

His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the sacred writings that except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it. I firmly believe this and I also believe that without His concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel."

The prosperity of our nation is a direct result of God's blessing upon the aspirations of its founders. Psalm 33:12 reads, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD." In Matthew 6:33 our Lord Jesus Christ said: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." God has added to America blessings of material prosperity, far beyond what any other nation has ever experienced.

A second reason for the great prosperity that has come to America is closely related to the first. The central place of the Bible in early American life and education developed qualities of honesty and self-reliance in the mass of the people. The early constitutions of our states declare their purpose to govern in accordance with fixed principles of righteous moral law, established by God and learned from the Bible. God has blessed people who sought to adhere to His moral law. The character produced by that law has been a potent factor in building a powerful and wealthy nation.

There is another reason for our prosperity--a reason that is often forgotten. The Bible teaches the worth of the individual. It stresses the command: "Thou shalt not steal." It contains the principles that will build a Free Enterprise System. It is safe to say that the Free Enterprise System, which has been freer in America during these two centuries than practically anywhere else in the world, is a direct outgrowth of the Word of God. Freedom of enterprise liberates the abilities of people. Individuals build up enterprises, and the entire nation benefits. The prosperity of the average person in Free Enterprise lands is at least three to four times as great as that of average people in Socialist lands. Socialism sounds like a beautiful theory, but it is founded on human theorizing that leaves the facts of life out of account, and in actual practise it usually results in stagnation and decline. Its purpose is to divide up what there is, and soon there is not much left to divide. The Free Enterprise System results in constantly increasing production, and in products being distributed more and more widely among the mass of the people.

Mr. Steele:--How wonderful it is, that God has showered these material blessings upon this nation, in response to its founders' loyalty to His Word. Is this why you speak about the nation as a miracle?

Dr. MacRae:--Only partly. There is something else about America, that is even more of a miracle than this. It is the way that God has fulfilled the prayer of its founders that the land should be a land of liberty, and a haven for the oppressed.

Our forefathers came here from a world that was torn by strife and hatred, and absurdly ranked in classes according to birth. In America everyone has the right to show what abilities he has, and to be rated by his accomplishments rather than his birth. We all stand equal before the law. This was unknown in the world from which our fathers came.

At this very day Europe is split into areas which think of one another as natural