## #469 Pikes Peak and America the Beautiful – Crowning Thy Good with Brotherhood vs. Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers

In the song "America the Beautiful" [first stanza and fourth (and last) stanza] are the well-known lyrics, 'And crown thy good with brotherhood.'

Oh beautiful, for spacious skies,

For amber waves of grain, For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed his grace on thee,

And crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea.





Oh beautiful, for patriot's dream
That sees, beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea!

The words 'And crown thy good with brotherhood' may seem like a statement on social justice, but mostly are a statement pleading for the brotherhood of the Body of Americans to join together in spirit and deed to bring the American dream to themselves and to all. 'And crown thy good with brotherhood' seems rather innocuous, but it is indeed offensive to the Lord if you are a heavenly kingdom Christian.

Key Understanding: The 'Enlightenment' Body of Americans was never synonymous with the 'Light of the World' Body of Christ, for the underlying doctrines of each were never in harmony, as we have amply discussed. God's response to 'And crown thy good with brotherhood' would be 2 Corinthians 6:14-18, including "Be ye not unequally yoked with unbelievers."

## 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 (KJV) <u>BE YE</u> <u>NOT UNEQUALLY YOKED</u> <u>TOGETHER WITH UNBELIEVERS</u>:

for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? 15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?



16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.