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“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance...May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord...”

Psalm 33:12, 22

I. The Challenges of America Today

- A. Summary of some of the challenges
- B. When we were founded – Learn from history
- C. Where we were founded – Wise use of resources
- D. Why we were founded – Remember our motto – Sermon in our pocket!

II. The Challenge to All Nations (Psalm 33:8 – 22)

- A. To respect Yahweh because His ways are eternal (vs. 8 – 11)
- B. To keep choosing Yahweh as their Covenant God (vs. 12)
- C. To trust Yahweh because He delivers those who hope in Him (vs. 13 – 19)
- D. To declare their commitment to the unfailing love (chesed) of God (vs. 20 – 22)

III. The Challenge to the Church Today

- A. We find ourselves living in the minority in America
- B. We are divided by culture, creed, and political correctness
- C. The church has forgotten its role as the “spiritual conscience” of the people
- D. If we lose our religious freedoms, we lose our freedom to make disciples

IV. The Challenge to Us Today (I Peter 2:4 - 10)

- A. We are being built into a holy priesthood as we serve Christ (vs. 4,5)
- B. Unbelievers stumble over Christ and His purposes (vs. 6 – 8)
- C. We are called to be a Holy People and a Holy Nation within our nation (vs. 9a-9d)
- D. Our purpose is to “declare” his praises – Hold up God’s standards! (vs. 9e – 10)