

Morning Worship Service

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NATTERING NABOBS OF NEGATIVISM

Introduction: Spiro Agnew, former governor of Maryland and Vice President under Richard Nixon was forced to resign as Vice President because of a financial corruption scandal. He had a constant war of words with the press and was known for his unusual use of words. He once described the press as “nattering nabobs of negativism.” These words are descriptive of the attitude prevalent in our nation right now.

- Natter - to find _____ peevishly
- Nabob - a very _____ man
- Negativism - an attitude of _____ and _____ of nearly everything affirmed or suggested by others

Numbers 11:1, 4-6; 14:1-4

I. THEY LOST PERSPECTIVE OF THEIR _____ - “ _____ ”

1. 1930's - The _____
2. 1940's - _____
3. 1950's - Post-war _____
4. 1960's - Social _____
5. 1970's - _____, _____ embargo, financial _____
6. 1980's - Decade of _____
7. 1990's - End of _____, fall of _____
Booming _____ market
8. 2000 - 9/11, war on terror

II. FAILED TO SEE THE _____ OF THE _____

1. _____
2. New _____

III. REFUSED TO _____

1. Not in _____ - in the _____
2. Embrace temporary _____ for greater _____
3. Missed the _____ by wallowing in the _____

Conclusion: “Daniel Webster, recalling the day at Bunker Hill when Massachusetts farmers held their ground and defeated Europe’s finest soldiers, declared, ‘I thank God for the fact that _____.’”