

# **Christianity's Responsibility to Society and Civil Government**

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## **I. RIGHTEOUSNESS EXALTS A NATION**

1. Righteousness = moral virtue, rightness, integrity.
  - (1) A nation with integrity must have integrity-minded leaders.
  - (2) A nation with integrity will seek to establish laws that are in accordance with God's word and beneficial to the people.
  - (3) A nation with integrity will promote industry (productiveness), integrity, and sobriety.
  - (4) A nation with integrity will be exalted.
  - (5) A nation with integrity will qualify a nation for God's blessing (*Duet. 26:16-19*).
  - (6) A nation with integrity will bring glory to God (*Mt. 5: 16*).

## **II. SIN IS A REPROACH TO A NATION**

1. Sin is an offense- An offense is defined as a violation of what is considered right or natural. Sin is prevalent.
2. In a nation where sin is prevalent, there are adverse effects.
  - (1) There is reproach and shame on that nation.
  - (2) In a nation where sin is prevalent, iniquity abounds.
  - (3) In a nation where sin is prevalent, leaders are corrupt.
  - (4) In a nation where sin is prevalent, God is not glorified.
  - (5) In a nation where sin is prevalent, God will not bless.
  - (6) In a nation where sin is prevalent, God will bring judgment.

## **III. IS THERE HOPE? (2 Chronicles 7: 11-14)**