hillary Clinton has no problem in the public discourse of ideas saying that our beliefs from the Bible will have to change. Speaking to laws regarding women’s health issues, Mrs. Clinton said, “*...Laws have to be backed up with resources and political will. And deep-seated cultural codes, religious beliefs and*

structural biases have to be changed.”

Look what is happening in our culture. President Clinton signed into law the 1996 “Defense of Marriage Act” – one man and one woman. Nineteen years later it is unconstitutional. Leaders were not fearful to say their religious beliefs changed. Now, young people are growing up in a society where the distinctions between male and female are being blurred. God who created us male and female is being blatantly ignored along with His word defining marriage between a man and a woman (*Matthew 19:6*).

Currently, where is the battlefield for changing our culture? Our government leaders are taking the fight to the public bathrooms. It is not just for the presently “transgendered”, for it is being argued that anyone should be able to enter the bathroom designated for the gender they mentally “identify with”. What is really afoot in the name of equality is eliminating the distinctions made by God, thus making him irrelevant in our society and culture.