

THE LORD, MIGHTY IN BATTLE

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1 Chronicles 12:32: “And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment.” (KJV)

Matthew 4:25a; 5:1a; 5:7-9: And there followed him great multitudes of people seeing the multitudes he opened his mouth, and taught them saying Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called children of God. (KJV)

It’s not a huge portion of Scripture. You almost miss it among the men of valor, warriors, and soldiers who showed up to pledge their loyalty to the would-be king, David. Most preachers would not join these two passages of Scripture. David was having a rocky row to hoe when these men showed up, and he wasn’t quite sure if they were coming in peace or to kill him! (1 Chronicles 12:17) But over time more and more came to commit their allegiance to David and their country, Israel (1 Chronicles 12:22), so that the Bible tells us it became a great army, “like the host of God.”

In Matthew, we are told the multitudes came to hear Jesus and many would come to pledge allegiance to Him as well. In fact, you could say multiplied billions have, since those band of warriors became an army around David, and since our humble king rose from the dead. For the next six weeks here at the ministry, from just before Memorial Day to just after Fourth of July, we will be looking at the founding of our nation and its connection to battle, both in the spiritual realm and in the physical realm where our fallen soldiers have stood side by side to pledge their lives for an America that, on some occasions, is hard to recognize. I’ve been asked the question, “Why would God institute and encourage the birthing of nations and honor their borders when we’re all supposed to be one in Jesus?” I hope the answer to that question can help some of you from different ethnic backgrounds understand why so many Americans (of all colors), who have lost loved ones fighting in battles and who also migrated here legally to become

citizens, are just downright angry over the breach in the rule of law we see going on right now in this country.

The founding of America is like none other the world over, except in one similarity to tiny Israel. The founding of America started in 1619 as a spark, igniting to a flame in the 1620s, then during the 1640s and beyond, growing in comparison to an explosive device. Finally in the 1770s, as England decided three pence on tea was needed, a band of over 99 percent Christian, with a minority Jewish (around .2 percent) and an even smaller minority of Deist decided to work together around what was already an exacting form of compact government. In fact, when the Revolutionary War was over, as the delegates met, they followed the same structural form of government that almost all colonial states had followed for the previous 150 years. Even Virginia, who maintained her English governmental connection more arduously than, let's say a colony like Massachusetts, followed the words of Patrick Henry: (in excerpt) "For my own part, I consider it as nothing less than a question of freedom or slavery; and in proportion to the magnitude of the subject ought to be the freedom of the debate. It is only in this way that we can hope to arrive at truth, and *fulfill the responsibility which we hold to God and our country*. Should I keep back my opinions at such a time, through fear of giving offense, I should consider myself as guilty of treason towards my country, and of an *act of disloyalty toward the Majesty of Heaven*, which I revere above all earthly kings."¹

For the nation of Israel, as well as the Puritans who settled and gave America a compact form of government, the understanding was covenantal. In point of fact, the term Federal from the Latin word foedus, means to covenant.² Moses affixed a written law to the covenant they had with the living God. The Puritans affixed written laws to the covenant understanding they developed with that same God. (and to some extent an understanding is similarly seen in England where church and state were one, though there were huge differences between England and those early Puritan governments) In Genesis when the Bible tells us that God instituted certain nations with borders or boundary lines, He originally does so to bless. These borders are instituted so that those who covenant with Him on

these lands receive the blessing and reproductive energy that a covenant with the God of Heaven gives. He places His people smack in the middle of the world and then blesses them so much that those passing through the land see the blessing and want to covenant with the same God that blesses, bringing that covenant and its laws and principles back with them to their own land. In this way, the rest of the planet is blessed by a form of government which serves the people, not the other way around, as in socialism, progressivism, sharia or monarchical governments in which the people serve and are slaves to the government. In fact, by people ignoring their own country's problems because they come here, they are ignoring the impetus to band together and change what's wrong with their country.

