

THE MIRACLE OF THE NATION

Mr. Steele:--Dr. MacRae, what do you mean by today's subject, The Miracle of the Nation?

Dr. MacRae:--I am thinking of our own nation, the United States of America.

Mr. Steele:--In what way do you mean that our nation is a miracle?

Dr. MacRae:--It has set a standard and a pattern that was unknown before. God has said in His Word that if we follow Him He will shower material blessings upon us, and truly no nation has ever experienced this to quite the extent that it has been experienced by the United States of America. Our nation was founded by men who came here in order to find a place where they could worship God according to the dictates of their conscience and according to their understanding of the Word of God. It was not their purpose to seek wealth or comfort or worldly success. Yet their descendants have secured these results to a superlative degree. Half the world goes to bed every night hungry. In China and in Russia great multitudes never know what it is to really have a square meal. In the United States practically everyone has all that he can eat, and more. Our people waste enough to feed a large part of the world. God has poured out material blessings upon this land beyond the dreams of our forefathers.

A reporter who toured Soviet Russia not long ago, made the statement that 95% of the people of Soviet Russia, if they were to walk through an American Ten Cent Store, would think they were in heaven. An American Super Market would be quite beyond their wildest dreams.

This little section of the globe, the U.S.A., has just about as many automobiles as all the rest of the world put together. In most countries possession of an automobile is a rare luxury. In the United States it is something that is just about taken for granted.

Mr. Steele:--Dr. MacRae, it is true that America has a prosperity far beyond that of any nation in the past. But is not this due to its great natural resources?

Dr. MacRae:--Not entirely, Mr. Steele. Other nations also have tremendous resources. South America and Africa are lands of immeasurable buried wealth, with waterfalls and fertile lands fully equal to those of North America. But the prosperity of their people lags far behind that of the United States.

Mr. Steele:--What then is the reason why American prosperity has gone so far beyond that of other nations?

Dr. MacRae:--I think the cause is easy to see. This nation was founded by men who desired to follow the Bible, and to serve God in accordance with its teachings. In 1643, when four of the early colonies decided to form an alliance, they subscribed to Articles of Confederation that began as follows: "Whereas we all came into these parts of America with one and the same end, and namely to advance the Kingdom of Our Lord Jesus Christ and to enjoy the liberties of the Gospel in purity and in peace." At the Constitutional Convention, which met in 1787, to formulate the Constitution that has directed our government ever since, Benjamin Franklin declared: "I have lived, Sir, a long time and the longer I live the more convincing proofs I see of this truth--that God governs in the affairs of men and if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without

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