

Morning Worship Service
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WHAT'S RIGHT WITH AMERICA

Introduction: A Chinese communist atheist evaluated the condition of the U.S. and concluded that America's prosperity and greatness was the result of a belief in and a commitment to God. This observation led that man to become a Christian pastor in China.

(Frontline report about the Christian Church in China)

Psalm 33:12

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord..."

I. RELIGIOUS HERITAGE

1. PILGRAM and PURITAL colonists
2. FOUNDING FATHERS of independence
3. Great REVIVALS
4. MISSIONARY zeal
5. Local CONGREGATIONS

II. FREEDOM - BOUGHT WITH A PRICE

1. To GOVERN ourselves
2. To DECIDE our lives
3. To SPEAK, ASSEMBLE, BELIEVE

III. RULE OF LAW

1. Laws that guide our BEHAVIOR
2. Courts that PROTECT our RIGHTS
3. Security that PROVIDES SAFETY

Judges 21:25: "In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit."

IV. PROSPERITY

1. NECESSITIES
2. LUXURIES

Conclusion: "I'm going to think on the good things because what I think is what I'm going to be."