

## AM Sermon Notes

**Text:** *Proverbs 14:34*

**Title:** “*Freedom: Not Free to Sin*”

**Central Truth:** Freedom never means the right to do wrong, but the privilege of living for God.

### I. v. 34a: The Exaltation of a Nation

**Righteousness** - (Hebrew - *sadeq*) This word comes from a root which literally means to be straight! It speaks of obeying and conforming to God’s laws that He has given us in the Bible. It is important to realize that it is God who sets the standard or else we fall into the chaos of personal preference or subjective opinion. Solomon reminds us that when a nation lives according to God’s will, the people position themselves to be blessed and protected by God Himself.

### II. v. 34b: The Erosion of a Nation - If righteousness exalts a nation, then the lack of it will bring it down!

Sin (Hebrew - *chata*) - to miss the mark. This is the primary word used for sin in the Old Testament. This assumes that there is an absolute standard which comes from God!

KJV - **reproach**, NIV - **disgrace** - This is a very strong word of great shame! The greatest threat to America is not being conquered from without, but decay from within. We cannot break God’s spiritual, moral laws without negative consequences. America desperately needs a great revival which must begin with us as Christians (*2 Chronicles 7:14*).

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