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## Big Reduction! Your Opportunity!

Here is your opportunity to get good Shoes at a big reduction. Don't miss it.

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## THANKSGIVING SERMON

PREACHED BY REV. A. E. HOOPER  
IN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

On Thursday, November 24th, 1898, to an Appreciative Congregation.

Text: Psalm 147: 20—He hath not dealt so with any nation.

To a devout Israelite there was no more inspiring theme than a review of his nation's history and his nation's greatness. And well he might; for he would be recreant to the principles which were held by the founders of his nation did he not rejoice in the fact that Israel was peculiarly God's nation, that his people were an elect people, that God indeed worked mightily in bringing his people from a condition of bondage to that of liberty and honor and power and glory.

But David only echoed the thoughts of Moses when he composed this beautiful psalm. Long before the Psalmist's day Moses had sung of God's wonderful mercy and power:

"For ask now of the days that are past which were before thee, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and ask from the one side of heaven unto the other, whether there hath been any such thing as this great thing is, or hath been heard like it!"

"Did ever people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and live?"

"Or hath God assayed to go out and take him a nation from the midst of another nation by temptations, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm, and by great terrors according to all that the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes."—Deut. 4: 32-34.

O happy nation, to be the special object of the divine watchfulness, beneath whose wings Israel might nestle with the happy consciousness that though the heathen might rage, threaten and assault, yet no harm could come to the loved ones as long as they remained under that protection.

It is my purpose to bring before you to-day certain formative elements in preparation and growth of American nationality that ought to bring forth thanksgiving from every truly loyal heart. The hand of God is evident in American history. Equality, though in a different way, America, with Israel, is a chosen nation. There are a great many things that show us that God did really intend that America should bring forth fruits of a peculiar kind.

I. The very position of the country, isolated as it is in its situation, shows that He who created the land and the sea must have placed America where he did for a grand purpose. To the East and to the West there extend vast bodies of water that formed an impassable barrier to the navigators of the early times. Their ships were incapable of combating with the mountain waves of the furious ocean. So the people were confined to the lands then known until they had fought out the battles necessary to prepare them for the new land beyond the sea. Invention was in its infancy. Their ships were of such a kind that they could not venture far from the land. When nation was pitted against nation and people against people it was very necessary that the veil of mystery be drawn over this new land until men had come to recognize those higher principles of brotherhood and love that ought to govern the actions of mankind. If these elements of strife were transported across the ocean the condition of things would have been the same as they were in the lands from which they came. But America, from its very isolation and distance, was preserved for scenes of a different kind, for people of a different nature and people with a different purpose.

Ought we not to thank God even for our loneliness sometimes. We know not what He is preparing for us, we know not what grand purpose He has in view for us in the future. If our loneliness teach us the value of His friendship, years are not wasted in waiting; for we know that from the sad silence of years shall rise the glad hills of our land of promise beckoning us onward with the hand of hope to the enjoyment that is made all the more delicious for the waiting and the silence more harmonious in contrast to the strains of heaven's music. There were green fields and delicious fruit in America that might have been enjoyed long years before they were, but God had a purpose in drawing the veil over this unknown land until, in the fulness of time, His purposes were brought to pass.

II. God's remarkable dealings with this country may be seen also from the noble men that God brought over as pioneers into this country.

It is impossible to estimate the influence that a country's position has in determining the character of its people. Any one looking over the map of Europe can see how true this is. At the North are the sturdy, energetic, active and trustworthy Teutonic tribes; at the South are the Romanic tribes; the Span-

iards and the Portuguese especially haughty, cruel, with a great lust for gain. The very struggle for existence in the colder sections of the world necessitates activity, demands economy and a more temperate mode of living.

The position of Europe as related to America must also be kept in mind. The influence of the gulf stream makes the climate of Northern Europe much warmer than the same latitude in America.

Have you ever asked yourself the question what would have been the condition of this country if the Spaniards instead of the English had gotten possession of this new lands? But Columbus sailed from Spain when he discovered America. If he had sailed straight West from Lisbon he would have struck the coast about on the latitude of Philadelphia, but, evidently, God did not mean that the Spaniards should gain possession of North America and as Columbus was nearing the new land a very simple occurrence, we would call it, changed his course further South.

He noticed a flock of birds holding their course in a South-westerly direction and these birds decided whether North America should or should not be colonized by the treacherous Spaniard. Here God interposed in the very beginning of our history. Are men chosen for a great work by God because of their national character? Undoubtedly they are. The Spaniards were cruel, selfish, murderous and they were not the men that God intended to place as the guardians of this great continent and nation. The truth is that the men who should come here were not yet prepared for colonizing this country. God Himself selected a people for this great work.

