

A BLESSED NATION

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THE CRUCIFIXION AND THE CHURCH

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THEME: **THE 250TH BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

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“BLESSED IS THE NATION WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD; AND THE PEOPLE WHOM HE HATH CHOSEN FOR HIS OWN INHERITANCE.”

PSALM 33:12

When the psalmist wrote of a blessed nation, he was referring to the nation of Israel. They had been chosen by God as His own inheritance (cf. Exodus 19:5-6; Psalm 135:4; 147:19-20). However, this was not because of their superiority, but because of God’s promise (Deuteronomy 7:7-8; 9:4-8).

In spite of this, the following verses of Psalm 33 make it clear that God desires to be the Lord of every person and every nation. Any nation that trusts God, reverences Him, and seeks His mercy will be a blessed nation. Any person or group of people that surrenders to God in obedience will become His chosen inheritance (Titus 2:11-14; 1 Peter 2:9-10).

This year marks the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America. The founders of this country wanted it to be a blessed nation. Thus, they based its government, laws, institutions, and traditions of the words and principles of Scripture.

As citizens of this country, we should desire for it to be a blessed nation. Thus, we must abide by and proclaim the principles and doctrines found in the Bible. We must set an example as good citizens, kind neighbors, and faithful Christians. We must encourage others to know the Word of God and to obey the Gospel of Christ. By doing these things, we can help our country to be blessed by God.

However, we must also remember that God’s kingdom today is not bounded by borders on a map or defined by manmade doctrines or documents. The kingdom of Jesus is a spiritual kingdom – His body, the church (Matthew 7:21; 16:18-19; Luke 17:20-21; John 3:3-5; 18:36; Romans 14:17; Colossians 1:13; Hebrews 12:28; 1 Peter 2:9; Revelation 1:9). The church is made up of Christians who can be found in any nation where the Gospel has been preached and obeyed (Acts 10:34-35; Revelation 5:9).

We must be concerned about being citizens of the Lord’s kingdom above everything else (Matthew 6:33). So, while we seek God’s blessing upon our country, we must use those blessings to serve faithfully in His kingdom – the church.

The blessings of freedom provide us with great opportunities to teach the Gospel and to serve our neighbors. We must not take our liberty for granted; for, it is a gift from God. In these lessons, let us learn what it means to be a blessed nation.