

SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2022

MORNING MESSAGE

“One Verse for One Nation under God”

Proverbs 14:34

- I. A DELIGHTFUL PROMISE (v.34a)
 - A. This is the positive side of the proverb
 1. “Righteousness” means to live right, correct, and moral
 2. “Exalteth” means to be raised to honor or to be lifted up and honored by all
 - a. Genesis 7:17, “And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and was lift (exalted) above the earth”
 - B. Our nation was founded by believers
 1. The Mayflower Compact, “We whose names are underwritten...having undertaken for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith and honor to our king and country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia”
 2. The New England Confederation, “Whereas we all came into these parts with one and the same aim, namely, to advance the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to enjoy the liberties of the gospel in purity and peace”
 - C. Our nation was founded upon the Bible
 3. Isaiah 33:22, “For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; he will save us”
 4. Ezra 7:24, “Also we certify you, that touching any of the priests and Levites, singers, porters, Nethinims, or ministers of this house of God, it shall not be lawful to impose toll, tribute, or custom, upon them”
- II. A DREADFUL PROBLEM (v.34b)
 - A. This is the negative side of the proverb
 1. “Sin” means to miss the mark; to disobey God’s laws
 - a. 1 John 3:4, “Sin is the transgression of the law”
 2. “Reproach” means a disgrace or a shame
 - B. We have become an idolatrous nation
 - C. We have become an immoral nation
 1. Romans 1:21, “Because that, when they knew not God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; and became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened”