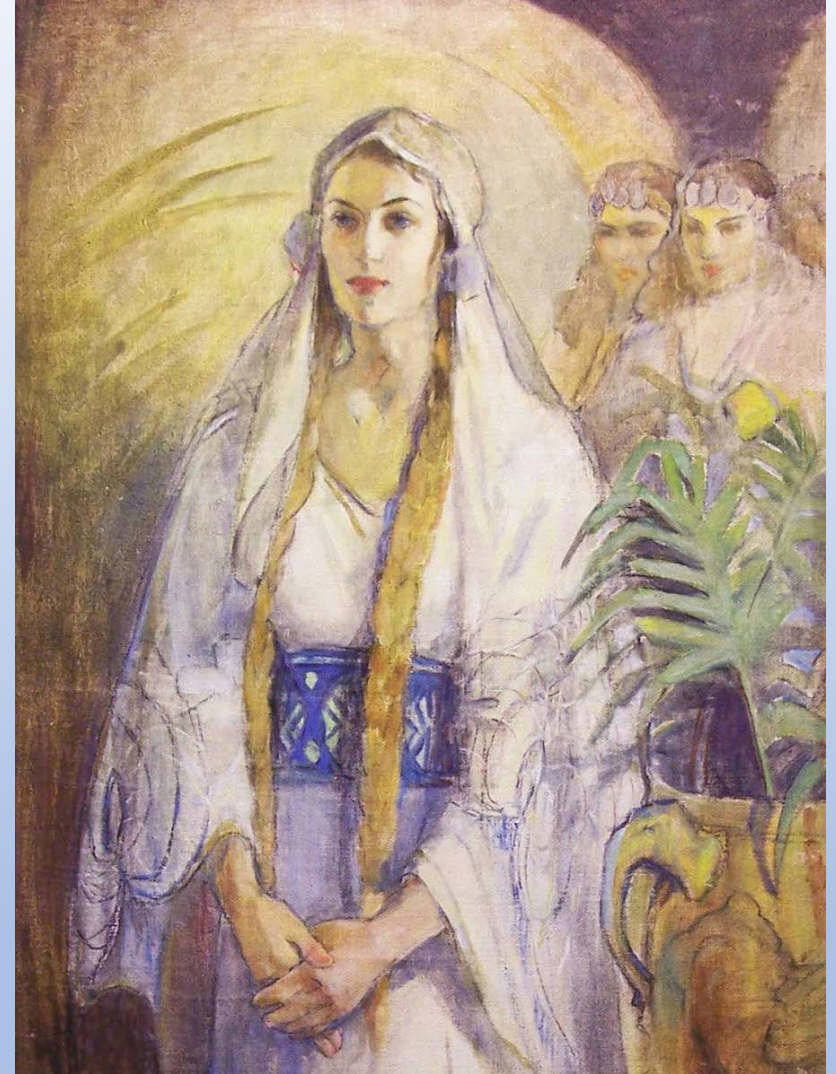


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