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Psalms - 21:5

His glory is great in thy salvation: honour and majesty hast thou laid upon him.

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 **Prayers of 'Much Speaking'**

In Defense of the Faith
 Tuesday, December 27, 2005
 Jack Kinsella - Omega Letter Editor



"But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking." (Matthew 6: 7)

"And whatsoever ye shall ask in My Name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." (John 14: 13)

The history of the United States Chaplain Corps traces its roots to 28 November 1775. The 2nd article of Navy regulations states:

"the Commanders of the ships of the thirteen United Colonies are to take care that Divine services be performed twice a day on board and a sermon preached on Sundays, unless bad weather or other extraordinary accidents prevent."

Given that the Navy regulations required Divine services twice a day and a Sunday sermon, one can reasonably assume the Divine services and Sunday sermon were Christian.

In 1863, Abraham Lincoln appointed three rabbis to serve the Union as Jewish chaplains. The reason Lincoln appointed them personally was because the Secretary of War refused to commission non-Christian chaplains. So, until 1863 then, US military chaplains were all Christians.

Since then, Jewish rabbis have distinguished themselves in numerous wars, sometimes even pinch-hitting for their Christian colleagues when necessary. But the point remains that the chaplain services were originally, and by design, a Christian service.

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U.S. News

Retailers wrap up decent holiday season

Tue, 27 Dec 2005 14:38:51 GMT
 CHICAGO (Reuters) - U.S. retailers rolled out the post-Christmas clearance sales and bet on throngs of shoppers bearing gift cards to provide a sales rush as they wrapped up a decent but unspectacular holiday selling season. ... [more from Reuters](#)

Five found shot to death in Virginia suburb

Mon, 26 Dec 2005 04:59:48 GMT
 Officers found the bodies of three men and one woman in the county's upscale Great Falls area after responding to reports of gunfire, said officer Richard Henry, a Fairfax County Police Department spokesman. ... [more from Reuters](#)

'Monday Night Football' on ABC: One last drive

Tue, 27 Dec 2005 02:33:39 GMT
 NEW YORK (Hollywood Reporter) - Turn out the lights, the party's over. ... [more from Reuters](#)



In October, 1906, a board of chaplains appointed by the Secretary of the Navy established guidelines and made recommendations that led to the commissioning of chaplains and the establishment of the modern multi-faith chaplain corps.

The chaplain corps was opened to Muslim chaplains during the Clinton administration. The Pentagon chose Muslim chaplains based on the recommendations of the American Armed Forces and Veterans Affairs Council (part of the American Muslim Foundation) and the Islamic Society of North America.

(Last year, Abdul Rahman al-Amoudi, the co-founder of the American Muslim Council and then the head of the American Muslim Foundation was arrested for having ties to terrorism)

The Pentagon continues to recruit Muslim chaplains through these Saudi-funded Wahabbist groups.

Navy Lt. Gordon Klingenschmitt is a Navy Chaplain. He is currently staging a hunger strike outside the White House to protest being dismissed from the Navy.

Lt. Klingenschmitt expressed his grievance to Julia Duin of the Washington Times; "I am a Navy chaplain being fired because I pray in Jesus' Name," he said.

How's that again? A Navy Chaplain, traditionally commissioned to perform 'Divine services twice a day on board and a sermon preached on Sundays' being fired for praying in Jesus' Name? Yup.

It seems that Christian chaplains are being 'discouraged' from offering prayers in Jesus' Name, and Klingenschmitt is hardly an isolated case.

The American Center for Law and Justice has gathered 173,000 signatures on a petition seeking an executive order allowing military chaplains to pray according to their individual faith traditions.

And seventy-three members of Congress sent a letter to the President in which they complained, "In all branches of the military, it is becoming increasingly difficult for Christian chaplains to use the Name of Jesus when praying."

What?? But wait! There's more!

Study shows how alcohol damages bones

Tue, 27 Dec 2005 02:42:21 GMT

In a review of cell, animal and human studies, Dr. Dennis A. Chakkalakal of the Omaha VA Medical Centre in Nebraska describes how heavy drinking leads to bone loss, higher risk of fractures and slower healing of bone breaks. ...

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Guidant saw some deaths from heart device: report

Tue, 27 Dec 2005 12:31:12 GMT

Guidant did not publicize the flaw because it appeared to have viewed the overall failure rate as acceptable, according to the documents filed Thursday in a Texas state court in connection with a lawsuit involving Guidant's Prizm 2 DR defibrillator. ...

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NSA eavesdropping wider than W. House admitted: report

Sun, 25 Dec 2005 13:20:24 GMT

Citing current and former government officials, the Times said the information was collected by tapping directly into some of the U.S. telecommunication system's main arteries. The officials said the NSA won the cooperation of telecommunications companies to obtain access to both domestic and international communications without first gaining warrants. ...

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The Congressional letter noted that 80% of US troops are Christians. But the military singles out and censors Christian prayers. The letter added that military "censorship" of chaplains' prayers disenfranchises "hundreds of thousands of Christian soldiers in the military who look to their chaplains for comfort, inspiration and support."

Added Rev. Billy Baugham, executive director of the Greenville, S.C.-based International Conference of Evangelical Chaplain Endorsers;

"No Islamic chaplain has been refused to pray in the name of Allah, as far as we know. Neither has a rabbi been rebuked for making references to Hanukkah, and no Catholic priest has been rebuked for referring to the Blessed Virgin Mary."

Navy spokeswoman Lt. Erin Bailey 'sort of' denied the ban on Jesus by telling the Times that, "Navy chaplains are encouraged to be sensitive to the needs of all those present." Wouldn't want to offend a non-Christian by hearing a CHRISTIAN CHAPLAIN invoke His Name as if maybe the chaplain believed in Christ, would we?

The Navy is facing two lawsuits, filed in 1999 and 2000, by FIFTY Christian chaplains, saying the Navy discriminates against evangelical and Pentecostal clerics.

Air Force guidelines allow "a brief, nonsectarian prayer" during military ceremonies "to add a heightened sense of seriousness or solemnity, not to advance specific religious beliefs."

And Baugham told the Times he had "just got a call from an Army chaplain in Iraq who says he'd be hammered if he used Jesus' Name. Chaplains are scared to death. They must clear their prayers with their commanders, they can mention Jesus' Name at chapel services, but not outside that context."

I've mentioned it before, but it bears repeating. For years, I would read the prophecies concerning the antichrist and his government, the mark of the beast, etc., but could never picture it in the context of the United States.

I always expected the Rapture to remove the Church, but still had trouble seeing those Americans left behind lining up to renounce Jesus and worship some European guy.

Unfortunately, the picture is getting a bit clearer as the antichrist's calling card keeps turning up in some of the least expected places.

"Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time." (1st John 2: 18)

"Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son." (1st John 2: 22)

"And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world." (1st John 4: 3)

"For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist." (2nd John

1:7)

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