

# Righteousness Exalts a Nation

by Thomas Brooks

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of righteousness in exalting a nation and warns against the consequences of injustice.*

**Scripture:** 2 Chronicles 7:14, Psalm 33:12, Psalm 37:27, Proverbs 14:34, Proverbs 21:3, Isaiah 1:17, Jeremiah 22:3, Micah 6:8, Matthew 5:6, Romans 1:17

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## Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes that righteousness is the true foundation for a nation's greatness, contrasting it with the futility of wealth, military power, and political strategy. He argues that it is not external factors that elevate a nation, but rather its commitment to justice and righteousness. Brooks warns that if a nation allows injustice to flourish, it will face divine consequences, urging a return to righteousness for true honor and security. He specifically calls out England, cautioning against the dangers of supporting the wicked while oppressing the righteous.

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## Transcript

"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a

disgrace to any people." Proverbs 14:34

It is not valor in war--but righteousness;

it is not policy in government--but righteousness;

it is not wittiness of invention--but righteousness;

it is not civility in behavior--but righteousness;

it is not antiquity of laws--but righteousness;

it is not largeness of dominion--but righteousness;

it is not greatness of command--but righteousness

--which is the honor and the safety, the renown

and the security of a nation.

It is not rich mines of gold and silver, nor armies, nor councils, nor fleets, nor forts--but justice and righteousness which exalts a nation; and which will make a lowly people to become a great, a glorious, and a famous people in the world. That nation which exalts righteousness--that nation shall be certainly exalted by righteousness.

Ah! England, England! If injustice shall grow rampant, and you shall brandish the sword of protection to the desperate swearer, and to the cruel oppressor, and to the roaring drunkard, and to the cursing monster; and shall be a devouring sword to the upright and godly in the land--divine vengeance will dig your grave, and divine justice will tumble you into it!

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