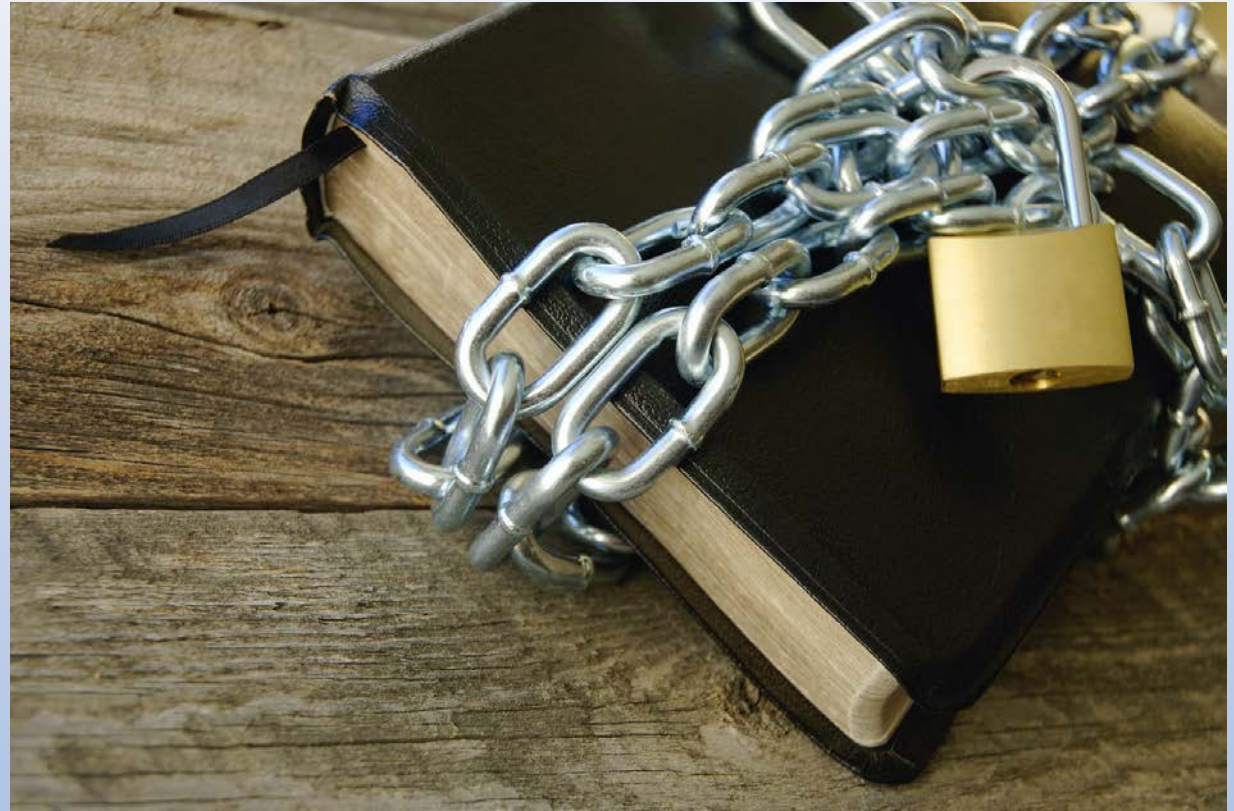
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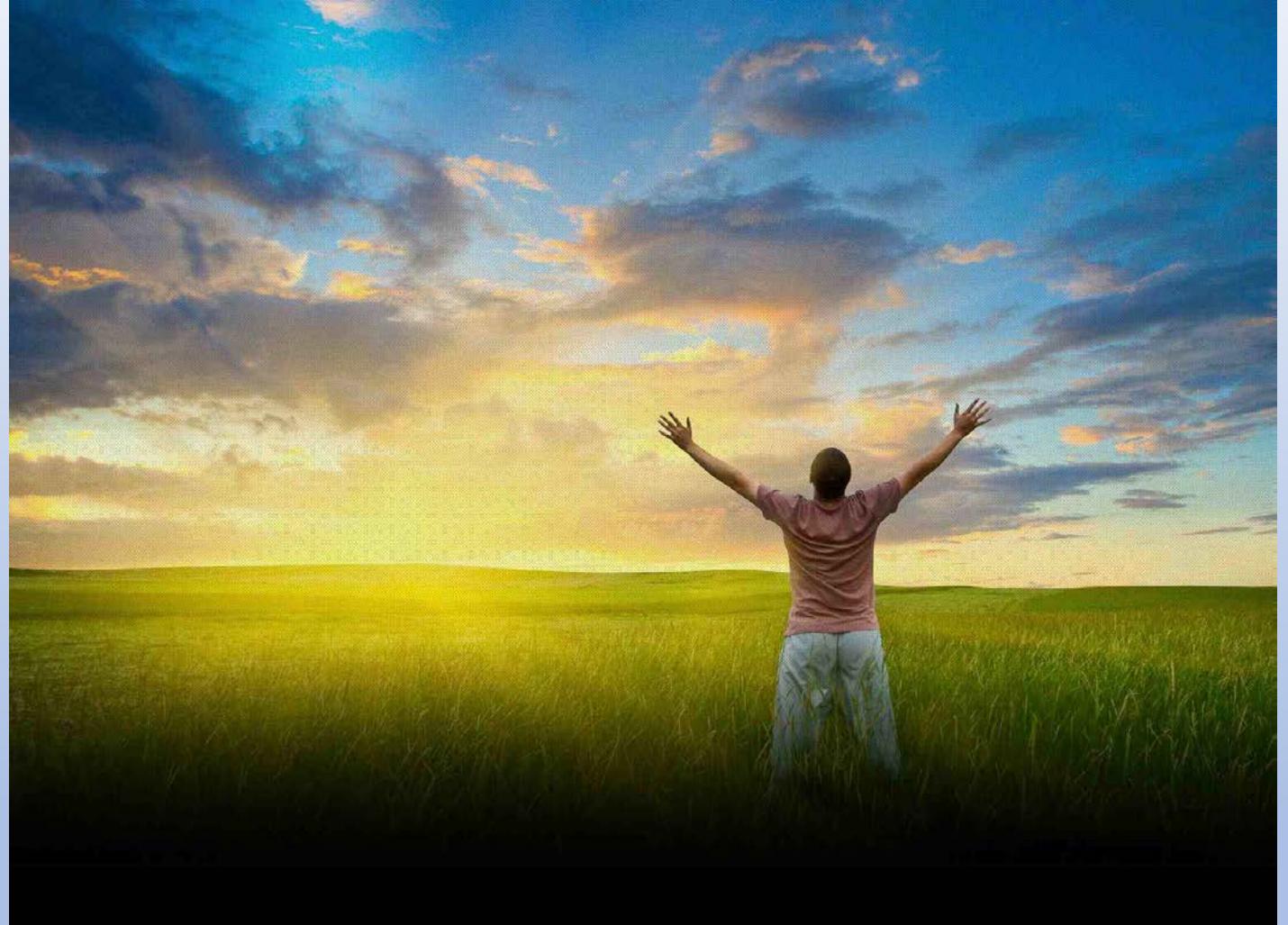


