

II. THE REACTION TO CONCERN FOR AMERICA

Our country has been blessed above all nations. At this critical time in our history we must understand why God has favored us and continue to do these things.

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

A. America has been founded on God and His Word.

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD: and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.”
Psalm 33:12

B. America has been a free nation.

“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”
John 8:32

C. America has been a friend to Israel.

“And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.”
Genesis 12:3

D. America has been a force behind world missions.

“13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!”
Romans 10:13-15

CONCLUSION: Our only hope and greatest need is revival.

“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.”
II Chronicles 7:14

CURIOUS

Curious About America
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INTRODUCTION

A. Are you curious about the things that are happening in our culture and world today?

“That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.”
II Thessalonians 2:2

B. In this series, we will respond to some of the top ten questions and concerns in our society today. They are...

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C. **TEXT:** Romans 1:18-32 (Pew Bible/Page 156/New Testament)

“It is the true masterpiece of the New Testament, and the very purest Gospel, which is well worthy and deserving that a Christian man should not only learn it by heart, word for word, but also that he should daily deal with it as the daily bread of men’s souls. For it can never be too well read or studied and the more it is handled the more precious it becomes, and the better it tastes.”
-Martin Luther

CURIOUS ABOUT AMERICA

I. THE REASON FOR CONCERN ABOUT AMERICA

Romans 1:18-32 describes the progression of sin which leads to destruction (v18). We should be concerned that our country is rapidly heading in this direction.

“The average lifespan of all the world’s greatest civilizations from the beginning of history has been about two hundred years. During that two-century span, each of these nations progressed through the following sequence: from bondage to spiritual faith; from spiritual faith to great courage; from courage to liberty; from liberty to abundance; from abundance to complacency; from complacency to apathy; from apathy to dependence; and from dependence back to bondage.”

What In The World Is Going On
By Dr. David Jeremiah

A. Ingratitude (1:18-23)

“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.” Psalm 19:1

“Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.” Acts 14:17

“But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.” Hebrews 13:16

B. Impurity (1:24)

“Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.” Hebrews 13:4

“But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;” Ephesians 5:3

C. Idolatry (1:25)

“4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.” Genesis 3:4-5

“Thou shalt have no other gods before me.”

Exodus 20:3

D. Immorality (1:26-27)

“5 And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.

24 Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;” Genesis 19:5,24

“Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.” Jude 7

E. Indulgence (1:28-32)

“11 But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me.

12 So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels.

13 Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways!

14 I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries.”

Psalm 81:11-14

“God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.” Psalm 7:11