*Thursday, June 23, 2011*

**Declaration Of Independence**

Isaiah 46:9-10 Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, (10) Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure: (KJV)

A declaration of independence has been proclaimed from above so that we would not have to be stuck and limited to just what we see taking place here below. This realm that we live in today is temporary and not something that you want to get entangled in so that you can partake of a divine new nature that will last for eternity. The Lord’s counsel will stand, and so will all those that put their trust and confidence in it.

1 Timothy 6:6-8 But godliness with contentment is great gain. (7) For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. (8) And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. (KJV)

Here is something simple to stand on, yet not something that we see taking place that often, contentment. If you really knew who your source is, as well as the power backing up that source, would you be fussing and fighting with those of the world let alone fretting about things you think you don’t have? What a great gain it really is for the Christian to let go of our own thoughts and ways, and allow someone else whose thoughts and ways of getting things done are truly so much higher than ours. Talk about putting one in their place; have you learned to be content with who you are in Christ, and where He put you in His body of believers?

Philippians 4:11-13 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. (12) I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. (13) I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. (KJV)

So here is your real declaration of independence, the word ‘content’, which means to be independent of external conditions. What would your life really be like if you became single minded and did not let the outward dictate your inward response?

Hebrews 11:1-3 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (2) For by it the elders obtained a good report. (3) Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. (KJV)

Have you ever watched an artist paint a picture? He has a vision of what he desires to see portrayed, then it appears within the framework of his design. Your own life and walk with the Lord was drawn up with a perfect design in mind, which if followed will have a very good outcome.

Hebrews 13:5-6 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. (6) So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me. (KJV)

So what is it that you really think you are missing out on? Our God in heaven promised that He would never leave us, or forsake His people either, and yet we act like the tail end instead of the head. What do you care, what man is doing anyways with rising prices going on all around us, when you have the Lord as your helper? Out of the abundance of the heart your mouth is either speaking words of life or putting an end to what our Lord intended for you, your choice.

Psalms 37:5-9 Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. (6) And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday. (7) Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. (8) Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. (9) For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth. (KJV)

Your eternal inheritance is so close and yet so far when you get entangled with the affairs of this life rather than concentrating on those that pertain to the eternal one. So today, why not let God be your declaration of independence and stand in His counsel.