But trials and persecution were necessary to fit them for His purposes. So we see the oppressor's hand laid hard upon them until they cried out in anguish for some land where they could worship God according to the dictates of their consciences. When character brought forth fruit in settled conviction and determination to serve God though all the world were against them, then God allowed these brightest gems of all the nation of England to depart and form a home and community where nothing should impede the natural outgoings of the heart to God. Surely then God had a purpose in planting here the Northman, the energetic, brave Englishman, instead of the cruel, lustful Spaniard.

God not only selected the people, but he selected the time also in which they should come here. As we look back upon it now we can see that no other years could have produced such colonists as those that came during the twenty years following 1620. Then persecution was at its height; then religious enthusiasm and dauntless religious courage more pronounced than at any other time. The religion that could hold its own in such a time as that was worth a great deal in the eyes of God. "Among those 20,000 Englishmen who took up their abode on the rocky coast of New England were men of the highest character and education. Of their eighty ministers one-half were graduates of Cambridge or Oxford and no wonder these men were moved to establish the New Cambridge College on this side of the sea when Boston was only six years old."

Such was the race chosen of God to colonize this great North American continent; such were the men chosen out of this race in order that there might be established a nobler element of manhood, a firm foundation on which the future of this nation should be built. Well might William Staughton in 1688 say: "God sifted a whole nation that he might send choice grain into the wilderness."

III. God has dealt marvelously with this nation in the people's preparation for their form of government. It was not from hatred of the form of government in England that a republic was formed here, because many of the elements of English rule were transported to this country. But the Pilgrims did not come direct from England to the coast of Massachusetts. Across the English Channel there was a small country in contact with which it was very necessary that these pioneers of the forest primeval should come. This was the Dutch Republic. The reformation which began in Switzerland and the interior of Germany naturally flowed downward with the commerce of these nations to the seaboard. Holland itself was thus prepared by the influence of the reformation for the reception and education of this people. Here they imbibed those ideas of representation and government that bore fruit when they landed on the American coast. We have only to look at the present condition of Africa in order to judge as to what would have been the condition of this country if monarchical, instead of republican, views had been brought by these early settlers. To-day America would have been split up between the different nations, each one in

antagonism to the other. If the Dutch Republic, as historians say, was impossible without the reformation, we may truly say the American Republic was impossible without the influence of the Dutch Republic. It is only an illustration of the marvellous way in which God works in order to bring about His purposes. That small band of Pilgrims seem to have been guided by the hand of God as plainly as the Israelites were conducted through the wilderness into the Promised Land.

If God had a purpose in directing such men to this country, imbibed with such ideas, we must conclude that America was entrusted with the working out of a problem that was precious in God's sight.

In conclusion we can readily see that God has a mission for America. Whether men will recognize it or not, the nations of the earth are in the hands of God to work out His purposes, and happy is that nation and bright her future that recognizes God in her affairs and strives to do His will.

Each nation has a mission. Though composed of individuals, each with his own individuality, yet each man has something that he can add to the common fund. I have seen a football team working with such precision and success that it was evident to everyone that each man was intent on one object, that all their wills were blended into one great will; so in the nation there is a colossal will that acts and is moved towards one great object. For the exercise of that will the nation will be held responsible before God. God does not coerce the will of the nation any more than he does the will of the individual; but if the nation rebels against the manifest will of God nothing is left to her but the fate of those nations that have been entrusted with missions in the past, and, because of their unfaithfulness, have now only shadows of their former greatness.

What were the principles that made this nation great?

We go back to the Revolution and see the noble men who valued liberty more than life, who poured out their life's blood that their sons and daughters might become inheritors of this priceless legacy. What nobler passion could stir the human breast! Who are more worthy of honor than the men who counted not their lives dear unto themselves for the sake of liberty! What nation is more worthy to live than that one which gives her best sons and her richest treasures for something more enviable than jewels, before which the clink of gold and silver seems like the shackles that bind sordid slaves to the dungeon of their own selfishness! When we consider what are the fundamental principles which ought to guide the transactions of this nation we cannot come to the conclusion that our first thoughts should be centered upon gold or even the building up of commerce with the whole world. What is true of the individual is true also of a nation. It must "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" and trust that all these things shall be added unto us.

