

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

Dr.M.-- I think the cause is easy to see. There are really <sup>several</sup> three reasons, all closely related to one another. 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, their 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 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.