

DIVINE INDEPENDENCE

Psalm 33

The “Declaration of Independence” was a *declaration of dependence upon God!*

“...And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence...” - Declaration of Independence 1776

Samuel Huntington - SIGNER OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE; “It becomes a people publicly to acknowledge the over-ruling hand of Divine Providence and their dependence upon the Supreme Being as their Creator and Merciful Preserver . . . and with becoming humility and sincere repentance to supplicate the pardon that we may obtain forgiveness through the merits and mediation of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” – Samuel Huntington

Three-fold Evidence

Joy. (v.1-3)

(2 Corinthians 5:21) For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

(v.1b) *“...praise from the upright is beautiful.”*

(Isaiah 61:3b) The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.”

A new song - “Worship by rote, leftover,” regurgitated, lackluster, uninspired praise, is “repulsive” to our King!

(John 8:36) Therefore if the son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

Confidence (v.4-9)

four aspects of our “liberation” upon which our “confidence” rest!

(1) God’s Word (v.4a)

(2) God’s works (v.4b, 5a) “It is finished!” (John 19:30).

(3) God’s Goodness. (v.5b)

(Psalm 27:13) I would have lost heart, unless I had believed That I would see the goodness of the Lord In the land of the living.

L(4) God’s Dominion. (v.6-7). (v.6-7)

(Isaiah 59:1-2a) Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God.

Reverence (v.8, 9)

(Isaiah 29:16) Surely you have things turned around! Shall the potter be esteemed as the clay; For shall the thing made say of him who made it, He did not make me"? Or shall the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"?

Awe – means: sojourn, abide, dwell with, continue.

(Ezekiel 18:31) Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel?

(Proverbs 28:14) Happy is the man who is always reverent, But he who hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

Emancipator – (v.10-22)

Character - All 56 signers, declared. *“We mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, our sacred honor.”*

God’s sustaining character as our Emancipator:

Divine Counsel (v,10-12)

“glorious inheritance” in Christ! 1 Peter 1:3-5.

(Psalm 2:1-4) Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves And the rulers take counsel together, Against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, "Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us." He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision (mockery).

(Isaiah 43:13) Indeed before the day was, I am He; And there is no one who can deliver out of My hand; I work, and who will reverse it?"

God’s Supremacy – (v.13-17)

Omnipresence - (everywhere at once) (v.13, 14)

(Isaiah 29:15) Woe to those who seek deep to hide their counsel far from the Lord, And their works are in the dark; They say, "Who sees us?" and, "Who knows us?"

Omniscient (all knowing) (v.15)

Omnipotent – (all powerful) (v.16, 17)

Mercy (v.18-22)

CONCLUSION:

(Galatians 5:1a) "Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free."

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