

90.5 Exaltations of Nations

Christian Patriots know **Proverbs 14:34** (NKJV) well and mourn the loss of America's righteousness. It reads:

**Righteousness exalts a nation,
But sin is a reproach [shame] to any people.**

While choosing the right exalts (or raises) a nation, what a nation decides to elevate reveals its character.

Once upon a time, Americans glorified the Lord and His ways by holding fast to His word as a guiding lamp for the country. Whether it was the Pilgrims coming to America to freely serve God or the Patriots' drive for Bible-based liberty, Americans held to the Lord and His word. The famous American statesman **Daniel Webster** once said:

If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper, but if we and our posterity [that's us] neglect its instruction and authority no man can tell how suddenly a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury us.

To what do we hold today? It depends on whom you ask. If you ask one group, they embrace the government, no matter how corrupt it may be. That is the source of their income and entertainment. If the government dries up its support, to whom shall they go? Others hold to celebrities; the promises of the medical or education fields, but few today believe in God and His word enough to obey Him.

Researcher **George Barna** surveys Americans regarding numerous religious matters. He divides his surveys between self-identified Christians and non-Christians and further differentiates between nominal and committed believers. The committed remnant seeks righteousness by upholding God and His word.

The majority of Americans today either live passively or exalt everything but God. Our ancestors would be appalled at the condition of our nation, especially its spiritual disarray. Imagine how our forefathers would receive what we consider exemplary for our children.

- Our morals have tanked with every form of perversion being tolerated, accepted, and promoted either overtly or covertly, as the Communists said they would.
- We exalt racism, violence, destruction, and crime.
- We are quietly satisfied with illicit elections which select our leaders without the genuine consent of the governed. These are our new slave masters who use pleasure instead of the whip to control the masses as the Romans did with their "bread and circuses."
- Our public schools and universities denounce God and encourage unrighteous behavior among students and faculty.
- Trans-gendering has become an option to correct God's mistakes in how He made us.
- We have put science on a pedestal of trust above the sovereignty of God.
- In abortions, we murder the innocent for our convenience and call it "choice."

The list grows longer every day, and those who know the scriptures realize there is a "Payday Someday" regarding the character and conduct of the nation. Remember, the second half of **Proverbs 14:34** reads, "**sin is a reproach [shame] to any people.**" Israel learned the hard way, and so will we.

Let me read quotes from our Patriot forerunners regarding our need for national righteousness, beginning with **Patrick Henry**, who wrote a note that was read at his funeral about the colonial resistance to British policy leading to the Revolution.

Whether this [the American Revolution] will prove a blessing or a curse will depend upon the use our people make of the blessings which a gracious God hath bestowed on us. If they are wise, they will be great and happy. If they are of a contrary character, they will be miserable. Righteousness alone can

exalt them as a nation. Reader! – whoever thou art, remember this! – and in thy sphere practice virtue thyself and encourage it in others.

Mr. Henry understood that national righteousness and blessing begin with individual faith righteousness.

Many Americans are unhappy with their unrighteousness and go deeper into the pit by trying to fix it on their own. This is why men identify and dress as women; people surgically change their genders; engage in addictive behavior with drugs, alcohol, pornography, and pedophilia; and idolize celebrities.

Christians know that God is the Source of joy and contentment. He created us, knows what is best for us, and describes it in a book that transcends the ages, the Bible. It is up to us to follow His path for our lives.

Frederick Douglass was a former slave, minister, and political leader before and after the Civil War. He once said:

I have one political idea. . . it is generally trampled on and disregarded. The best expression of it, I have found in the Bible. It is in substance, "Righteousness exalteth a nation; sin is a reproach to any people." . . . I feel it is my duty to infuse this idea into the public mind, that it may speedily be recognized and practiced upon by our people.

A nation displays righteousness or sin through its public policies (see **Deuteronomy 28; 1 Kings 18; 1 Chronicles 21**). For example, does God perceive our new view of marriage as righteous or sinful? We went from one man, and one woman to almost anything goes. If we conform to God's standards, we are virtuous and happy, but if not, we will fail as a nation – and have. Many believe that when we removed God from our schools and embraced the murder of babies, God removed His gracious hand from us, and we have been on a downward spiral ever since. **Samuel Adams** declared that God-honoring policies exalt countries.

"Revelation has taught us that 'Righteousness exalteth a nation.' Communities are dealt in this world by the wise and just Ruler of the Universe. He rewards and punished them by their general character."

When the nations of Israel and Judah fell due to their evil character, godly people like Daniel and his three friends went down with them. Christian Patriots, we may not escape God's just judgment of our nation, but do not give up on righteous living and influencing others to do the same. God deals with countries in this present and individuals in eternity. God will judge you and me for eternity by our faith and actions in the here and now. Stay the course, and do your righteous part, as it is always right to do the right thing. God will reward accordingly.

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