

THE PULPIT FREEDOM SUNDAY SERIES

A CHALLENGE TO RETURN TO OUR NATION'S FOUNDING PRINCIPLES

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

THE GOD OF ALL GOVERNMENT

*A CALL TO AMERICANS TO RETURN TO OUR NATION'S FOUNDING.
A CHALLENGE TO CALL AMERICA BACK TO GOD*

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Introduction of Isaiah 9:6-7 and Pulpit Freedom Sunday

The Theme and Textual Summation of the Passage

Isaiah 9:6-7

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **7** Of the **increase of His government** and peace There will be no end,

The Idea of Human Government,

the concept of its place and position, was authored by the God of the Bible. It was first found in the pages of the Bible that said "select men from among yourselves to be your leaders." God said that we should, "appoint good and godly people to govern over the society"

Isaiah 33:22

For the LORD is our Judge, The LORD is our Lawgiver, The LORD is our King; He will save us

From the **writings of John Locke**, this verse was taken, and used by our Founding Fathers to Protect our liberty and freedom from a Tyranny.

Proverbs 29:2

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people groan.

I am not interested in promoting or demonizing any particular political party – seeing that *I am a monarchist. I am awaiting King Jesus to return !*

And clearly, I'm Not Alone in That Sentiment

Our Founding Fathers, The Pilgrims, were big on liberty.

The Mayflower Compact – Our Nations First Governing Document

"In the name of God, Amen. We, whose names are underwritten, the Loyal Subjects of our dread Sovereign Lord, King James, by the **Grace of God,** of England, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, Having undertaken for the **Glory of God,** and **Advancement of the Christian Faith,** and the Honour of our King and Country a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia; do by these presents, solemnly and mutually in the **Presence of God** and one of another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil Body Politick, for our better Ordering and Preservation and Furtherance of the Ends aforesaid; And by Virtue hereof to enact, constitute, and frame, such just and equal Laws, Ordinances, Acts, Constitutions and Offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the General good of the Colony; unto which we promise all due submission and obedience. In Witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names at Cape Cod the eleventh of November, in the Reign of our Sovereign Lord, King James of England, France and Ireland, the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fifty-fourth.
- Anno Domini, 1620."

Here's Benjamin Franklin's "Request for Prayers" at the Constitutional Convention

July 28, 1787

*"In this situation of this Assembly, groping as it were in the dark to find political truth, and scarce able to distinguish it when presented to us, how has it happened, Sir, that we have not hitherto once thought of humbly applying to the Father of Lights to illuminate our understandings? In the beginning of the Contest with Great Britain, when we were sensible of danger, we had daily prayer in this room for the Divine protection.- Our prayers, Sir, were heard, and they were graciously answered. All of us who were engaged in the struggle must have observed frequent instances of a Superintending Providence in our favor. I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth - **that God Governs in the affairs of men.** And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid?"*
- Benjamin Franklin

Have We Forgotten or Were We Ever Taught – That Jesus Christ and His Bible was the Founding Motivation For the Birth of The United States of America.

Today is Pulpit Freedom Sunday Across America.

Why do we need a pulpit freedom Sunday?

#1

The history of the American pulpit is unlike any other in human history and needs to be known.

Why do we need a pulpit freedom Sunday?

#2

Because when government forgets God, the freedoms provided by God are quickly removed.

The 1954 Ruling of the Johnson Amendment.

Threatened pastors that *"Should a pastor, priest or member of the clergy speak out regarding issues that were deemed "political" and that their preaching, teaching or influence should in any way sway an election, the IRS would then be empowered to sue for the removal of that ministries tax-exemption status."*

The **Black Robe Regiment** was a moniker that was given to the patriot-pastors of Colonial America. They were called the "Black Robe Regiment" owing to the fact that so many of them had a propensity to wear long, black robes in their pulpits. It was British loyalist Peter Oliver, who first used the name "Black Robe Regiment." He complained that such pastors were at the heart of the American revolutionary disturbance. Oliver tied their influence to shape colonial leaders such as Samuel Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington and others of prominence in the cause of liberty. He lamented the fact that colonial leadership, in its quest to gain the voice of the clergy said Oliver; *"It's from the American pulpits - where freedom rings".*

1833 The American Quarterly Register (magazine)

“As a body of men, the clergy were pre-eminent in their attachment to liberty. The pulpits of the land rang with the notes of freedom.”

The French Historian and Political Observer – **Alexis de Tocqueville** said;

“Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits aflame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power...”

He said;

“America is great because she is good. If America ceases to be good, America will cease to be great.”

THE GOD OF ALL GOVERNMENT

1.) Requires us to understand our place.

As citizens of a country, we are born into a nation by the decree of God.
As a Christian - We are also citizens of heaven.

“We Recognize No Sovereign but God, and no King but Jesus!”

John Adams and John Hancock - April 18, 1775

**God has placed you under a Government of Rule.
Unique Among The Nations of the World.**

(that our government is to be obedient to God)

In The United States – God has ordained *“We the people”*
to appoint governing – Servant Leaders.

Isaiah 33:22

For the LORD is our **Judge**.(the judiciary), The LORD is our **Lawgiver**, (legislative arm) The LORD is our **King**; *(executive branch)*

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2.) Expects us to defend His freedoms.

The general principles on which the fathers *(Pilgrims)* achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity. I will avow that I then believed, and now believe, that those general principles of Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the existence and attributes of God.

President, John Adams

Signer Of The Declaration Of Independence; Judge; Diplomat, Signers Of The Bill Of Rights; Second President Of The United States

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3.) Commands us to pass on what He has done.

