

OUR PRAYERS FOR AMERICA

INTRODUCTION

- I. Amidst all the division, strife and confusion that exists throughout the world (and in America) we now have prospects for better conditions with a change of leadership and a new president to soon take office.
- II. In view of this, I would like to share some thoughts with you regarding "Our Prayers For America."
 - A. Christians have the privilege of prayer to God **for** our leadership, and if Christians don't lift up successful prayers, **who** is going to do so??
 - B. Even a few prayers that Christians offer could well be a bearing on how God blesses us, and even allows us to continue as a nation.
 1. Throughout Biblical history, it is evident that God has brought an end to wicked nations for the furtherance of His will for humanity.
 2. One example is that of His waiting until the Amorites became **so** evil before destroying them so His promise to Abraham might be realized and Israel could inherit the land. Gen.15:13-16; Dan. 4:13; Rom. 13:1
 - C. Now let's consider "Our Prayers For America."

DISCUSSION

I. 1st, our prayers for ALL THAT ARE IN POWER.

- A. This begins with prayers for the president himself.
 1. We do not pray that he might be forgiven of his mistakes in the past, but he might be truthful, honest and set a good example for all.
 2. We pray that he will exercise good judgment and seek wisdom from the teachings of God's word.
- B. We pray that his leadership will further the principles of the Old Testament and the New Testament upon which this nation was originally founded.
 1. We pray that he will not try to outlaw God and the freedom of religion.
 2. We pray that he will do everything possible to bring an end to the practice of abortion that has already murdered some sixty million babies.
 3. We pray that he will respect God's word regarding homosexuality and so-called "marriages" between members of the same sex.
 4. We pray that when he has opportunity to appoint judges to high offices that he will appoint people of high character and have respect for the constitution and the principles of the word of God.
 5. We pray that he will not further the environment where Christians are under attack, but can live in peace and harmony. 1 Tim.2:1-2

II. 2nd, our prayers should RELATE TO OUR HOPES.

- A. We can hope and pray that things will be better for America and other nations, and do our part to bring it to pass.
- B. However, we want to give **priority** to hopes that relate to the future of our existence.
 1. Our hope is that we will always be able to worship God in harmony with scripture, and have a great spiritual life. 1 Tim. 2:1-2
 2. Our hope is for the resurrection of the dead, as we fully realize that our lifespan on earth is limited. Eccl. 9:5-6; Heb. 9:27 (explain fully)

3. Our ultimate hope for our entrance into heaven and the enjoyment of eternal life. Tit. 1:2; Col. 1:3-5; 1 Pet. 1:3-9

III. 3rd, our prayers should be that GOD BE GLORIFIED.

- A. Let us pray that our nation as a whole will be a nation that will recognize and glorify God. Prov. 14:34; Rom. 1:18-24...
- B. We can pray toward this end, as each individual will do his or her part in **doing** of things that honor God.
 1. We can engage in good works that glorify God. Mat. 5:16; 1Pet. 2:12
 2. We can glorify God in holy and righteous living. Tit. 2:11-12
 - a. Several passages speak of how God has been and can be glorified. Acts 4:19-21; 11:18; Rom. 15:11-6; 1Cor. 6:18-20....
 - b. God can be glorified through Christians suffering. 1 Pe. 2:12; 4:11, 14-16; Rev. 2:10-13
 - c. God is finally glorified **by** and **in** the church. Eph. 3:21
 - (1) He is glorified by the angelic hosts for His wisdom in planning the developing the church from eternity through the ages. Eph. 3:10-11
 - (2) He will also be glorified in His saints as he punishes the guilty and blesses the righteous in the coming appearance and redeems the saved for eternity. 2 Thes. 1:6-10 (Explain fully)

CONCLUSION

- I. Does your Christian life and prayer life give glory to God?
 - A. Are you sharing in God's glory now by being **in** His glorious kingdom?
 - B. If not, you are going to miss out on sharing in the glorious appearing of Jesus.
- II. Exhortation.