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The Coop Report...

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Christ tells us to not become part of the world, but yet our President and his administration seek the approval of the nations of the world. For some reason he believes that what the other nations think about America is important. This couldn't be further from the truth.

America, from its beginning, was set apart from the rest of the world by being born as a Christian nation. From historical evidence and my scriptural knowledge, I firmly believe that God's purpose for America has been to His final effort to bring the gospel to the rest of the world, so that all may have the opportunity to hear about the greatest gift of all...salvation, through faith, as a result of what the Son of God, Jesus Christ, did for us on the cross a little over two thousand years ago.

As a testimony to our Christian heritage, God (and He alone) made our country the wealthiest, the most powerful, the most affluent, and the most influential nation in the world. Unfortunately, we have followed in the footsteps of God's people of old (i.e., the Israelites). Though they were born out of slavery and miraculously saved by God's intervention on numerous occasions, time after time, they were entrapped by idols as they lusted for the things of this world rather than for the purpose of God.

America's tolerance for satiating the demands of the minority at the expense of our Christian heritage (for whatever the reason) has diluted the very foundation that made our country the greatest power on earth. We should be actively seeking God's forgiveness. Through His Word, He continues to warn us …

You tell us....

You tell us to remember, that nations who bless Israel will be blessed and those that do not will be cursed *(Genesis 12:3)* , but our leaders do not heed your warning;

You warn us about teachers who will tell us what we want to hear and mislead us into exchanging the Truth for myths *(2 Tim 4:3-4);*

You tell us that you knew us while we were still in the womb , yet our nation permits the slaughter of nearly 2 million unborn babies a year (*Jeremiah 1:4-5);*

You tell us you abhor the unnatural (homosexual) relationships between a man and another man or a woman and another woman, but our nation affirms this behavior as an acceptable lifestyle *(1 Cor 6:9; Rom 1:26-27);*

You command us to tell our children from generation to generation of your sovereignty and dominion over heaven and earth, yet we forbid the teaching and reading of your Word in our public classrooms *(Deut 6:4-9);*

You warn us against worshipping other gods and yet many who have had the freedom to read and pursue you in your Word have cast you aside and follow other gods *(Deut 11:17);*

You tell us about your love for your Holy City (Jerusalem), but our leaders plot to divide it with your enemies in the name of peace;

You tell us that we are to be the salt of the earth, providing witness to your Holiness to bring hope and light to a dark and hurting world, but instead we have become just another part of the world *(Matthew 5:13)*;

You tell us that we are the light of the world, yet our radiance has been we lost and we have become indistinguishable from the rest of the world; *(Matthew 5:14-16);*

You tell us to feed your sheep, but we allow them to be poisoned with myths;

We have banned you from public view; bound your Word in legal red tape; muzzled your shepherds; tolerated and protected the corrupt, the immoral, and the lovers of pleasure rather than the lovers of God.

The ramifications of not heeding God's warnings...

[19]It shall come about if you ever forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I testify against you today that you will surely perish. Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so you shall

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perish; because you would not listen to the voice of the LORD your God."

Deut 8:19-20

The solution to our waywardness…

[14] Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.

2 Chronicles 7:13-14

The question is...will we?

We are together in Christ,

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