Independent of God

**Text:** Psalm 1:1 “Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.”

**Introduction:** Two days ago we celebrated the day that the first Continental Congress declared independence from England. We were a nation founded on Biblical principles. Many of those leaders who signed the document were men of Godly character. The Ten Commandments were taught in school and posted on the walls of nearly every class room. In the courtrooms of this nation the Bible was quoted on a regular basis. Same sex marriage and abortion was not even a thought in the mind of the most liberal American of that time. In many communities families were required to have a musket or rifle in their house to enable the community to call together a militia when necessary.

What has happened to America? When we declared our independ-ence from England did we also declare our independence from God and the Bible? Not immediately but it would be hard for any of the signers of this document to recognize the nation that they risked life and limb for. It seems like the nation under God has become independ-ent of God. He is called on when a hurricane strikes, a tornado hits, or planes fly into buildings; otherwise He is unwelcome in most public places.

**I. Supreme Court Rejects a Supreme God:** In 1962 The Supreme Court got involved by rejecting a prayer in the New York Public School which was designed to promote good moral character and to combat juvenile delinquency. Justice Hugo Black wrote: “The prayer is inconsistent with both the purpose of the Establishment Clause and the Establishment Cause itself.” It was the first time in 170 years that anyone had struck down prayer in any official capacity. A year later the court heard arguments in the Madalyn Murray O’Hair case. In that case the court abolished all prayer and Bible reading in the public schools. Not one religious group or church even filed a brief in an attempt to keep the Bible and Prayer in school. The National Council of Churches as well as other liberal groups actually supported MMO in this case.

**II. The Harvest Reaped:** Since the Bible and prayer has been removed from the public schools there has been a rapid increase in teen pregnancies. The majority of teens sacrifice their purity before the age of 15. 30,000 teens commit suicide every year. Over 1 ½ million teens have committed suicide since this decision. Violence in school has dramatically increased. No one objects to prayer in school when there is a shooter roaming the halls.

**III. Supreme Court Endorses Murder:** In 1973 The Supreme Court decided that although it is wrong for you and me to murder a child (in uredo) it is OK if a mother and a doctor do it. Since that decision 56 million unborn babies have been murdered in America and over 1.3 billion worldwide. Daily on the radio and TV we hear of mothers abandoning their children and boyfriends or husbands beating them to death. It is hypocritical to be upset at those who do this and act as if abortion is OK.

**IV. Homosexual Marriage is acceptable** by many who call them-selves Christians. Many States have put same-sex marriage on the ballot to only have the voters’ rejection overturned by a single judge. When this gets to the Supreme Court how do you think they are going to rule?

Marriage was defined in the Garden of Eden by God. No matter how many Hollywood movies present a sob story of real love between same sex couples; the Word of God remains unchanged. What was once an abomination to God is still an abomination to God. I am not a bigot or a homophobe because I stand with God and the Bible.

**V. Cutting down trees and killing for meat** are the abominations of this generation. The same crowd that defends a woman’s right to abort her unwanted child weeps over a dead whale being cut up for food.

**Conclude:** As a nation we have walked in the counsel of the ungodly, we have stood in the way of sinners, and we have sat in the seat of the scornful. What can you and I do to make a difference? What part do we have in this scenario? How about following the next verse beyond our text? It says “But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.” I can vote, I can write to my elected officials, I can support good causes; and all of these pale in comparison to living the Word of God. When you and I actually live out what God says, with delight, prayer will happen, love will happen, healing will happen, we will witness to others & God will do the rest!