**America the Great?**

*“Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.”* **Proverbs 14:34**

*“Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the great and foremost commandment. And a second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”* **Matthew 22:37-39**

**THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

**THIS WEEK: The First Five Commandments deal with our relationship to God.**

1. **Exodus 20:3** *“You shall have no other gods before Me.”*

*“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord…”* **Psalm 33:12**

*“…How blessed are the people whose God is the Lord!”* **Psalm 144:15**

1. **Exodus 20:4,5** *“You shall not make for yourself an idol…You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God…”*

*“For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.”* **Romans 1:25**

*“Again the devil took Him to a very high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, and their glory; and he said to Him, ‘All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me.’” Then Jesus said to him, “Begone, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.”* **Matthew 4:8-10**

1. **Exodus 20:7** *“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not leave unpunished who takes His name in vain.”*
* **Be a real Christian, not just in name only.**
1. **Exodus 20:8** *“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.”*
* **Do your part to keep the Church strong.**
1. **Exodus 20:12** *“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the Lord your God gives you.”*
* **Be godly parents.**
* **Rebellion against parents in adolescence = Rebellion against God in adulthood.**