This was The Foundational Intent of Our Founders,
This was In Fact **Their Worldview** – To Live to the Glory of God and Present to God a Nation Founded Upon Biblical Liberties.

John Adams

Thoughts on Government – June, 1776

It is the duty of all men in society, publicly, and at stated seasons, to **worship the SUPREME BEING**, the great **Creator and Preserver of the universe**. And no subject shall be hurt, molested, or restrained, in his person, liberty, or estate, for **worshipping GOD** in the manner most agreeable to the dictates of his own conscience; or for his religious profession or sentiments; provided he doth not disturb the public peace, or obstruct others in their religious worship.

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4.) Impart His values to the next generation.

Suppose a nation in some distant region should take the Bible for their only law book and every member should regulate his conduct by the precepts there exhibited. . . . What a Utopia – what a Paradise would this region be!
- John Adams

Matthew 22:15-21

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how they might entangle Him in His talk. **:16** And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not regard the person of men. **:17** Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” **:18** But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, **“Why do you test Me, you hypocrites? :19 Show Me the tax money.”** So they brought Him a denarius. **:20** And He said to them, **“Whose image and inscription is this?” :21** They said to Him, “Caesar’s.” And He said to them, **“Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”**

**“Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s,
(very little belongs to the government)
and to God the things that are God’s.
(everything including the governments of this world belong to Him)**

Psalm 24:1

The earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;

Psalm 50:10

for every animal of the forest and the cattle on a thousand **Chino** Hills is mine says the Lord.

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5.) Act worthy of this great idea.

**Our Public Schools and Universities
Have Not Only Demonized American History – They Have Attacked Patriotism at
Every Turn.**

Burning Bibles at Public Schools

Can a public school have Christian books in its library? Are religious books coming under fire? The **latest story comes from Temecula, California**. But religious activists have worried for generations that public schools have become aggressive book-burners. In the current case, the **Pacific Justice Institute** has accused Temecula’s River Springs Charter School—apparently one of three schools in the **Springs Charter School** network—of anti-Christian bias. A parent complained to PJI

that the school library had purged any book with a Christian bent. According to a *report in Christian News*, the parent told PJI that the librarian had been told to get rid of religious books. As *conservative commentator Todd Starnes tells the story*, the school librarian was instructed to remove “all books with a Christian message, authored by Christians, or published by a Christian publishing company.”

Act worthy of this great idea

IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776.

THE UNANIMOUS DECLARATION OF THE THIRTEEN
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

“When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the **Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them**, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are **created equal**, that they are **endowed by their Creator** with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness...”

BUT DO YOU REMEMBER HOW THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE ENDS?

“With a firm reliance on **the protection of Divine Providence** we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.”

These 56 Men Gave Birth to a Nation Whose Desire
It was to either **“Die as Free Men than to Live as Slaves.”**

What Propelled Them to “The Glorious Cause?”

They Knew That There Was a God In Heaven Above, Not Only Were They Accountable To – But They Understood Him to be The God of All Liberty.

“The God who gave us life, gave us liberty at the same time. Can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with his wrath?” - **Thomas Jefferson**

MANY OF YOU ARE ENJOYING YOUR FREEDOMS BUT YOU HAVE DONE NOTHING TO DEFEND THEM

“All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.”
Sir Edmund Burke

1 Chronicles 12:32

The men of Issachar, who understood the times in which they lived, knew what Israel should do.

***There is an election coming up next month, and
We need to pray and vote and get good and wise and qualified people into office – we are required of
God to do so.***

Remember the Trinity of Truth when voting.

- (1) what has their voting record been on **the sanctity of life?**
- (2) what has their voting record been on **the institution of natural marriage?**
- (3) what has their voting record been on **the existence of the nation of Israel?**

"Whether our Religion permits Christians to vote for infidel rulers is a question which merits more consideration than it seems yet to have generally received, either from the clergy or the laity. In my opinion, it is the right and duty of our pastors to press the observance of all moral and religious duties, and to condemn every course of conduct which may be repugnant to them. Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers and it is the duty, privilege and interest of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers."

Chief Justice, U.S. Supreme Court - Honorable John Jay

**That Means You Will be Electing Someone
Who is Most In-line With Your Biblical WorldView.**

**Match Biblical Truth against the Candidates Platform & Voting
Record.**

Charles Finney - 1861

"The Church must take right ground in regard to politics. The time has come that Christians must vote for honest men and take consistent ground in politics. Christians have been exceedingly guilty in this matter, but the time has come when they must act differently. God cannot sustain this free and blessed country which we love and pray for unless the Church will take right ground. It seems sometimes as if the foundations of the nation are becoming rotten, and Christians seem to act as if they think God does not see what they do in politics. But I tell you, He does see, and He will bless or curse this nation according to the course Christians take in politics."

*"Ultimately, our loyalty belongs not to any political party or candidate but to Almighty God. -
President Ronald Reagan*

John 3:15-18

Whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. :16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. :17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. :18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

"If the citizens of the United States neglect their duty and place unprincipled men in office, the government will soon be corrupt; laws will be made not for the public good so much as for the selfish or local purposes; Corrupt or incompetent men will be appointed to execute the laws; the public revenues will be squandered on unworthy men; and the rights of the citizens will be violated or disregarded. If a republican government fails to secure public prosperity and happiness, it must be because the citizens neglect the divine commands, and elect bad men to make and administer the laws."

Noah Webster, History of the United States (New Haven, CT: Durrie & Peck, 1832)

Jesus said it this way...

Matthew 5:13-16

"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. :14 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

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