# America: Her Great Needs

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- 26 In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.
- 27 The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.
- 28 In the multitude of people is the king's honour: but in the want of people is the destruction of the prince.
- 29 He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly.
- 30 A sound heart is the life of the flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones.

#### Proverbs 14:26-34 - continued

- 31 He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor.
- 32 The wicked is driven away in his wickedness: but the righteous hath hope in his death.
- 33 Wisdom resteth in the heart of him that hath understanding: but that which is in the midst of fools is made known.
- 34 Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.

#### Introduction

- A. Some think they know what America needs
- B. Many think that what they want for America is right Judges 17:6
- In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

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C. They believe that they have the freedom to do anything they please

Galatians 5:13

For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

1 Peter 2:16

As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.



April 1775 Lexington/ Concord



October 1781
Battle Of
Yorktown

July 1776
Declaration
Of
Independence





August 1782
Battle Of
Blue Licks

September
1783
Treaty Of
Paris



## Consider

# Declaring Freedom Does Not Mean Having Freedom

The Fight For Freedom
Precedes And Follows
Until Victory Is Won

### Consider

## We Recognize God Has Blessed America

#### But

America Is Still In Peril And Has Serious Needs

- A. Many enemies threaten our country today
- B. God identifies the true enemy as Satan

**Isaiah 14:12** 

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

- C. Satan's actions to weaken a nation
  - 1. He discounts the importance of God's word
  - 2. He discounts the reality of God's judgments

**Romans 1:28** 

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

- C. Satan's actions to weaken a nation continued
  - 3. He distorts the value of God's blessings

**Exodus 32:4** 

And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

4. He displays that so-called benefits of sin

- D. America is weakened by sin and needs God Psalm 33:11-12
- 11 The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.
- 12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

- A. "Righteousness exalts a nation"
- B. Christians today are the godly remnant Romans 11:5
- Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

- C. The value of righteousness to a nation
  - 1. Brings wealth and blessing from above

**Deuteronomy 28:2** 

And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

C. The value of righteousness to a nation - continued2. Withholds the judgment of God

**Genesis** 18:32

And he said, Oh let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake.

- C. The value of righteousness to a nation continued
  - 3. Withholds the rise of the Anti-Christ
- 2 Thessalonians 2:7

For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

D. We need to do righteousness before it is too late Psalm 11:3

If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

Zechariah 1:3

Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Turn ye unto me, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the LORD of hosts.

- D. We need to do righteousness before it is too late continued
- 2 Chronicles 7:14

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

#### **Revelation 5:9**

And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

- A. The scene from heaven the reason they were there
- B. The land of opportunity for the Gospel
  - 1. To hear the Gospel clearly

**Ephesians 1:13** 

In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

- B. The land of opportunity for the Gospel continued2. To heed the Gospel in practice
- Colossians 1:23a

If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

- B. The land of opportunity for the Gospel continued3. To herald the Gospel without fear
- 1 Peter 1:25

But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

C. The eternal value of salvation

1 Timothy 6:12

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

We have made the declaration but are not there yet

# The Tragedy Of America Being Lost

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