

Series: The Story

Message: The Heritage and Hope Of Our Nation: Part One

Scripture: Psalm 33:12-22

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This Week:

1. The United States Was Begun As A Theistic Nation, Possessing Religious Freedom, With The Intention Of Propagating The Gospel.
2. America's Prosperity Has Been Proportionate To The Degree To Which It Has Conformed To The Teaching Of God's Word.
3. It Is Never Wrong For A State To Impose Morality On Its People.

Next Week:

4. We Must Continue To Fight For The Freedom Of Our Land, Not For The Sake Of The Enjoyment Of Its Freedom, But For The Opportunity To More Freely And Effectively Propagate The Gospel.
5. Our Hope In A Strong America May Be Past, But Our Hope In God Remains As Strong As Ever.

Psalm 33:12-22

- ¹² Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, The people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance.
- ¹³ The Lord looks from heaven;
He sees all the sons of men;
- ¹⁴ From His dwelling place He looks out
On all the inhabitants of the earth,
- ¹⁵ He who fashions the hearts of them all,
He who understands all their works.
- ¹⁶ The king is not saved by a mighty army;
A warrior is not delivered by great strength.
- ¹⁷ A horse is a false hope for victory;
Nor does it deliver anyone by its great strength.
- ¹⁸ Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him,
On those who hope for His lovingkindness,
- ¹⁹ To deliver their soul from death,
And to keep them alive in famine.
- ²⁰ Our soul waits for the Lord;

He is our help and our shield.

²¹ For our heart rejoices in Him,

Because we trust in His holy name.

²² Let Thy lovingkindness, O Lord, be upon us,

According as we have hoped in Thee.

- 1) The object of our hope will eventually dominate our lives.
- 2) Improper hope always leads to sin and disappointment.
- 3) What we hope for ultimately determines who we hope in.

Declaration of Dependence

We recognize that: "Our citizenship is in Heaven and we eagerly await a saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ"

We recognize that: "We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God," that "Once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy".

WE KNOW THAT: "Because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in our sin, and that it is by God's grace we have been saved.

WE BELIEVE THAT: "Our salvation is not by works, but is a gift from God so that we may not boast in ourselves, but in God" and that "We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works."

We believe that: "Jesus is the true vine and we are the branches, and that if we remain in Him we will bear much fruit, but that apart from Jesus we can do nothing."

We confess our Dependence on "Christ's grace, which is sufficient for us and on His power which is made perfect in our weakness."

We confess our dependence on God who "is our help, our refuge, our strength, our song, and our salvation."

AND NOW WE DECLARE: "That we trust in God's unfailing love and that our hearts rejoice in His salvation."

WE DECLARE THAT: "We do not belong to ourselves, but to God, because we have been bought with a price."

WE DECLARE THAT: "We will no longer live for ourselves but for Him who died for us".

WE DECLARE THAT: "We are His people, the sheep of His pasture." And that "our faith and hope are in Him."