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GOD IS WATCHING

I must confess to becoming very emotional when I think or speak of those brave men and women who, in the past, have given their lives for the sake of liberty and freedom. Freedom is not free. Those men and women were willing to put God and their country first and themselves second.

An economist of the late 18th century, Alexander Tyler, said that many nations decline when the majority of the people discover they can vote themselves benefits from the public treasury. That has happened in the United States today. Because the average citizen has become a lover of pleasures more than a lover of God (2nd Timothy 3:4), they have learned that they can help to elect people who will see to it that they receive benefits from the public dole. These men and women certainly do not put God and their country first and themselves second.

The only hope for our country is for its citizens to follow the admonition of God when He spoke to us through the apostle Paul in Colossians 3:5-8. *⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶Because of these, the wrath of God is coming ⁷You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips*".

Did you notice the warning in verse six? There have been many nations through the years who have been known as "the most powerful nation in the world". Where is their power and influence today? God, the supreme power in the universe, watches intently as we humans scurry back and forth across this earth. It grieves our Lord when the people of a nation deny Him and flaunt His laws and His admonitions. In the end, however, God in His abundant wisdom will not allow those who attempt to live outside His laws to be victorious. In the end, their plans will not succeed and the people of God will be triumphant through Jesus Christ.