# I. Introduction

To defend the freedom of every individual is the best testimony in favor of God's character. To give up one of the smallest aspects of religious liberty is to allow repression, tyranny, and humiliation that will eventually reach everyone.



“Faith in a system, ideology, or doctrine will never set us free. Only the knowledge of truth can produce the true freedom. Only the divine knowledge can liberate us from slavery, omnipresent in our society, where one individual takes control of others.”  
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“Conscience is the most  
sacred of all property.”  
James Madison, essay  
on Property, March 29,  
1792

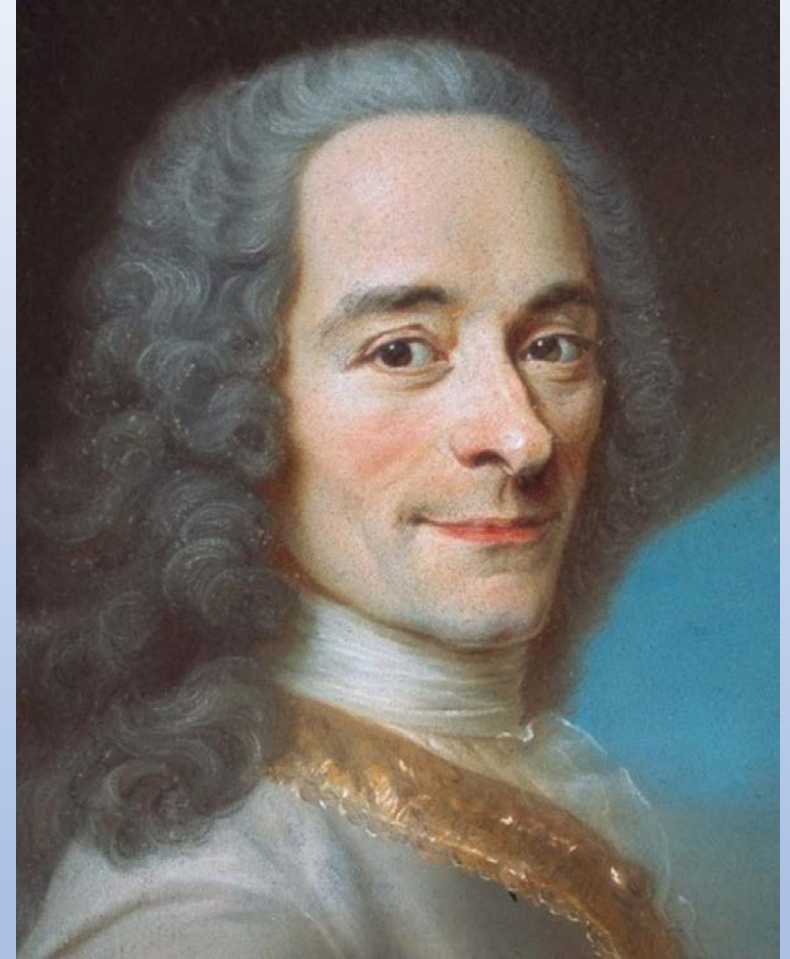


"Today courts wrongly interpret separation of church and state to mean that religion has no place in the public arena, or that morality derived from religion should not be permitted to shape our laws. Somehow freedom for religious expression has become freedom from religious expression. Secularists want to empty the public square of religion and religious-based morality so they can monopolize the shared space of society with their own views. In the process they have made religious believers into second-class citizens."

