

## **Sunday School**

November 2, 2008

### **America's Heart Direction**

**Text: II Thessalonians 3:5**

*“And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.”*

**The heart of the nation is known by  
the voice of the majority of the people.**

**Ac ts 13:50**

*But the Jews stirred up the devout and honourable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts.*

**Matthew 12:34**

*O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.*

**Luke 6:45**

*A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.*

**Luke 12:15**

*And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.*

**2 Corinthians 8:2**

*How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.*

**Psalms 27:14**

*Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.*

## **I. A Prayer that God has put in the heart.**

**“He shall strengthen thine heart”**

Psalms 27:1-14; 7(my heart said unto thee)

### **Isaiah 13:8**

*And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames.*

### **Isaiah 13:11**

*And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.*

### **Isaiah 2:17**

*And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.*

### **Zephaniah 3:8**

*Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.*

### **Zephaniah 3:11**

*In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me: for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoice in thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty because of my holy mountain.*

### **Isaiah 18:7**

*In that time shall the present be brought unto the LORD of hosts of a people scattered and peeled, and from a people terrible from their beginning hitherto; a nation meted out and trodden under foot, whose land the rivers have spoiled, to the place of the name of the LORD of hosts, the mount Zion.*

**God has given to Christ for His inheritance all nations of the earth, and He will, in his own time and manner, whether by mercies or judgments, bring them all to render to Him willing obedience and true worship.**

**Philippians 2:10, 11**

*That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;*

*11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

**2Chronicles 7:14**

*If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*

**---Will America respond now?---**

**Jeremiah 50:44**

*Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan unto the habitation of the strong: but I will make them suddenly run away from her: and who is a chosen man, that I may appoint over her? for who is like me? and **who will appoint me the time?** and who is that shepherd that will stand before me?*

**Will appoint**-And who will appoint me a time to plead with men?

**II. A prayer against three dangers**

1. Choosing your own way.
2. Trusting your own strength and heart.
3. Distrusting the Lord through dark times.

→ America is strong, one heart at a time.

→ Let every heartbeat of yours count for Jesus.

→ Only the Lord can direct your heart and keep you from the hour of tribulation.

**Proverbs 24:21**

*My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: and meddle not with them that are given to change: {them...: Heb. changers}*

**Jeremiah 2:36**

*Why gaddest thou about so much to change thy way? thou also shalt be ashamed of Egypt, as thou wast ashamed of Assyria.*

**Jeremiah 13:23**

*Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil. {accustomed: Heb. taught}*

**Daniel 7:25**

*And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. Da 11:21,36-39*

**Romans 1:26**

*For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:*

**Hosea 4:7**

*As they were increased, so they sinned against me: therefore will I change their glory into shame.*

**Malachi 3:6**

***For I am the LORD, I change not;** therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.*