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- Do not trust in your nation's greatness and prosperity (Philippians 3:3-8)

Does our nation trust in God or its greatness and prosperity?

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COMMITMENT

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DEVOTION

- (Exodus 20:3-5)
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Application (Romans 12:1-2)

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