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A Heritage of Freedom January 26, 2021 Suzi Armstrong

Romans 8.1-2 NASB

¹Therefore there is **now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.** ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has **set you free** from the law of sin and of death.

- Shake off condemnation that has come through name-calling and false accusation.
- Christians have been set free the dominion of sin. Sin can no longer hold us captive to its desires. Sin no longer defines us. Do not take on the false labels and the false identity that the devil hurls at you.
- We are free to be who God made us to be through the blood and name of Jesus. This is one of the most powerful truths.
- We have a heritage of freedom that is unparalleled in Christ Jesus.
- When our nation was birthed freedom was sown into the fabric of our constitution and bill of rights.
- We are incredibly blessed as Believers in Christ, and God put us in a nation that is known for freedom.

Galatians 5.1 NIV

¹ **It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm,** then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Acts 17.26 NIV

²⁶ **From one man he made all the nations,** that they should inhabit the whole earth; and **he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands.**

God gives every nation and every person an inheritance; something that is valuable that passes from generation to generation. That gift becomes our heritage and legacy. We become defined and distinguished by the gift of God. Christians have been given freedom in Christ, and God gave our nation freedom and liberty. Wow!! Father God secured our personal freedom through the completed work of the cross. With fierceness men and women of the United States have stood for and defended freedom. Freedom is a precious gift.

Many Christians came to America seeking freedom from religious persecution. They wanted the freedom to worship God without restraint, without government interference or demand. People came to the United States of America, and still come, seeking freedom. As Americans we even call our nation the land of the free and the home of the brave. This nation personifies freedom. Freedom in America is not perfect but yet this nation carries an inherent freedom that is unmatched by any other nation.

Freedom begins in the heart of man and comes as a gift from God. In our nation, an atmosphere and culture of freedom has been a significant part of our identity. Ultimate freedom comes through Jesus Christ; He sets us free from the bondage of sin.

Today as believers in Christ and knowing the ultimate freedom that comes through the blood and body of Jesus Christ, we thank God for this land, this nation and the gift of freedom. We give glory to God who is the Giver of liberty and freedom.

James 1.17 NIV

¹⁷ **Every good and perfect gift is from above,** coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

Psalm 85.11-13 NIV

¹¹ Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,
and righteousness looks down from heaven.

¹² **The LORD will indeed give what is good,
and our land will yield its harvest.**

¹³ Righteousness goes before him
and prepares the way for his steps.

- As a nation we have sown freedom into the earth.
- As a nation we will reap freedom.
- Paul says to the Galatians, after having freedom why would you take on the bondage of slavery?
- Freedom to choose is a gift from God.

Psalm 67.5-7 NIV

⁵ **May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.**

⁶ **The land yields its harvest;
God, our God, blesses us.**

⁷ **May God bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

A prayer over our nation:

We thank God for His goodness and His faithfulness. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord for His acts of power. Praise Him for His surpassing greatness. Sing to the Lord a new song. Praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted. His splendor is above the earth and above our nation. For the Lord has blessed this nation with great abundance and with freedom – praise the Lord. As a nation and people we have been given a heritage of freedom. As the United States of America, God has been good to us – slow to anger and abounding in love. Great is the Lord's faithfulness.

By faith we speak peace in our cities and in our land. By faith we release hope for the future – let the sound of freedom ring in the atmosphere and in the hearts of the people. Let the occult shields of protection be taken away from everyone involved in theft, fraud and corruption against this nation and its God-given destiny. May their occult shields of protection no longer be able to hide them from being exposed by the Light. Let witchcraft manipulation be brought to an end in our nation.

Our eyes are on You, Jesus. We follow after You. We declare Your glory and Your name that is above every other name. Deliverance comes from the Lord. Jesus, You are the Deliverer of wickedness and evil. You have defeated satan and made a public spectacle of him. We declare that divisiveness must let go of our nation – lies and deception, false accusation and fear-mongering must go in the name of Jesus.

As we stand at the dawn of a new era we release God's gift and inheritance of freedom into our future as a people and a nation. We declare that freedom will continue to be a cornerstone of this nation. Freedom to worship. Freedom to speak. Freedom to hope. Freedom to pursue life and liberty. Freedom for the gospel to be preached. Freedom to gather. Freedom to unite.

We decree that that the United States of America belongs to the Lord and will stand in its God-given heritage and identity!