



The President's Perspective



Righteous Choices

Proverbs 14:34 states, "Righteousness exalteth (enlarges, makes prosperous) a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people." Sin, which means literally "to miss the mark," is what a reproach is. As a person fascinated by words, I find it more than intriguing that the word "reproach" is the same word that is used in I Sam. 17:42, where it is stated that Goliath "disdained" David. In both passages, the word means to "defame" or "make small." Goliath was trying to belittle David or "put him down." He attempted to make David insignificant and cursed him. That is exactly what sin does to anyone. It is a giant that "reduces" one to insignificance.

Throughout my almost twenty years in the ministry, I have encountered numerous men, women and teens who have been "made small" by this giant called sin. Proverbs 6:26 says that "by means of a whorish woman a man is brought (reduced) to a piece of bread." There is no sin like immorality that can totally destroy an individual's potential and rob him of all dignity, self-respect and potential. Sin, in any form, both dishonors God and destroys men. Righteous living and righteous CHOICES are what prosper a nation and bring God's blessing.

Over the next two weeks, critical decisions will be made by our President. One, if not two Justices, will be nominated for vacancies on the Supreme Court. This is a great opportunity for our President to fulfill a campaign promise as well as make decisions that can result in God's blessing remaining on our blessed nation. Pray much for our President that he will do the right thing and not be influenced by those who cry for a "moderate" candidate. Those who remember the confirmation process of Robert Bork and Clarence Thomas cannot forget the lengths to which those on the left went. I have no doubt that what we will see in the coming months will be just as brutal and bloody.

Now, like never before, we need statesmen, not politicians, who will weather the storm and simply do right. Our prayers for, and letters of kind encouragement to the President and senators can go a long way toward getting the right candidates nominated. Vigilance is needed, not only in the war we fight against terrorism, but also in the cultural war that is being fought in the arena of morality. The collective soul of our nation is at stake. This is a war we dare not lose!

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