

America in the Last Days

Sermon Topic: America in the Last Days

Bible Verse: John 12:48

Sermon Theme: In the last days America must look very seriously at its present state of affairs and ask itself to compare with the original ideal and purpose for the founding of this nation.

Main idea: First we discuss, from God's standpoint, why this nation was founded. Research and support material is helpful here. Main points to stress:

1. Model of the ideal world
2. A land free from religious persecution
3. A land free from racial hatred
4. A country whose government would follow Christ's example
5. A country whose primary mission in the world was to spread the Gospel and, equally important, to serve the world with the material blessings that God had bestowed upon it.

As we now have established the concept of the Ideal America, then the reality of America takes on a far greater meaning. Main points to stress:

1. Model of the ideal world? Gather statistics here, such as: 26 billion dollars were spent on cocaine last year; the pornography business grossed 5 billion on child pornography alone. Billions, not millions! There are, unfortunately, abundant sources of this kind of example that document America's slide into secularization and moral decay.
2. A land free from religious persecution? At a recent conference, Father compared the religious persecution in Europe that precipitated the founding of America with the process of increasing persecution in America. Here, we should expose the trend that culminates in Father's case.

3. A land free from racial hatred? (If your audience is largely black, they already know about this. Don't pretend to educate black people about racial hatred.) Actually, the first sin of America against the ideal that God had intended was the sin of slavery. The American Civil War was the condition to purify the nation. (Lincoln spoke many eloquent and providential words on this matter; research. Also, the role of Martin Luther King.)
4. Government following Christ's example? The present state of our government is shameful. There are many examples of immoral behavior. Democrats are weak on foreign policy, Republicans weak on social action. (It is best not to favor one over the other, of course.)
5. Spread the Gospel and serve the world? The record of Christian missionaries in the third world is pretty embarrassing. America's failure to follow the words of Christ (John 21:15) "feed my lambs", and the rise of communism in the third world, are directly related.

Summary:

We need to revive the original ideal of America. Otherwise America will be judged: America will decline and Communism will rise. To revive the ideal is the hope of the Unification Movement and the work of NCCSA.