

Morning Worship Service

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LIVING THROUGH THE TOUGH TIMES

Outside Independence Hall when the Constitutional convention of 1787 ended, Mrs. Powel of Philadelphia asked Ben Franklin, "Well Doctor, what have we got, a republic or a monarchy?" Without hesitation Franklin responded, "A republic, if you can keep it."

Introduction: Three words sum up what July 4th is all about.

_____, _____, and _____

Psalm 37:1-9

I. _____ IS GOD

David – **Psalm 20:7** – *"Some trust in chariots and some in horses. but we trust in the name of the Lord our God."*

Lamentations 3:22-23, *"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

Habakkuk 3:17-18, *"Though the fig tree does not bud...yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior."*

Paul – **Philippians 4:19**, *"and my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."*

II. _____

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

III. _____

Phil 4:11-12, *"...for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether in plenty or in want."*

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

IV. _____

- Freedom isn't free
- You have to pay the price
- You have to sacrifice
- For your liberty (Up, Up, With People)

V. _____

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____ acts

Conclusion: One of Winston Churchill's most memorable statements was delivered to House of Commons on May 13, 1940 as Britain was entering the dark night of WWII. *"I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears, and sweat. We have before us an ordeal of the most grievous kind. We have before us many, many months of struggle and suffering."*