

America at the Crossroads

“Wanted: Morality in America”

(Galatians 5:19-21)

- Introduction:
1. Our nation finds itself on a moral downgrade.
 2. The longer we remain on it, the more momentum we gain and the harder it becomes to stop our descent away from God.
 3. For the past 236 years, we have enjoyed countless blessings. We have been a country envied by most people in the world.
 4. However, if we think we are outside the reach of God’s intervention, we are mistaken.
 - a. (Proverbs 14:34) Righteousness exults a nation...
 - b. (Psalm 20:7) Trust in horses and chariots or in God?
 - c. (Daniel 2:21; 4:33).

I. How Did We Get Here?

- A. We Have Removed God From Our Thoughts.
 1. (Romans 1:28).
 2. Without God, there is no moral anchor...right and wrong, truth and error are as shifting as the sea.
 3. We can learn much about a people in the way they treat the helpless.
 - a. (Jeremiah 22:3).
- B. Pleasure Has Become Our God.
 1. (Proverbs 21:17; Philippians 3:19).
 2. Hedonism is the philosophy that states that good and evil are determined by pleasure and pain.
 3. There is no more morally bankrupt philosophy than this.
- C. We Have “Defined Down” Deviancy.
 1. We accept as normal today what at once was deemed repugnant.
 2. We employ euphemisms for sin to save our guilty consciences.

II. What We Can Do To Return To God

- A. First, we must embrace the Christian lifestyle ourselves (Ephesians 4:1; Philippians 1:27; Colossians 1:10).
- B. We must proclaim the Christian lifestyle to others (1 Peter 2:9; 2 Timothy 2:2).
- C. We must pray for God’s providential hand to work change, even at the expense of personal comfort (James 5:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:17).

- Conclusion:
1. If there has ever been a time when God needed a pure, distinct, praying, vocal church, it is now!
 4. Will you step up to the challenge and be a part of the solution rather than adding to the problem?