

A prime cause of our prosperity has been the Christian character that has resulted from the widespread preaching of the Gospel of salvation through the atonement of Christ.

God's blessings always rest on those who seek to follow the teachings of His Word. We are enjoying the credit built up by our forefathers' loyalty to Him. Our own generation has done much toward forfeiting this blessing.

III. We need to realize the importance of defending our liberty and maintaining the source from which it comes.

A. The danger from the communist conspiracy.

Kruschev has declared that he will bury us. J. Edgar Hoover, in his excellent book, Masters of Deceit, has clearly pointed out the dangerous activities of communist conspirators within our nation. Two years ago the Russians secretly placed deadly missile bases in Cuba, while assuring our government that nothing but defensive weapons were being put there. These lies were detected only in the nick of time to save us from inevitable destruction.

B. The danger from great expansion of governmental power.

Communist nations seek to control the lives for their people, from the cradle to the grave. Similar tendencies are developing here. There is constant pressure toward ever greater expansion of central governmental power.

C. The danger of forgetting the source on which our liberty rests.

The higher criticism is now even being taught in Sunday School literature -- something that was hardly done until within the last few months. The nation is moving away from its acceptance of the Bible and its belief in God.