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THE SURE WORD By Jonnie Hutchison

THE FUTURE OF OUR NATION

Both sides of the political spectrum are touting this presidential election to be the most important in the history of our nation. According to the pundits, who is elected will determine whether our nation will retain the values it has held to since its beginning or be led in an entirely different direction. While we make no claim to know what the results of this election will be, there is something that we can know with absolute certainty that is stated in the words of Psalms 9:17, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, And all the nations that forget God." There are many ways in which our nation has already turned away from the principles upon which it was originally founded. Those original principles were based upon a belief in the existence and authority of the God of the Bible. Moving away from those founding principles moves this nation further from God. If we forget God by embracing wickedness our ultimate destruction is assured.

God has greatly blessed this nation since its beginning. This nation is a beacon of freedom in a world where freedom is often denied. Millions have left their own nations to come to America in order to enjoy freedom from oppression and suffering. The United States of America is arguably the greatest and most powerful nation in the world. But so was the Roman Empire in its day. As great as it was the Roman Empire collapsed due to gross immorality, governmental corruption and infighting, social unrest, and a failure to respect the sanctity of life, among other things. Sound familiar? When will we learn that "Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34)?

The future of this nation is, in a sense, in the hands of each one of us. We have the opportunity to choose elected officials that will either bring this nation closer to God or lead it further into wickedness. For one who loves God that choice is already made for he will cast his vote for righteousness. Let us pray that God's will be done, and that regardless of the outcome of any election, we will remain faithful to Him. Consider the prayer of the Psalmist, "Arise, O Lord, Do not let man prevail; Let the nations be judged in Your sight. Put them in fear, O Lord, That the nations may know themselves to be but men." (Psalms 9:19-20).

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