

## **"A Nation in Crisis"**

John 8:31-41

Hosea 8:7 "They sow the wind and reap the whirlwind."

Deuteronomy 5:29 Oh, that their hearts would be inclined to fear me and keep all my commands always, so that it might go well with them and their children forever!

1 Samuel 12:15 But if you do not obey the Lord, and if you rebel against his commands, his hand will be against you, as it was against your fathers.

### **1. No Recollection of Spiritual Heritage**

John 8:31-32 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 8:33 They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"

### **2. No Reverence for God's Word**

John 8:37b "...Yet you are ready to kill me, because you have no room for my word."

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

### **3. No Recognition of Jesus as Lord**

John 8:41b "We are not illegitimate children," they protested. "The only father we have is God himself."

John 8:34 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin."

2 Chronicles 7:14 "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."