

I. Introduction:

The psalm speaks of what God had done for David and for Judah. We may borrow the idea and reflect on what God has done for this land in the scope of His will and blessing.

II. Discussion:

- A. The North American settlers came largely to establish homes and society.
- B. God honored his people in their prayers for revival (the Great Awakening, etc.)
- C. God enabled the establishment of a republic where equality was championed, i.e. the Constitution
- D. God allowed the continuance of the Union (1812) (1865)
- E. God preserved us through two great wars
- F. God has encouraged us to be one people not continuing ethnic societies polarized in order.

III. Conclusion: All of these things may be said better and many others added. But the blessing of the Lord has been great in this land and we who know Him should live thankfully and appreciatively...striving to honor God and country in obedience and love. Happy, says the Psalmist, is that people whose God is the Lord.

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FINALLY....ONE OF THE STANDARD FEATURES OF EVERY CONFERENCE WAS A POEM BY ROSE VAN TOL (NEE GOYENA) ABOUT HER ADVENTURES AT THE CONFERENCE. I AM PRINTING HER POEM FROM THE ASHEVILLE CONFERENCE...A WORK DONE FOR THE PUBLIC AND PRODUCED FOR THE PUBLIC.

HOW I ACQUIRED A SOUTHERN EDUCATION

(Rose joined the group that went to the Nantahala River for wild water rafting. It was her first adventure at this sort of thing and she was encouraged by many of the conference ladies that if she could not do this the whole conference was ruined! The poem indicates her adventure)