

## Sermon – Hidden Strength

### Scripture – Psalm 41

**Main Message – God’s Holy Laws have been ignored, and now our Constitution. We must hold our ground or lose everything many have fought to preserve. Those are our veterans.**

In the United States of America we have roughly 340 million people. Currently we have about 1.4 million people as active-duty military personnel. At the same time we have about 16.2 million veterans. The average age of all veterans was 58 years. More specifically, 21.1 percent of the veteran population was under the age of 45, 41.2 percent were between the ages of 45 and 64, and 37.1 percent of the population was 65 years or older. So, veterans make up about 5 percent of the population. That is not insignificant. What does it mean to be a veteran? It means you’ve done more lousy hours and lousy jobs for barely any pay than most folks. It means you’ve guarded things that are vital to the security of the U.S. as well as things that make you scratch your head. Veterans learned to take orders and sometimes give them. By the time you leave the military, you don’t really think about standard working hours. Those that think that way rarely assimilate. You learn to take risks, but also to never, ever volunteer for the unknown. The military mindset never fully leaves you for the rest of your life. In an uncertain world such as the one we live in, we should all be glad there are veterans among us. Don’t underestimate the deterrence of having 5% of our population as experienced military personnel which any aggressive nation or group must consider if they were to try and occupy our country.

As a 10 years USAF veteran, I want to tell you some things. I took an oath. In fact all of the Veterans here today took something identical or extremely similar to this. **“I [state your full name], Do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God.** Notice that there is not time limit associated with this oath.

Today, I am not alone in this, but to see anyone dismiss or violate the constitution with impunity makes my blood boil. I see our laws as vital to the safety and success of our nation. It’s a complex set of emotions to witness what is happening here. It is terrible to see our elected and appointed officials violate the laws of the land. God’s Holy Laws are imprinted on our hearts, and the constitution is our nations guiding principle. I am seeing enemies now in greater number than ever before that must be considered domestic. These domestic enemies have allowed foreign ones to cross our borders without regard to the laws of immigration that protects our citizenry. Depending on which source you want to read, as many as 8 Million have come into our country. It is likely at least 1 Million illegals we have simply lost track of. Thanks be to God we have a hidden militia of military veterans that are aware of what is happening, are capable when bad things happen, and will take action when the active duty folks are stymied by following orders of those who do not value our country.

Nevertheless take strength in the knowledge that we have men and women who remember their oath.  
Read Psalm 41