Dinesh D'Souza, *What's So Great About Christianity*



“I disapprove of what you say, but I will  
defend to the death your right to say it.”  
Voltaire



"Only a virtuous people  
are capable of freedom.  
As nations become more  
corrupt and vicious, they  
have more need of  
masters."

Benjamin Franklin





"I believe that religion is a matter which lies solely between man and his god, that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship."  
Thomas Jefferson



"But I'm very hopeful that I'm not the only one who's willing to pick up the baton of freedom, because freedom is not free, and we must fight for it every day. Everyone of us must fight for it."  
Ben Carson



# II. Context





The entire book of Esther underlines the reality of God's protection: The fasting of the Jewish people was transformed in the feasting. This is the book, helping us to understand God's marvelous plan for His people.

# The structure of the Book of Esther

A	1: 1 – 9	The King Ahasuerus made a celebration for all his officials
B	1: 10 – 22	Persian Celebrations, Deposing of the Queen Vachtî
C	2: 1 – 18	Esther comes before the king and is selected as Queen
D	2: 19 – 3: 2	Greatness of Haman. Mordechai discover the plot against the King
E	3: 3 – 7	Casting the lots against the Jews. 13 <sup>th</sup> of Adar
F	3: 8 – 4: 17	Ring to Haman: Fasting of the Jews
G	5: 1 – 8	Esther's first Feast
H	5: 9 - 14	Haman and his counselors: OPTIMISM
I	6: 1 - 11	King and his insomnia
H'	6: 12 – 14	Haman and his counselors: PESSIMISM
G'	7: 1 – 10	Esther's second Feast: Haman is dead
F'	8: 1 – 17	Ring to Mordechai: Feasting of the Jews
E'	9: 1 – 2	The war on 13 <sup>th</sup> of Adar. The victory of the Jews
D'	9: 3 – 11	Mordechai was great in King's palace
C'	9: 12 - 16	Esther comes before the king, interceding for hew people
B'	9: 17 - 32	Jewish celebrations, Purim, a new festival
A'	10: 1 - 3	The king Ahasuerus made a celebration of the greatness of Mordechai

III. God desires to deliver His children. And He is using all of them in order to accomplish His will, for the glory of His name





# 1. Silence is the best attitude to lose freedom

“For if you remain silent at this time”



“When the whole world is silent,  
even one voice becomes powerful.”  
Malala Yousafzai



“Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.”

