

HANDOUT JULY 2 2023 Sermon: “America’s Hope!” Psalm 33:1-22

Our Christian Heritage is Under Constant Attack...But there is Hope for America!

- Psalm 33 *The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of His unfailing love.*

There is Hope For America Because of the Righteous in Christ! We Can be Righteous, because Our Sins can be Forgiven when We Seek God’s Grace and Free Gift of Salvation! We Can be Righteous because Jesus Took Our Guilt when He Died on the Cross Offering Eternal Life to All who Trust in Him.

Ps 33:8-12: *Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people of the world revere Him. 9 For He spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm. 10 The Lord foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples. 11 But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of His heart through all generations. 12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance.*

There is Hope for America Because *God’s Righteous People Reverence His Counsel and His Commands!*

We must Give Reverence to His Purpose and His Plan. *VS 8-12 Amplified Bible: 8 Let all the earth fear the Lord [revere and worship Him]; 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 brings the counsel of the nations to naught; He makes the thoughts and plans of the peoples of no effect. 11 The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the thoughts of His heart through all generations. 12 Blessed [happy, fortunate, to be envied] is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He has chosen as His heritage.*

VS 12 KEY: “Blessed [happy, fortunate, to be envied] is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He has chosen as His heritage”.

Today, the secular liberals who have written most of our children’s textbooks, and those who have Done Everything Possible to Drive God Out of the Public Arena would have You Believe that the Word of God had Very Little to do with the Start of the Unites States. **But the Truth is that America was Founded on Biblical Principles. There is Abundant Evidence that Our Early Leaders Embraced God’s Word.**

In 1782, the United States Congress Voted to Approve this Resolution: “The Congress of the United States Recommends and Approves the Holy Bible for Use in All Schools.”

William Holmes McGuffey was the author of the McGuffey Reader {Learning that Acknowledged God} used for over 100 years in our public schools Until it was Stopped in 1963...**WHY?!**

KEY: America’s Hope is Not in Man’s Wisdom...But in the Word of God ALONE.

- There Is Hope for America, If We Reverence {OBEY} God’s Counsel & Command

There is hope for America, if We Trust in His Mercy MORE than Our Might. There is No country on earth that has as much military might as the United States. But as good as that is, and as much as we appreciate our courageous soldiers, we can Never Place Our Trust in Our Military Power.

God’s Word says in Vs. 16-17, “No king is saved by the multitude of an army; a mighty man is not delivered by great strength. A horse is a vain hope for safety; neither shall it deliver any by its great strength.”

The Only thing that Can Save the United States is the Merciful God of Vs. 18 &19, which says, *“Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His mercy, to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.”*

Time after time God has Intervened on Behalf of Our Country.

- In 1776, the British Empire had the most powerful army and navy in the world. The “rag-tag” American army of farmers and shop keepers was out-manned, out-gunned and out-financed.
- The Colonies had No Chance of Winning the War Against England: No Chance Short of God’s Miraculous Intervention -- **But God Did Intervene!**

On Aug. 27, 1776, just a month after the Declaration of Independence was signed, Washington’s army of 8,000 was trapped by the East River, near Brooklyn, NY. Twenty thousand crack British soldiers were poised to attack, waiting only for their fleet.

General Washington’s small boats could only hold a few men at a time. And Washington knew that when the sun came up, the boats would be easy targets for the British artillery. *But Thank the Lord, Sudden Rains and a Strong Northeast Wind Kept the British Fleet from Sailing.*

When night fell, Washington began to evacuate his army across the mile-wide river. Then just as the sun rose, a very unusual, dense fog formed and visibility dropped to just 6 yards. The fog hovered low until the very last boat, carrying Washington himself, set off across the river. Then suddenly the fog lifted, and the British were stunned to see the empty shore. They fired their guns at Washington’s boat, but it was out of range. GOD WAS FAITHFUL TO AMERICA BECAUSE WE HONORED HIM!

Finally, There is Hope for America...And it Is YOU!

America is a Country in Need...And A Relationship with God Through Jesus Christ is the Only Thing which Will Heal Our Land!

2 Chronicles 7:14 offers a tremendous Promise for any Nation that seeks God!

“14 if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

THIS MEANS...YOU, ME, WE ARE GOD’S SOLUTION FOR AMERICA!

- God has Provided Each of Us with a Special Area of Influence...To Reach those God has Prepare just for us.
- All around Us are Individuals who are Seeking for Something to Fill their Empty Voids Inside.
- **WE HAVE THE ONLY SOLUTION TO THEIR NEED...JESUS CHRIST!**

God has Given US and Every Christian One Single Mission!

- Matthew 28:19 *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

“LIFE” POINT: MAY WE BE OBEDIENT TO GODS CALL...SHARING THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL AND LOVING PEOPLE INTO JESUS ARMS!