



## *Pastor's Comments*

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### **Freedom's Restraints**

Once upon a time, a kite was thrilled as he rose high above the earth. Suddenly he found he could go no farther. His master had quit letting out the string. "Why does he hold me back like this?" he fretted. "If he would only **let me loose and give me freedom**, I'd show you how high I could go!" While the kite was fretting, **the string broke**. The kite wavered for a minute, was blown from side to side, then suddenly turned topsy-turvy, and came floating down, unable to right itself. Finally, it was swept by the strong wind up against a tree branch and there it hung, all tattered and torn. **Its freedom was its ruin!**

History traces the **roots of American freedom to a deep faith in God**. Any unbiased study of our heritage confirms this truth and still today our currency testifies to it, "**IN GOD WE TRUST**." But today, many Americans are rejecting God and His moral laws. If our nation rejects God, our fate will be that of the kite's! **Freedom from God is the sure road to bondage**. This is seen in the history of the nations as well as in areas of personal conduct. **Repressive habits form in the absence of submission to God's moral restraints**. Jesus said it this way, "*Whosoever committeth sin is the **servant of sin***" (John 8:34). Sin is essentially the expression of self-will. It is the transgression (disobedience and rejection) of God's law (1 John 3:4). The result is bondage.

Are you experiencing this bondage? Repent of your sin. Submit to Jesus Christ and you "*...shall **be free indeed***" (John 8:36).

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