

# I Samuel 7:12

by Chuck Smith

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*Chuck Smith emphasizes the importance of looking back at God's past blessings, looking around at the current state of the world, and looking ahead to the future, warning of judgment unless we repent.*

**Scripture:** 1 Samuel 7:12, 2 Chronicles 7:14, Psalm 37:25, Isaiah 41:10, Matthew 24:24, Romans 8:31, Philippians 4:19, Hebrews 13:5, James 4:8, 1 Peter 5:7

**Topics:** "God's Faithfulness", "Repentance"

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## Description

Chuck Smith reflects on the past, present, and future in his sermon 'Facing the New Year,' emphasizing that the Lord has helped us thus far. He encourages looking back at God's faithfulness, recognizing the blessings in America, and warns against the dangers of forsaking God. Smith highlights the need for repentance to avoid judgment and reassures individuals of God's unwavering support. The message serves as a reminder of God's sovereignty and the importance of maintaining faith in challenging times.

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## Transcript

"FACING THE NEW YEAR"

I. "HITHERTO HATH THE LORD HELPED US -- LOOKING BACK."

A. The Bible states that the final world governing empire will be a federation of 10 European countries.

1. This past month, it was announced officially that

Greece has been accepted as the 10th nation

Jan. 1, 1981.

B. The Bible says that Iran will be allied with Russia in the attack against Israel along with Lybia and Ethiopia.

C. The Bible warns that there will be many false Christ's and false prophets seeking to lead people to isolated places.

Jesus said "don't go."

1. Over 900 people failed to heed His warning and followed Jones to Guyana.

II. "HITHERTO HATH THE LORD HELPED US" -- LOOKING AROUND.

A. God has brought us through some difficult trials.

1. Times when we thought we weren't going to make it, but we're here.

2. Like the disciples we thought the boat was going under, but the Lord intervened and we passed over.

B. God has really blessed us abundantly.

1. America, America, God shed His grace on thee.

a. A nation rich in natural resources.

b. A nation where Christianity still has some influence.

c. A nation with agricultural surplus.

2. America beware lest you misinterpret history.

a. Think that it is the democratic form of government.

b. Credit the free enterprise system.

C. It is God who has made this nation great! Why?

1. Our founding fathers sought to establish one nation under God.

2. They thought it no infringement against the constitution to:

a. Print on our coins, "In God we trust."

b. To use the Bible as a textbook in the first school.

c. To place in the last verse of the national anthem, "May the heaven rescued land Praise the Power that has preserved us a nation, let this be our motto, "In God is our trust."

3. Those were the days when men held the offices of government not politicians.

D. But as sure as the seeking of God made our nation strong the forsaking of God is going to destroy it.

1. The policies of our nation are corrupt.

a. It is evil to pressure Israel into concessions that threaten to destroy it.

b. It is evil to break an alliance with Taiwan to join hands with Red China in order to exploit the vast market there.

2. Corrupt policies proceed forth from corrupt men.

III. "HITHERTO HATH THE LORD HELPED US" -- LOOKING AHEAD

A. For the world.

1. Continued chaos, strife, wars, greed.

B. For America.

1. Unless we repent, the judgment of God.

C. For us as individuals.

1. The Lord will see us through no matter what.

2. He is watching over you His child.

a. He will never forsake you.

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