

DOES AMERICA NEED SAVING?

If God still “*rules in the kingdom of men*” (Dan. 4.25), and in His sight “*the nations are as a drop of a bucket*” (Isa. 40.15), we must ask the sobering question: ***Does America need saving?***

In one of the greatest statements regarding national concern, James Russell Lowell declared, “Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide. In the strife of truth and falsehood, for the good or evil side.” An impartial appraisal of American degeneracy demands that godly citizens awaken, arise and meet the challenge before us. In 1940, in one of his famous fireside chats, Franklin Roosevelt made this monumental statement that is so apropos for today: “We build and defend, not for our generation alone. We defend the foundations laid by our fathers. We build a way of life for generations yet unborn. We defend and we build a way of life, not for America alone, but for all mankind.”

Those even remotely conversant with the decline and fall of the Roman Empire, and the many parallels in world affairs today, ought to be convinced that now is the hour to stand up, speak out and help save America. So many people in the world are looking to us for guidance and leadership in the crises of life. Sadly, however, we are a great disappointment to many friends of the past due to an overwhelming immorality of our citizenry. Will it be said of us, as it was of Rome, that “our vicious lives alone have conquered us” and “there is more wickedness being committed than can be counted”? Is America on the verge of committing spiritual suicide?

What can we do to stem the tide of reprehensible conduct that will eventuate in hell? There are several things we must restore if America is ever to be strong again: godly homes, respect for authority, biblical preaching, evangelistic zeal, and personal purity!

In the final analysis, the real salvation of any nation is the personal integrity of the individual citizens. There is no substitute for purity and virtue and Christ-likeness. Our morals are at an all-time low ebb. How can God allow our age of nudity, filth, licentiousness and adultery to long endure? When shall we awaken to the satanic influences we have created, allowed and catered to? Revival is a must or we shall, as a nation, crumble into the dust. Will the carnality of America bring sudden and sure decay?

Will our epitaph read: “Here lies America, a nation that died, for the lack of righteousness of its citizenry” – then asked, “Where were the Christians?” Remember, “*Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people*” (Prov. 14.34). [-Adapted, BTW]