

# The Freedom in the United States of America: By Erica Jermanus

The United States of America has the privilege of freedom that other countries do not have. In the USA, we have religious rights and freedoms. We have freedom of privacy, freedom to vote, and freedom to work as women. In the USA, we have religious rights and freedoms, such as the freedom to pray wherever we go. We can pray in public places. But really prayer should not be done for show or to get attention. Our prayers should be private and in a room between Heavenly Father and you. But if we go to church or a group in a public place, we have the right to pray for others and for ourselves and our communities.

In the USA, we also have the freedom to attend worship services and glorify our Heavenly Father in churches or wherever we go. We also have the freedom to own a Bible and read it in public places. In addition, we have the right and freedom of speech, so that means that we can preach the gospel to others in public places if they are willing to listen. Some places require you to have a permit to preach the gospel through a speaker or a microphone. But if not, it is a freedom to be able to preach and share the gospel with others. Freedom of speech is under the 1st and 2nd amendments of the United States Constitution.

There are other countries that do not have these religious rights and freedoms like we do in the USA. There are countries like Afghanistan and North Korea that have underground churches or the Bible is banned and if you are found with a Bible in North Korea you will be imprisoned. So, we are very blessed and fortunate to live in the United States of America and to have the precious privileges that we have here.

Other countries do not have the freedom for people to vote or to work jobs. Some poor or lower class countries struggle to provide work for their citizens. Many citizens have to go without jobs because they cannot afford to work, or they do not have enough jobs for them to work. Christians in these countries are starting their own businesses and ministries and that is how they are getting money coming in to provide for themselves and their families. Also, God is providing for these Christians through their prayers and relationship with Him.

Here in the United States, there are plenty of jobs all around us that are hiring and looking for employees. We just need to be willing to look for the right opportunities for work and find the right jobs that God is

calling us to work for Him and His glory. God may call you to work a job where you can serve your purpose and use your unique gifts and talents in that job. That is freedom because you are doing what you love to do, instead of just working for a paycheck. Freedom comes when you are free from hatred and stress of a job. The job that you are working is for God and His glory, because you are not working to serve man, which leaves you bound. But you are working to serve Jesus Christ. There is freedom when you have the right to use your unique gifts and talents and serve others at jobs or in businesses and ministries.

There is also freedom in the USA when you have your own privacy in public restrooms. You do not have to be seen by others in the restrooms. Also, there is freedom in the USA when you have privacy in your own homes. You do not have to share everything with everyone that is private. You can keep things to yourself. Yes, you do need to share some information to those you are paying bills too, etc. But you do not have to share all your personal matters with everyone you know because of the right of privacy.

Also, women have the right to vote in the USA. Back then, women did not have that privilege to vote because it was a law back then that women could not vote. But then, they made it legal. It is a precious privilege to be able to make that decision about who you want to be president of the country. It is a blessing to be able to choose who you want your leaders to be and to take part in voting for your country.

We also have the right to keep and bear arms or weapons in the event of an emergency. If we are being threatened, we defend ourselves with arms or a weapon if it is licensed. But we want to make sure we use wisdom on when to use it because we should not use a weapon on someone if we do not need to. We could face criminal charges, fines, and prison time if we use a weapon on someone who did not mean us harm. But if someone is trying to hurt us or cause some kind of physical harm, we have a way to defend ourselves, and we have God too. If we ask the Lord to protect us from evil and to send His angels to watch over us and to cover ourselves with the blood of Jesus Christ, He is going to protect us and keep us safe. But we also want

to be able to have a weapon or an arm that is licensed for self-defense if we can.

Galatians 5:1 says, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."

John 8:32 says, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

John 8:36 says, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."