

**Sermon Outline:** 7.3.16 am

Sermon Title: *America Burning*

(Isaiah 9:18-19)

(1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 10:11)

(Romans 11:21)

Thomas Jefferson:

*“I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just;  
that his justice cannot sleep forever.”*

**Ancient Israel & Modern America Comparison**

***Pretentious Pride***

(Isaiah 9:8-10) (Quote #1)

***Compounding Confusion***

(Isaiah 9:14-16) (Quote #2)

***Ignorant Indifference***

(Isaiah 9:11-13) (Quote #3)

***Worsening Wickedness***

(Isaiah 9:17-19)

Abraham Lincoln’s National Day of Prayer Declaration:

*“...whereas it is the duty of nations as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord. And, insomuch as we know that, by His divine law, nations like individuals are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world, may we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war, which now desolates the land, may be but a punishment, inflicted upon us, for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole People?... It behooves us then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness... All this being done, in sincerity and truth, let us then rest humbly in the hope authorized by the Divine teachings, that the united cry of the Nation will be heard on high, and answered with blessings, no less than the pardon of our national sins, and the restoration of our now divided and suffering Country, to its former happy condition of unity and peace.”*

(Quote #1)

Abraham Lincoln: *“We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us!”*

(Quote #2)

James Dobson: *“We are involved in nothing less than a civil war of values--- a collision between two ways of seeing life. This is not an issue of two alternatives from which to choose, but a life and death struggle. One value system is going to predominate. One is going to rule the country.”*

(Quote #3)

Martin Niemoller: *“First they came for the Communists, and I didn’t speak up because I wasn’t a communist. Then they came for the Jews, and I didn’t speak up because I wasn’t a Jew. Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn’t speak up because I was a Protestant. Then they came for me, and by that time there was no one left to speak up for me.”*