

A Blessed Nation

Psalm 33:12

Introduction

- A. These words written by a king who was “a man after God’s own heart.”
- B. David’s life—from staff to scepter.

I. Review of Nations Whose God Was Not Jehovah

- A. Egypt—monuments of her civilization.
- B. Babylon—beauty and riches.
- C. Persia—power and conquest.
- D. Greece—culture and art.
- E. Rome—organization and government.
- F. France—luxury and oppression.
- G. Germany—militarism.
- H. China—ancestor worship.
- I. India—licentiousness and superstition.
- J. Many other nations have arisen, fallen, and are lost to human memory.

II. Illustration From Jewish History

- A. The wilderness journey.
- B. Conquest.

- C. Judges.
- D. Kingdom.
- E. Division of kingdom.
- F. Captivity.
- G. Jews blessed while ruled by God-fearing rulers and while showing allegiance to Jehovah. Still preserved today.

III. What About America?

- A. Her beginning.
 - 1. Two kinds of people here at first: Some seeking God; some seeking gold.
 - 2. Our permanent civilization founded by the God-fearing. Illustration: Thanksgiving Day.
- B. Her history.
 - 1. Washington—a believer in Christ.
 - 2. Lincoln—a believer in the necessity of God in government.
- C. Her future?
 - 1. Some idols we are in danger of following:
 - a. Materialism.
 - b. Pleasure.
 - c. Intellectualism—Godlessness in education.
 - 2. Necessary to return to God if we would be blessed by Him.
 - 3. How return?

- a. By allowing Him His proper authority in the church and home.
- b. By studying the Scriptures.
- c. By praying: privately, publicly, around the family altar, at meals.

Conclusion

A nation of people whose every day is Thanksgiving Day, who trust in Jehovah and lean not on their own understanding, is the nation whom God has promised to bless.