

## REMEMBER

It would be difficult to let this day pass by without acknowledging that it is exactly ten years after Muslim extremists intentionally hijacked commercial airliners in order to destroy the World Trade Center and Pentagon, buildings that symbolize the financial and military power of America, and to kill as many innocent people as they possibly could. Jesus said, *“By their fruits you will know them.”* (**Matthew 7:15-20**). The fruits of their belief system are murder and destruction.

I remember seeing a picture of the Statue of Liberty with the smoking New York skyline. Liberty, coupled with righteousness, is what made America great (**Proverbs 14:34**). The carnally-minded Muslims targeted what they thought were symbols of American greatness (money and military strength). The money and military are the by-products of America's greatness. Even many Americans do not realize what made America great. Many have the same attitude that God warned Israel not to have (**Deuteronomy 7:11-20**).

America is filled with pride; pride leads to a sense of merit for the hard-working generation, and a sense of entitlement for the following generation. With this self-centeredness, self-indulgence becomes the prevailing value in society. Sacrifice, self-restraint, honor, and charity are replaced by instant gratification, disregard for others, discontent, and glorification of shameful conduct. America has forgotten God.