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- Amos 8:11 - “Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord GOD, That I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water, But of hearing the words of the LORD. 12 They shall wander from sea to sea, And from north to east; They shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, But shall not find it.”
- “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.” (George Santayana)

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- The strongest indicator of the decline and inevitable fall of a nation is seen in the decline and corruption of the influence of religion
 - As go the churches, so follows the nation.
- What is the state of contemporary Christianity in the United States?

As A Nation, We No Longer Recognize The Authority Of Scripture

- Psalm 78:9-11 - “The children of Ephraim, being armed and carrying bows, Turned back in the day of battle. 10 They did not keep the covenant of God; They refused to walk in His law, 11 And forgot His works And His wonders that He had shown them.”

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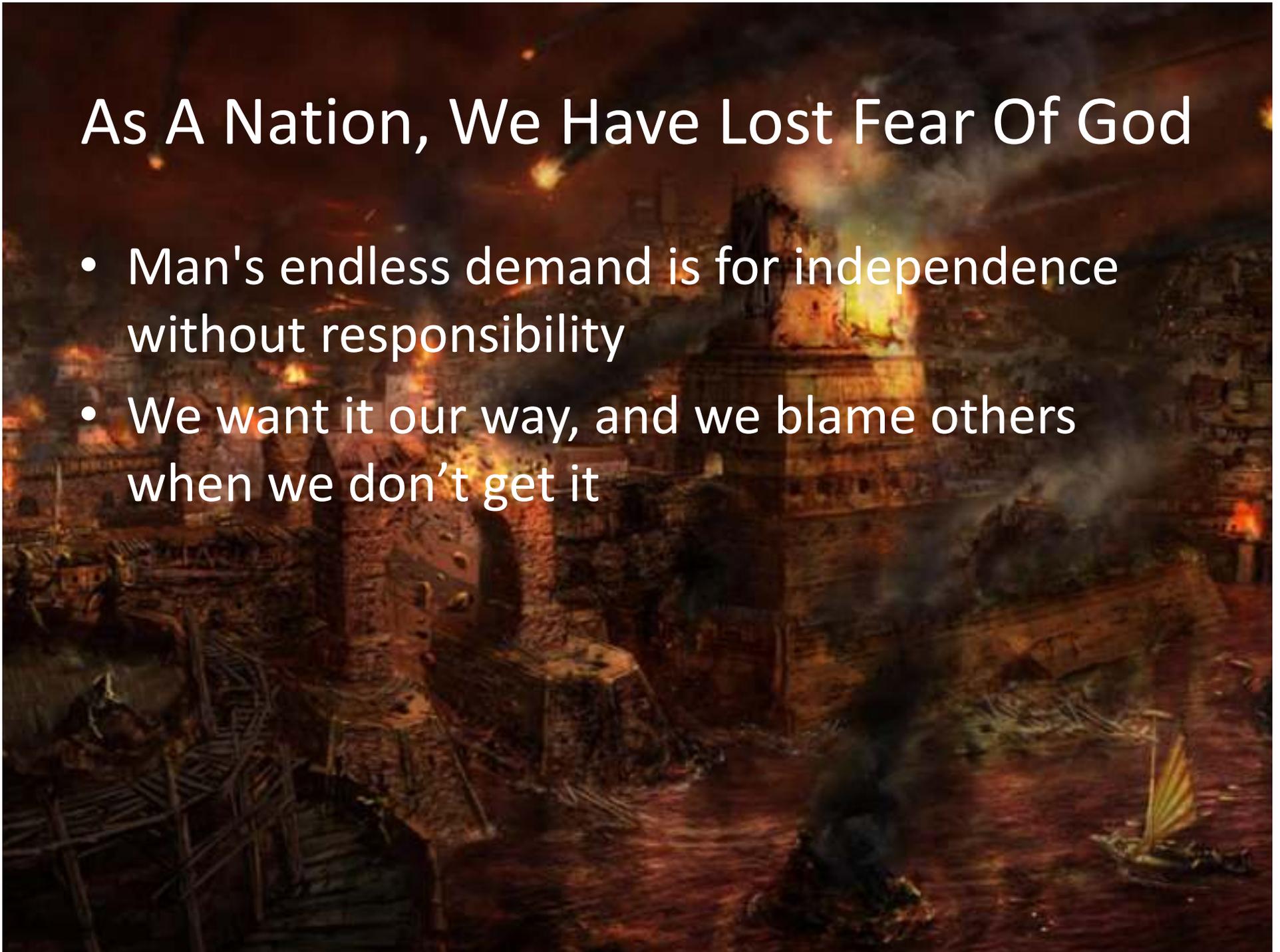
- The Bible is consistently and constantly under attack
 - Higher textual criticism
 - Authors and publishers printing anything for money and fame
 - Placing the Bible on par with Koran or book of Mormon
 - Authenticity challenged by religious archaeologists
 - “Christians” accepting the wisdom of secular experts over the wisdom of scripture

As A Nation, We Have Lost Fear Of God

- Psalm 78:17-20 - “But they sinned even more against Him By rebelling against the Most High in the wilderness. 18 And they tested God in their heart By asking for the food of their fancy. 19 Yes, they spoke against God: They said, Can God prepare a table in the wilderness? 20 Behold, He struck the rock, So that the waters gushed out, And the streams overflowed. Can He give bread also? Can He provide meat for His people?”

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- Man's endless demand is for independence without responsibility
- We want it our way, and we blame others when we don't get it



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- Abortion, euthanasia, endemic fornication, pandemic dishonesty, homosexuality, and many other sins in overt defiance of God
 - And then, cry out in blasphemous defiance or denial of God when we must deal with the consequences of these sins
- What overweening pride! We are perhaps the most self-oriented society in recorded history
 - Matt. 12:38-45

As A Nation, We Have Substituted Man's Wisdom For God's

- Psalm 78:22-32
 - God's salvation plan is questioned; all humans are presumed to be good
 - Psalm 53:3 - “Every one of them has turned aside; They have together become corrupt; There is none who does good, No, not one.”
 - Men add rituals to and subtract commands from God’s plan in the presumptuous belief that they are improving on it

As A Nation, We Have Made Ecumenicalism The Greatest Virtue

- Psalm 78:52-60
- Ez. 22:23-31
- Gal. 1:6-10



This Has Resulted In:

- “Christians” having no solid foundation
- Salvation and sin are clouded issues
- Doctrine fragmented beyond repair for this generation
- People headed for perdition while believing they are going to heaven.
- The church becomes an enemy of the public interest and eventually an enemy of the state
- And when that happens, this nation falls