

NATIONS AND GOD

Psalm 33:12; 9:17; Proverbs 14:34; Acts 10:35

(Not entirely original with me)

Introduction: Give the background of America, its foundation, the background of its founders, etc. Describe what is inscribed on the coins (In God We Trust). America was founded by people who believed in God and all the legal documents incorporating America mentioned God and the Bible. No doubt America has changed from its original stand with God and the Bible has a lot to say about nations and God. (Pastors add your own comments)

I. A NATION THAT RECOGNIZES AND ACCEPTS GOD

1. A nation that recognizes that God is God, the God of creation, the God who made man, etc.
2. A nation that accepts God's statutes and commandments.
3. A nation that lives in compliance with God's laws.
4. America was once this kind of a nation.

II. GOD ACCEPTS THE NATION THAT ACCEPTS HIM (Acts 10:35)

1. God will fellowship with the nation that accepts Him.
2. God will bless the nation that accepts Him.
3. God will bring peace and prosperity to the nation that accepts Him.

III. NATIONS THAT REJECT GOD WILL BE HIS ENEMIES (Psalm 9:17)

1. God loves all people and makes every effort to bring everyone to Him.
2. Some nations refuse to acknowledge Him as THE ONLY GOD.
3. Some nations acknowledge God as just one of many gods.
4. God has prepared a place for all those who refuse His love and fellowship and that place is HELL.
5. God is not willing that any person perish. (He sent Jonah to Ninevah to remind them of HIM)
6. God's own chosen nation, Israel, turned from Him to idols and other gods and are still being punished to this very day.

CONCLUSION:

1. Nations are made up of families and God's invitation to a nation is given to individuals that make up families.
2. Any nation that refuses God does so by families, one by one.
3. Where does YOUR family stand with God? Joshua said, *"...As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord..."*