

Freedom Celebration

July 4, 2021

Theme Text: Acts 17:24-28

“God who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands, Nor is He worshiped with men’s hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, **and has determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord**, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, for we are also His offspring.”

Opening Thoughts:

1. Today we are celebrating the 225th Birthday of the United States of America ‘s Declaration of Independence

“Preamble” of the Declaration of Independence:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.

And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

2. The Faith of our Founders – 55 signers of the Declaration
3. Proud to be a citizen of the United States of America in a culture that is criticizing our nation and purposing to divide us as a people against one another I want to share a few things and remind us of some others about us and our heritage:
4. Take a moment to honor and thank some individuals who have sacrificed for all of us.

Romans 13:7 “**Render therefore to all their due**, taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.”

1. Military Service Veterans

- Coast Guard
 - Navy
 - Air Force
 - Army
 - Marines
2. First Responders
 - Fire
 - Police
 3. Frontline Workers

Prayer for those who have served

Song: God Bless America

Message: Kingdom Advance - Enter the King and His Kingdom

Theme Text: Matthew 1:18-25 (Enter the King)

- Jesus = Jehovah is Salvation
- Save = to deliver, protect, heal, make whole
- From their **sins** (missing the mark)
- Emmanuel = God with us

John 3:3-7

- See = be aware, conceive, consider, tell, understand
- Enter = go in

Philippians 2:12-13

- Works = to be active, effectual, operative, mighty in
- Will = to determine, choose or prefer
- Do = to be active, effectual, operative

Philippians 1:6

Our part is surrendering to the King!!!

John 4:34; John 5:19; John 5:30; John 6:38

Closing Thoughts and Application:

- Surrender your will to His will
- Daily surrender (Matthew 6:10) as He reveals His will to you
- Develop an inward awareness of Emmanuel – The King living inside you
- Memorize Galatians 2:20

