

Series: The Proverbs Speak.
Title: The Proverbs Speak on America.
Text: Proverbs 14:34

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Proverbs 14:34 *Righteousness exalts a nation,
but sin is a reproach to any people.*

Before: How long will He wait to judge?

Psalm 4:2 (HCSB) *How long, exalted men, will my honor be insulted?
How long will you love what is worthless and pursue a lie?*

After: How long will His judgment last?

Psalm 90:13 (Basic English Version) *Come back, O Lord; how long?*

1. Our Failings.

A. _____.

Romans 1:28-32 ²⁸ *And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. ²⁹ They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹ foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. ³² Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.*

B. _____.

Hosea 4:6 *My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge...*

Who said: "From each according to his ability, to each according to his needs."?

C. _____.

The First Amendment: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

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All scripture quotes are from the English Standard Version unless otherwise noted.

2. Our Future.

A. _____ the Truth.

-the _____ of righteousness.

B. _____ the Truth.

-a call to _____.

C. _____ the Truth.

-Our greatest need: _____

Psalm 4:3 *But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself...*

Our Heritage:

President John Adams: "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

President George Washington: "Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that National morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."

US Congress, 1789: "Religion, morality, and knowledge, being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged."

President James Madison, in his first inaugural address placed his confidence "in the guardianship and guidance of that Almighty Being whose power regulates the destiny of nations, whose blessings have been so conspicuously dispensed to this rising Republic, and to whom we are bound to address our devout gratitude for the past, as well as our fervent supplications and best hopes for the future."

US Supreme Court, 1952: "We are a religious people whose institutions presuppose a Supreme Being."