



INTRODUCTION: In vs. 36 we find God's Declaration of Independence. The Jews did not know they were in bondage (vs. 33). Just as the Jews, we too were born in captivity and bondage to sin (vs. 34). Jesus tells us in His Declaration that the only ones who are truly free are those whom Jesus has freed.

"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists but by Christians, not on religions but on the gospel of Jesus Christ." – Patrick Henry

I. IT DECLARES THE IMPORTANCE OF SUBMISSION TO THE LAWS OF GOD

"... the separate and equal station to which the LAWS OF NATURE AND OF NATURE'S GOD entitle them," (Declaration of Independence)

Psalms 119:43-45, "43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments. 44 So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever. 45 And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts."

- A. IT IS AMERICAN TO BELIEVE IN THE LAWS OF GOD**
- B. FREEDOM BRINGS A TEMPTATION TO LIVE WITHOUT LAW**
- C. FREEDOM ONLY COMES WITH SUBMISSION TO GOD'S LAWS**

II. IT DECLARES THE DOCTRINAL TRUTH OF CREATION

"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" (Declaration of Independence)

Romans 8:20-21, "20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, 21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God."

- A. IT IS AMERICAN TO BELIEVE IN CREATION**

B. TRUE INDEPENDENCE COMES BY REALIZING YOU WERE CREATED

Only a Creator can truly give you "unalienable rights." the Declaration of Independence mentions three of these rights:

1. LIFE

Genesis 2:7, "And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

2. LIBERTY (JOHN 8:36)
3. PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS (PURPOSE)

The truth of a Creator means there must be a Divine Purpose for our creation.

Revelation 4:11, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."

III. IT DECLARES GOD TO BE THE SUPREME JUDGE OF THE WORLD

"We, the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the SUPREME JUDGE OF THE WORLD for the rectitude (MORAL UPRIGHTNESS) of our intentions" (Declaration of Independence)

Genesis 18:25, ". . . Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

- A. IT IS AMERICAN TO RECOGNIZE THE AUTHORITY OF CHRIST**
- B. THERE ARE THREE JUDGMENTS TO COME**

1. GREAT WHITE THRONE OF JUDGMENT (FOR SIN)
– REVELATION 20:11-15
2. JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST (FOR REWARDS)
3. JUDGMENT OF THE NATIONS (AMERICA'S SIN)

IV. IT DECLARES THE PROTECTION OF GOD ON THOSE WHO TRUST IN HIM

"And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of DIVINE PROVIDENCE" (Declaration of Independence)

- A. IT IS AMERICAN TO FULLY RELY ON GOD FOR OUR PROTECTION**
- B. AMERICA NO LONGER HAD GREAT BRITAIN TO SUPPLY THEIR NEEDS**

CONCLUSION: Have you considered God's Declaration of Independence from the bondage of sin? (John 8:36)