

We were fortunate to welcome Lt Colonel Oliver North and Lt General Jerry Boykin back to WOC. These men have been warriors. They have crisscrossed the globe standing up for freedom. They have been wounded, they have buried friends, and defeated enemies.

At home, we have gone to Disneyland. We need to listen and learn. We need lessons in "how to stand for freedom." We have handed ours away. Esau traded his birthright for an easy meal. We are trading away our liberty for some "free stuff." We look the other way because we do not want to be labeled divisive or whatever the "bullying term" of the day happens to be.

We are abandoning values that have made us the most prosperous and free nation on the planet. A Judeo-Christian worldview has provided the structure for our schools, legal system, and our society. It is being rapidly dismantled. Will we stand up? Will we use our voices? Will we be identified with a biblical worldview? How we answer these questions will determine the future for our children and grandchildren. Elected officials and climate science are not our greatest problems. The attitude and response of God's people will determine what is next.

Our prayers this week are three portions from Psalm 36. The first is a portion of *repentance*. The second is a declaration of *God's love*. The third is a *promise of triumph*. It is a good Psalm to commit to memory. The Scripture changes us when we take the time to embrace what God has given us.

Morning Prayer

Psalm 36:1-4 (NIV®)

¹ An oracle is within my heart concerning the sinfulness of the wicked: There is no fear of God before his eyes. ² For in his own eyes he flatters himself too much to detect or hate his sin.

³ The words of his mouth are wicked and deceitful; he has ceased to be wise and to do good.

⁴ Even on his bed he plots evil; he commits himself to a sinful course and does not reject what is wrong.

Mid-Day Prayer

Psalm 36:5-8 (NIV®)

⁵ Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.

⁶ Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep. O LORD, you preserve both man and beast. ⁷ How priceless is your unfailing love! Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings.

⁸ They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights.

Evening Prayer

Psalm 36:9-12 (NIV®)

⁹ For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

¹⁰ Continue your love to those who know you, your righteousness to the upright in heart.

¹¹ May the foot of the proud not come against me, nor the hand of the wicked drive me away.

¹² See how the evildoers lie fallen-- thrown down, not able to rise!