

BLESSED IS THE NATION WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD

Psalm 33:12a

1st glance: this is a call to _____ to return to God.

2nd glance: No! This is uniquely about _____, His covenant people

3rd glance: Not so simple! It does speak of universal truths to both _____ and to _____ 2007

Universal truths

His blessing (v5)

His rule in creation (v6-7)

So v8: call for ALL to revere Him (incl America, 2007)
Because He sovereignly rules history (v9-11)

So v12

The blessing and curse of pluralism

The transience of pluralism: from Christendom to Secularism

America always moving either closer to or further away from v12
And therefore from His blessing

Our lament is *not* the passing of Constantinian Christendom, but of the influence of the Gospel and Christian values in society

Potential blessing: the less America is seen as a Christian nation, the more the Church can be seen as a radical institution

Warnings & Invitation

He weighs the actions of ALL (v13-15)

The vanity of all secular self-reliance (v16-17)

He delivers ALL who hope in Him *uniquely*

- v18a: in HIM
- v18b: in His covenant love

Delivered from a) other nations (v16-17)

b) natural disasters (v19)

So personal applications of v20-22: for true born-again by grace disciples of Jesus, not “good” religious Americans:

We hope

our help

our hearts

we trust in His holy Name

covenant love on **us**

we put **our** hope in You

So where is America’s hope this 231st anniversary of our Declaration of Independence?

Where is **your** hope?

In American power structures to keep America “Christian”?

Or in the sovereign Spirit Who alone can bring revival and reformation?

Challenge you to gather with another Christian/other Christians for 15 minutes of prayer for America, beginning with us:

- today
- this Wed, July 4