

WHAT CAN WE DO FOR AMERICA?
PSALM 33:12; PROVERBS 14:34

Introduction:

Psalm 33:12—“Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD”

Proverbs 14:34— “Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.”

Psalm 33:12 does not say that every person in a nation has to be converted in order to be blessed of God.

It says a nation is blessed whose GOD is the LORD!

Proverbs 14:34 does not even say that a majority of the nation must be born-again Christians.

It says that **“righteousness”** exalts a nation. The word **“righteousness”** means *to be right in a moral sense*. In other words, *it means to follow the moral laws of God*.

I love America! Though its glory is waning, it is still known worldwide as one of the greatest nations on earth!

I. WHAT MADE AMERICA GREAT?— RIGHTEOUSNESS!

“Righteousness exalteth a nation. . .”

To say that our nation was not founded upon Biblical principles is to ignore recorded history. Sadly, history is being more than ignored! History is being changed and rewritten!

There are even many attempts being made to wipe out the name of God from our foundations.

Psalm 11:3—“If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?”

Truly, America is a nation that has been blessed by God.

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WHAT MADE AMERICA GREAT—RIGHTEOUSNESS!

II. WHAT IS BRINGING REPROACH TO AMERICA?—SIN!

“. . .but sin is a reproach to any people.”

The Lord pronounced some woes against what we see in our day: **Isaiah 5:20-22—“20 Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! 21 Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! 22 Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink.”**

Our nation has increasingly **lost its spiritual compass and reversed the Biblical values that it was founded upon!**

The Word of God, which was once lifted up as Absolute Truth in our land **is now ridiculed, denied, as well as even forbidden in some places!**

While God clearly says in **Exodus 20:3 — “Thou shalt have no other gods before me.”** **Other gods are now being put on the same plane as the One True God of the Bible** in the name of being **tolerant and multi-cultural!**

Many in our society as well as many in high places of our government now not only **endorse perversion but also promote the advancement of it!**

To listen to politician sound bites, one would think that **family values** are lifted high as important by the politicians. But the problem is that **they have redefined the family to include many immoral and God debasing relationships.**

Romans 1:24 calls it **“uncleanness”** which means *impurity* and says that they **“dishonour their own bodies between themselves.”**

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Romans 1:26 says that these “*change the natural use into that which is against nature*” and *Romans 1:27* says that they are “*working that which is unseemly.*”

Our government has increasingly rewarded **laziness with welfare, food stamps, and other government giveaways while it overtaxes those who work hard in order to pay for these programs!**

Millions of **unborn children have been murdered and continue to be murdered** in our land in the name of a woman’s right to choose! Is that not the very picture of the phrase found in *Romans 1:31*– “*without natural affection.*”

The time-honored values of our forefathers are now ridiculed in the name of our “*enlightened society*”!

Many in our nation have turned their back on the LORD who made our nation the great nation that it is. But thank God that, for the time being, there is still a vocal remnant who stand for righteousness!

We, live in a nation, that for the most part:
does not value life,

does not value Biblical morality, and

does not value the God’s definition of family.

The things that are now valued in our land are:
self-gratification (If it feels good, do it!)

self-fulfillment or self-realization (no matter what it takes or who is hurt)

self-absorption (no thought of how our actions affect others–
It’s “*I, me, my, mine–us 4 and no more*”)

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III. WHAT CAN GOD’S PEOPLE DO? (2 CHRONICLES 7:14)

1 Peter 4:17-18–“*For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?*”

A. HUMBLE OURSELVES!

Admit to God that WE are part of the problem!

B. PRAY!

1. Pray Prayers Of Confession And Forgiveness!
(*Cf. Daniel 9:1-20; Nehemiah 1:4-11*)

2. Pray For God To Search Us!
Psalm 139:23-24 “*23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: 24 And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*”

3. Pray For God To Use Us As Part Of The Solution!
If we are not part of the solution, then we are part of the problem!

4. Pray For Our Country And Its Leaders!
(*1 Timothy 2:1-3*)

C. SEEK GOD’S FACE!

We should ask, “*What does God think about what we are doing?*” Are we seeking His face? (Illustration)
Proverbs 3:5-6-- “*Trust in the Lord...*”

D. TURN FROM OUR WICKED WAYS!

It is going to take some genuine repentance! Repentance is a change of heart that leads to a change of action.

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If righteousness exalts and sin is a reproach, it is time to repent of our sin and return to righteousness.

When we humble ourselves and pray, God hears and answers. That is true whether the prayer is for the salvation of one's soul, or the plea for God to deliver our nation.

CONCLUSION

One of the most patriotic things we can do in celebration of Independence Day is to pray for our nation.

We need to remember that America is a nation that was born of God and has been blessed by God! We need to resolve in our hearts to be of those who will pledge our obedience to and trust in God!

We need to let the sin and shameful practices of our society bring remorse to our hearts and tears to our eyes!

We must kneel and pray for the salvation of our nation, then get on our feet and go share the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

How will God save America? By saving its citizens. We will be a "*Christian*" nation again when the majority have been truly born again.

The Bible divides all of humanity into two categories, the saved and the lost. The lost are those who will perish in their sins and be punished for all eternity. Yet, God is not willing that any should perish. He would have all men to be saved and come unto the knowledge of the truth!

That is why He sent His only begotten Son into this world to pay for man's sin! He offers eternal life as a free gift, but folks have to hear the Gospel and receive it!