

CANADA DAY 150TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE - JULY

1, 2017

TOPIC: *The Nation God Blesses!*

TEXT: Romans 13:1-7; Psalm 33:12

INTRO: Parliament Hill Canada Day 2017 Celebration!

I. THE NATION THAT WORSHIPS THE ONE, TRUE

GOD: Psalm 33:12a

1. Because it is God's mandate - Exodus 20:3-5
 - Roman Catholic Countries!
2. Because God's bountiful blessings will be poured out - Exodus 23:24-33
 - Protestant Countries!

II. THE NATION THAT ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN ITS GOVERNMENT: Romans 13:1-7; I Tim. 2:1-2

- JFK!

Why Do We Have To Actively Participate In Canadian Governmental Affairs?

1. Because governments and their authorities are God-ordained - Romans 13:1

Note: Governments and their authorities come from God. The "authorities" are actually "God's servants" - Romans 13:4,6
2. Because as a nation in general, and individuals in particular, we have governmental responsibilities!
 - A. Politically - I Timothy 2:1-2
 - 1) Pray for ALL our leaders - I Tim. 2:1-2

Note: The phrase "all those in authority" in verse 2 includes both the unrighteous and ungodly, Christian and non-Christian leaders!
 - (a) That they would lead and govern righteously and godly - I Tim. 2:2
 - (b) That they would get SAVED! - I Tim. 2:3-4
 - 2) Submit to ALL our leaders - Romans 13:1-2

- March For Jesus/Edmund Burke!

B. Morally - Romans 13:6-7

Note: We have to give what rightfully belongs to the government! Even the Lord Jesus Himself paid His taxes - Matthew 22:15-22

CONCLUSION: Governor General & Prime Minister's Best Wishes And Congratulatory Words On Canada Day's Sesquicentennial Anniversary!

A Brief History Of Canada Day's 150th Anniversary

On July 1, 1867, the *British North America's Act* created the Dominion of Canada as a federation of four provinces. This event is known as the Confederation of Canada. The four original provinces were created from the former British colonies of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Province of Canada, which was divided into the provinces of Quebec and Ontario. Canada's boundaries have been extended since 1867. The country now consists of 10 provinces and three territories.

On July 20, 1868, the Canada's Governor General proclaimed that Canadians should celebrate the anniversary of the confederation. July 1 became a statutory holiday, known as Dominion Day, in 1879. However, no official celebrations were held until the 50th anniversary in 1917, and the 60th anniversary in 1927. After World War II, Dominion Day was celebrated more frequently, and more events were organized by the national government. After the centenary of the confederation in 1967, Dominion Day events became more widespread. July 1 became popularly known as Canada Day. The date was also officially known as Canada Day from 1983 onwards. - timeanddate.com

Verse For Today

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD!"- Psalm 33:12a

Food For Thought

"If ever we forget that we are ONE Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under!" Pres. Ronald Reagan