Benjamin Franklin



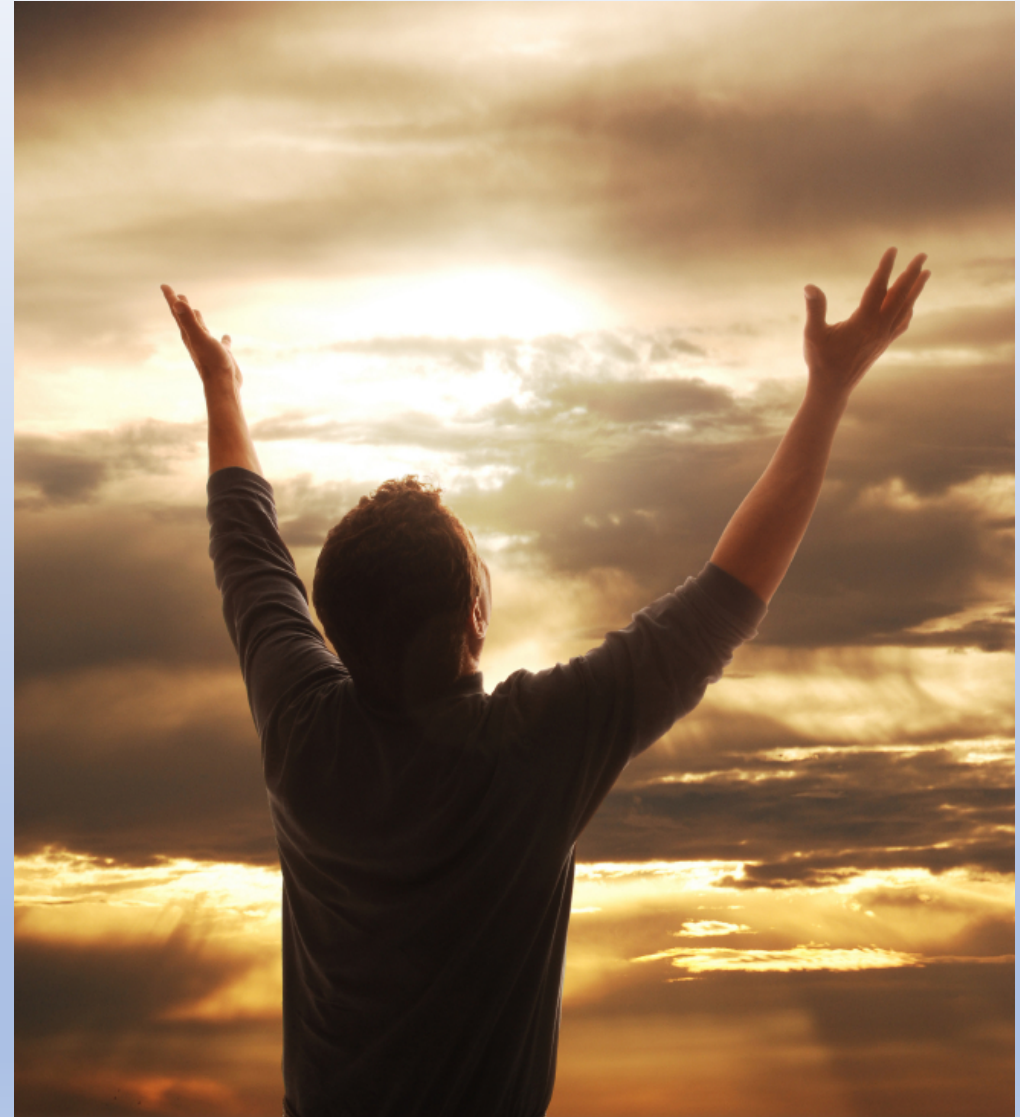


"Silence in the face of evil is itself evil. God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act."  
D.Bonhoeffer



## 2. God will deliver His people in all circumstances

“Relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place”



"Sometimes God will deliver  
you from the fire, and other  
times God will make you  
fireproof."  
Joel Osteen





"Four things let us  
ever keep in mind:  
God hears prayer,  
God heeds prayer,  
God answers prayer,  
and God delivers by  
prayer."

E. M. Bounds



“Obedience to God is liberty from the thralldom of sin, deliverance from human passion and impulse. Man may stand conqueror of himself, conqueror of his own inclinations, conqueror of principalities and powers, and of “the rulers of the darkness of this world,” and of “spiritual wickedness in high places.”

Ellen G. White, *The Ministry of Healing*, p. 131 (1905).



### 3. To abandon the true values can be very costly

“But you and your father’s family will perish.”





"It's not hard to make decisions when you know what your values are."  
Roy Disney



“Never compromise  
your values.”  
Steve Maraboli,  
Life, the Truth,  
and Being Free



“The first principle of value that we need to rediscover is this: that all reality hinges on moral foundations. In other words, that this is a moral universe, and that there are moral laws of the universe just as abiding as the physical laws. (from "Rediscovering Lost Values")”

Martin Luther King Jr., A Knock at Midnight: Inspiration from the Great Sermons of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.





## 4. A woman came to an important position at the right time

“And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this.”

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“God uses everything and  
everybody for his divine purpose.”  
Lisa Brown Ross



“The refining, softening influence of Christian women is needed in the great work of preaching the truth.”  
Ellen G. White,  
Evangelism, p. 472.





“When a great and decisive work is to be done, God chooses men and women to do this work, and it will feel the loss if the talents of both are not combined.”

Ellen G. White, *Evangelism*, p. 469.



"God's timing is always best. We need to wait for God's timing in doing things. It is dangerous to jump out before time."  
Dele Oke



# V. Conclusion





"The crisis that Esther faced demanded quick, earnest action; but both she and Mordecai realized that unless God should work mightily in their behalf, their own efforts would be unavailing. So Esther took time for communion with God, the source of her strength."  
Ellen G. White, Prophets and Kings, 598-601.



“When it came time for a life-and-death discussion with her husband, how was Esther successful in helping her husband understand? What melted these extremes and opened his heart? The Bible tells us that because she knew the critical importance of this encounter with Xerxes, Esther fasted and prayed. Before she approached her husband, she approached God. For three days, instead of eating or drinking, she bowed before the Lord and pleaded for His mercy. And wisdom. We don’t know how many of the details she may have shared with her friends, but we know that Esther also invited them to join her. She even called for a season of prayer among the entire Hebrew population living in Persia. Then as Esther entered into the conversation with her husband, she was polite, gentle, gracious, and humble. She didn’t blame; she didn’t whine or complain. Because she had thought it through, she chose not to disclose her entire request but to use her opening conversation to invite her husband to talk about the details later, over dinner. The Lord gave Queen Esther great discernment when she talked to her spouse. He can do the same for you, if you seek His guidance. From God’s Word...” Bobbie and Robert Wolgemuth

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