

In the Bible we see that the blessing and prosperity of Israel depended upon their obedience to God's word (Deut 6:8-25). If they feared God and walked in His truth, then there was blessing (Deut 28:1-14). If they turned away from God and lived in perpetual sin, then there was cursing (Deut 28:15-68). The cursing of God upon the nation of Israel came in stages (decaying social life, destruction of crops, plagues, famine, and military defeat), and eventuated in total destruction if they failed to humble themselves before the Lord. When Jewish children asked their parents why they were to learn and obey God's word, the parents were to say, "the LORD commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God for our good always and for our survival" (Deut 6:24).

Israel is the only theocracy to exist in human history. Today there are no theocratic kingdoms in the world. There is only the spiritual kingdom to which all believers belong (Acts 26:18; Col 1:13). Believers within a nation have the power to influence their country and help perpetuate its blessing from God; and like those living in ancient Israel, righteousness must be taught and caught by each new generation. God gives freedom, but freedom must always be seen as an opportunity to do good for others; for God declares, "Surely I will set you free for purposes of good" (Jer 15:11). And Paul states, "you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another (Gal 5:13). Each new generation must choose God and His will, for a nation is only one generation away from success or failure, from being righteous or sinful.

PRAY: Do you want to see REVIVAL in Australia? Every major revival in history started with UNITED and SPIRIT FILLED prayer. Let's come together tonight as a multicultural family at our Hearts United prayer meeting 7pm and intercede for this nation. Let God Arise and his enemies be scattered. Let God's Church arise in the power of the Holy Spirit!

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