



I. REVIEW/INTRO

A. Broken Systems

- A system isn't an afterthought or a matter of convenience, but the funny thing about these systems is that you take them for granted and don't notice until they're not working right

B. Have we lost trust in our national systems?

C. What can the righteous do?

Psalm 11:3 (NKJV) If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?

**Psalm 11:3-4 (TLB) ³“Law and order have collapsed,” we are told. “What can the righteous do but flee?”
⁴But the Lord is still in his holy temple; he still rules from heaven. He closely watches everything that happens here on earth.**

Psalm 11:5-7 (TLB) ⁵He puts the righteous and the wicked to the test; he hates those loving violence. ⁶He will rain down fire and brimstone on the wicked and scorch them with his burning wind. ⁷For God is good, and he loves goodness; the godly shall see his face.

II. ONE NATION

A. E Pluribus Unum – Out of Many, One

- **University of Chicago Institute of Politics poll**
 - **A majority of Americans agree the government is “corrupt and rigged against everyday people like me.”**
 - **73% of self-described Republicans agreed that “Democrats are generally bullies who want to impose their political beliefs on those who disagree.”**
 - **74% of Democrats agreed that “Republicans are generally bullies who want to impose their political beliefs on those who disagree.”**
 - **50% avoid political talk with other people because they “don’t know where they stand.”**
 - **25% described losing friends or have avoided relatives due to politics.**

B. We are divided, and no one is happy

Proverbs 29:2 (NLT) When the godly are in authority, the people rejoice. But when the wicked are in power, they groan.

- It is undeniable that the founders had a biblical context for this country

John Adams said: Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.

James Madison wrote that our Constitution requires “sufficient virtue among men for self-government,” otherwise, “nothing less than the chains of despotism can restrain them from destroying and devouring one another.”



“But what is government itself, but the greatest of all reflections on human nature?”

– James Madison

- They understood human nature

Jeremiah 17:9 (NLT) “The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?”

- Three branches of government

Isaiah 33:22 (NIV) For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; it is he who will save us.

C. The founders understood the value of churches

Ezra 7:24 (NIV) You are also to know that you have no authority to impose taxes, tribute or duty on any of the priests, Levites, musicians, gatekeepers, temple servants or other workers at this house of God.

III. ONE NATION UNDER GOD

A. It's all spiritual

Ephesians 6:10-12 (NLT) ¹⁰ A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. ¹² For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 6:13-18 (NLT) ¹³ Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. ¹⁴ Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. ¹⁵ For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. ¹⁶ In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. ¹⁷ Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

Martin Luther King: The church must be reminded that it is not the master or the servant of the state, but rather the conscience of the state. It must be the guide and the critic of the state, and never its tool. If the church does not recapture its prophetic zeal, it will become an irrelevant social club without moral or spiritual authority.

B. Get to work

Proverbs 12:24 (NIV) Diligent hands will rule, but laziness ends in forced labor.