"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people."

(*Proverbs* 14:34)

The Lord is God over all the earth. He is the one who exalt the people and He is the one who lift up a nation over the other.

Those nations who do what are just and right toward God and toward the people they will be lifted and exalted by the Lord. But those nations who does not do what is required by God and who live away from God's word and commands the Lord will bring them down.

Now sometimes you may see and question why certain nations are doing wrong but still they are kept honoured by the Lord? The bible truly tells and speaks about the prosperity of the wicked. We can explain that in this way, God is quite with them because he may still giving them a chance to repent but otherwise, sooner or later, they will be judged by the Lord and He will punish them if they would persist in their sins and wrong doing.

Or God is still patient with them because their sins have not yet reached its full measure.

God will exalt the righteous people. He will lift them up as he promised, "21 For the upright will live in the land, and the blameless will remain in it; 22 but the wicked will be cut off from the

land, and the unfaithful will be torn from it." (Proverbs 2:21-22)

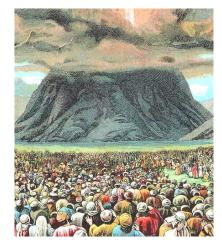
"18 The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day." (Proverbs 4:18) Therefore the nations that has righteous people that will be a good reason for that nation to be exalted.

But sin is a disgrace to any people: Our Lord, "He will judge the world in righteousness; he will govern the peoples with justice." (Psalm 9:8) Sin will always bring destruction and cause harm to the people who do it and those who are around them.

The Lord is not a God who shows favouritism and He will judge everyone according to what he had done.

My Prayer

Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your word to me. Lord I commit myself to be responsible person before you, knowing that to live in righteousness will bring fruit and reward to my life and will contribute to the wellbeing to the nation that I am living in. Lord upholds me with your grace and guides me and teaches me to walk faithfully with you. This all I ask and pray in Jesus name, Amen.



"And if we are careful to obey all this law before the LORD our God, as he has commanded us, that will be our righteousness."

(Deuteronomy 6:25)

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"The LORD rewards every man for his righteousness and faithfulness."

(1Samuel 26:23a)