It was for freedom of person, freedom of thought and freedom to worship God according to religious conviction that brought the Pilgrims to the wintry coast of Massachusetts. God and liberty were first in their thoughts and first in their government. That same idea found fruit in the heart of Washington and that thought nerved the arm of every soldier in his army. These are the sentiments and principles that make noble men. These are the sentiments that have always brought victory and liberty. I verily believe that God has raised up such men as Washington and Lincoln as object lessons for the United States, warning the nation that if she depart from the lofty principles on which she has been founded there remains nothing but shipwreck. We may say with the poet of old,

"Leave to the soft Campanian  
His baths and his perfumes;  
Leave to the sordid race of Tyre  
Their dyng-vats and looms;  
Leave to the sons of Carthage  
The ruder and the oar;  
Leave to the Greek his marble nymphs  
And scrolls of wordy lore!"

but for us, the children of a purer civilization, the pioneers of a noble future, it is for us to found a Capitol whose corner stone is Justice, and whose top stone is Freedom. It is ours to hold aloft the lamp of liberty, proclaiming freedom to the slave and the oppressed. It is our mission to bless the world with the cheering rays of the lamp of life.

### A Common Danger.

If you have ever had a cold which you permitted to "wear away" it may interest you to know that it was a dangerous proceeding. Every cold and cough which is neglected paves the way for consumption, bronchitis, asthma or catarrh. Otto's Cure, the famous German throat and lung remedy, will cure any cough or cold and save you from consumption. Call on H. Alex. Stoke and get a sample bottle free. Large also 25c. and 50c.

## High School Bulletin.

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Few of the people of our country thought that by doing a humane act, similar to that of freeing the slaves, their would be thrust upon us one of the greatest questions that could come before a nation, and especially a republic which previously had but little studied the matter. Our navy and our army settled the question of superiority in the war we have finished and they settled it in a way that only Americans could settle it. But the great and difficult problem that arose from the struggle remains for our statesmen to solve. This great question is imperialism, or territorial expansion. Possessions scattered all over the globe, some say, are a benefit; some say not. Nations having foreign possessions are continually harassed by wars arising directly or indirectly from them. More than half the wars of countries having them originated through causes traceable to these. The Anglo-Egyptian expedition is an example of this, as are many others. The people of the United States abhor war. It causes loss of life. The people have to defray the expenses incurred by war. Neither do they favor a large standing army which is necessary in the case of imperialism. This will not be the republic of the present if we follow the example of the greedy, land-grabbing nations. Some say, "We have spent millions of dollars in this war, why not get a recompense?" We started the war in the cause of humanity and not for conquest. Besides, it will cost us many millions to retain the vast amount of territory which might be seized. Coaling stations are acquired by having foreign possessions, but coaling stations are necessary only in case of war.

Let it not be forgotten that our nation is a republic, and a model one. Do we want to be an imperial power and exercise sovereignty like an empire. No, the people do not wish this. Our country is large. It has the greatest resources, as a nation, in the world. It is unnecessary to reach out and grasp every little island that we can. It is not our place to do it. We can profit by the fates of other nations who have tried this policy.

Let not our noble nation mar her thus far brilliant record, so resplendent with glorious achievements both in war and peace, the most renowned the world has ever bid to look upon; but may she continue in her victorious career, triumphant in the arts of peace instead of conquest; prosperity instead of expansion; and above all preserve an undying faith in the principles which have been instrumental in elevating her into those higher realms of statehood which it has been her privilege and pride to enjoy.

### LOCAL.

The Senior class took dinner with Prof. Lenkerd at the Imperial on Thanksgiving.

Some Seniors, when in pleasant company seem to think the longest way is the sweetest way to school.

Miss Lois Robinson, of the Junior class, is on the sick list.

Miss Ella Lenkerd spent Thanksgiving at her home near DuBois.

Miss Molly McDonald was in DuBois over Sunday.

William Smith missed his Thanksgiving dinner by going to Brookville to referee for the football team.

James Pentz spent Sunday in DuBois.

Miss Gertrude Double entertained the Senior class at her home Saturday evening.

Jr. No. 2 need not think he is the tallest log in the saw mill.

Which girl wishes to learn to play the baton in the orchestra?

The prices on watches at Gooder's are trade winners.

### Headache for Forty Years.

For forty years I suffered from sick headache. About a year ago I began using Celery King. The result was gratifying and surprising, my headaches leaving at once. The headaches used to return every seventh day, but thanks to Celery King, I have had but one headache in the last eleven months. I know that what cured me will help others.—Mrs. John D. VanKeuren, Saugerties, N. Y. Celery King for the Nerves, Stomach, Liver and Kidneys is sold in 50c. and 25c. packages by H. Alex. Stoke.

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