Series: The Story

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

Scripture: Psalm 33 Teacher: Randy Pope Date: 9/10 July 2016

Psalm 33

Sing for joy in the LORD, O you righteous ones;

Praise is becoming to the upright.

² Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;

Sing praises to Him with a harp of ten strings.

³ Sing to Him a new song;

Play skillfully with a shout of joy.

⁴ For the word of the LORD is upright,

And all His work is done in faithfulness.

⁵He loves righteousness and justice;

The earth is full of the lovingkindness of the LORD.

⁶ By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,

And by the breath of His mouth all their host.

⁷He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap;

He lays up the deeps in storehouses.

⁸Let all the earth fear the LORD;

Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

⁹ For He spoke, and it was done;

He commanded, and it stood fast.

¹⁰ The LORD nullifies the counsel of the nations;

He frustrates the plans of the peoples.

¹¹ The counsel of the LORD stands forever,

The plans of His heart from generation to generation.

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,

¹⁵He 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 Your lovingkindness, O Lord, be upon us,

According as we have hoped in You.

Last Week:

- 1. The United States Was Begun As A <u>Theistic</u> Nation, Possessing Religious Freedom, With The Intention Of <u>Propagating</u> The Gospel.
- 2. America's Prosperity Has Been <u>Proportionate</u> 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.

This Week:

4. We Must Continue To Fight For The Freedom Of Our Land, Not For The Sake Of The <u>Enjoyment</u> Of Its Freedom, But For The Opportunity To More Freely And <u>Effectively Propagate</u> The Gospel.

How To Fight:

- 1) Register To Vote
- 2) Campaign For The Best Candidate
- 3) Vote
- 4) Live Missionally

5. Our Hope In A Strong America May Be Past, But Our Hope In <u>God</u> Remains As Strong As Ever.

Psalm 33

- vs. 1-3 An Invitation To Worship
- vs. 4-9 God's Word In Creation
- vs. 10-15 God's Sovereignty Over The Nations
- vs. 16-19 The Implication
 - 1) Human Might Is Vain vs. 16-17
 - 2) Divine Mercy Is Everlasting vs. 18-19
- vs. 20 How To Hope In The Lord Alone
- vs. 21 The Result
- vs. 22 Closing Prayer

3 Realities Regarding Hope

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