

AMERICA'S GREATEST NEEDS

INTRODUCTION

- I. What has been the strength of America?
 - A. For ages, our strong military has been able to protect its citizens and conquer its enemies.
 - B. Our free enterprise system has also been a source of strength in contrast with the systems of socialism and communism.
 - C. The influence of the Bible has been a great source of strength for our inward lives.
- II. However, there are OTHER great needs that are being neglected that we need to consider in America.

DISCUSSION

I. 1st, there is a GREAT NEED FOR GOD.

- A. It is God who allows a nation to exist, no matter what system of government it may have. Ro.13:1-4
 1. When God no longer wills for a nation to exist, He uses other (and better) nations to bring it down. Deut.8:20
 - a. God used the Medes and Persians to bring ancient Babylon down.
 - b. God used Rome to bring Judaism to an end.
 2. America is on a road to its own destruction due to inward ruin.
 - a. Since 1973, America has murdered some 61 million unborn babies, and has influenced other nations to do the same.
 - b. More recently, our Supreme Court has legalized same-sex unions in following the example of Sodom and Gomorrah—who were destroyed by the Lord. (Gen.18-19); Jude 7
 - c. Christians are now being persecuted for opposing the practices of abortion and homosexuality.
 - d. God is being outlawed from schools and the public arena.
 - e. America is horribly enslaved to the use of alcohol and drugs.
- B. EVERY nation needs God to be blessed. Ps.9:17; 33:12

II. 2nd, there is a GREAT NEED FOR THE BIBLE.

- A. The Bible is the greatest book ever written, which comes from the God of heaven.
 1. America was founded on the basic principles of the Bible.
 2. The Bible is far superior to the teaching of the Muslim's KORAN or the teachings of idolatrous religions.
- B. There are many enemies and efforts to destroy the Bible.
 1. The noted French infidel Voltaire, sought to turn humanity away from the Bible in the 18th, century, claiming that within 100 years the Bible would be a forgotten book, but within 25 years after his death, his printing press was used to print Bibles, and his house to store Bibles.
 2. In the 14th century, John Wycliffe translated the Bible into English for the common people to read, but the Roman Catholic Church forbade the reading of the Bible under the penalty of death, and after Wycliffe's death, they dug up his body, burned it and scattered his ashes over the River Swift in Europe.
- C. Every nation needs the word of God with its principles of right and wrong, and its regard for human rights and life.
 1. A nation's future and destiny depends upon its standard of conduct.
 2. A nation that forgets God and the Bible is doomed to fail. Ro.1:20-32

III. 3Rd, there is a great need for GOD'S RELIGION.

- A. Just ANY kind of religion is not good enough.
 - 1. A religion that depends on murder and destruction leads to chaos.
 - 2. A religion that worships idols offers no salvation apart from Christ and the Bible. Jn.14:6; 12:48
- B. Neither is there any REAL blessing to be gained by teaching a perverted gospel in so-called denominations that refuse the pure doctrine of Christ. Gal.1:6-9; 2Jn.9; Lk.6:46; Mt.15:9
 - 1. Just to "believe" that God and Jesus **exist** will not save anyone.
 - 2. We **must** be in the one body or church of Jesus Christ to be saved.

IV. 4th, there is a great need for GODLY HOMES.

- A. A home is godly when a father AND mother are willing to follow after the righteousness God decrees through the Bible.
 - 1. A husband and wife are to be sexually faithful to one another for life without the practice of divorce for ANY cause except fornication. Mt.19:9...
 - 2. Parents should teach their children in the right way to promote happiness in society. Eph.6:1-4
 - a. Parents instruct them in the right way and bring them up in the church.
 - b. They set the example of right living, and show them how it is done.
- B. When couples just "live together" without the benefit of proper and scriptural marriages, they **REJECT** the God of the BIBLE and the RELIGION of His Son.

V. 5th, there a great need for RIGHTEOUSNESS.

- A. A godly nation teaches its citizens to practice righteousness. Pr.14:34
 - 1. Most unrighteousness in our land today appears to be associated with greed, the use of alcohol, drugs and uncontrolled sexual deeds
 - 2. Righteousness can only be attained by complete abstinence from these evils. 1Pe.2:11; Ro.13:12-14
- B. Righteousness is practiced when God's word is followed by true believers. Ro. 6:17f; Tit.2:11-13; Ac.10:34f

CONCLUSION

- I. Only by following God, the Bible and the religion of Christ, can we truly be a Christian nation once again.
- II. Are you doing your part in this endeavor?