Unfortunately, we have another idea that has infected our government, our schooling, and to a sad extent, our society. That idea has lost the understanding of federated republic. Why is a federal republic more noble and far more stable than a democracy? In the first respect, the understanding that a federal system is in covenant, even a non-sectarian and colorblind eye that knows no favoritism, but shows equal covenantal outreach to all regions of the country. This becomes enforced through representation in kind by a republic sending representatives to the Federal forum to vote for the benefit of not only their regions, but in the same respect of the federated republic. In other words, statesmen are sent to keep a non-sectarian eye toward what is best for the nation in economic health and security. Instead of mob rule, as you have in a democracy, which is seen by rioting and protestation, a republic is stabler as a result of the longer debate. While republics go far back in history, the longer debate method is picked up by the early church covenants from the 1600s seen in colonial America. In those areas of colonial America where theocracies ruled, the idea was to have everyone involved in the church knowing the law, because it was biblically based. This had everyone working in a harmonious fashion because insight could be developed and a consensus could form as folks mulled over the integrity of a law and its effects on those it affected. The science proves, without a doubt that this form of government extended freedom to a larger amount of people than a democracy ever could.³

In point of fact, democracies are used by socialists, progressives and communists in order to enact the change in government they want to see. That kind of government makes the people serve them, not government that serves the people. I can easily prove this, though it is not my intention to do so in this article. This is so well known that a democrat, running for president just stated how messy democracies really are.⁴ In order to enact control by the government at a quicker rate, as in a communistic takeover, one must create an atmosphere of “messy” through mob protests and violent uprisings. The rule of law must be abrogated for whatever rule the progressives or socialists want to enact. All progressive, socialistic, communistic or sharia-type cultures do this. That is so their “change” happens quickly. These forms of government must make societies have divisive issues, not slow and deliberative discussion through consensus. These forms of government must foster just enough violence and protestation to keep people from realizing what is really going on: A takeover of their formerly peaceful, traditional and deliberative process. This is not done to lift the lowly working class out of their doldrums. It is done to obfuscate through petty differences what the real goal is: control of money, power and people.

In republics the government moves slower, thus resulting in a stable environment so that all people live in a more harmonious atmosphere. This atmosphere gives a nation’s citizens time to prosper and grow. When we add a structure in which all people are owners and are able to access the system equally, then the only thing stopping those people are their own abilities or unforeseen circumstances. In other words, a limited government, which is controlled by documents which limit or stop government’s ability to control how a people practice their religion, gun rights, ownership of private property, as well as property in general, legal rights and all other rights which are inalienable. Inalienable rights are those given by God. They cannot be taken away by man or government. In our federal republic, these rights are declared by our establishment document, The Declaration of Independence. They are reinforced through institutional design by our Constitution and then specifically outlined by our Bill of Rights. All the early church covenants had these elements. These are uniquely American in nature.

Those early settlers sacrificed much because their biblical governing documents reflected such sacrifice through their Savior, Jesus Christ. As a result, early Americans were a sacrificial and giving people. This reduces the selfishness seen in democracies. It also does something else. It teaches a people the lessons learned by hard work. Every good parent tries to teach their child the priceless lessons of ownership and the value and responsibility in following the rule of law. We have all seen children (do we remember the “affluenza teen”?) who have not been taught the intangible lessons of sacrifice, hard work and denial of self-gratification. They become selfish and self-promoting whiners, wanting everyone else to pay for their free ride. An attitude of entitlement is what kings and “special” people have. Christians are taught we are all special before God. Unfortunately, an attitude of entitlement has extended now to major portions of our society.

The early settler’s Christian attitude of popular sovereignty (which was different than the England they came from) and hard work, which benefited the whole community, was reflected in their governing documents.⁵ Those early puritan church governmental compacts are the predecessors on our shores of what we see now as a culmination of tradition, energy and spirit in our three compacting documents: The Declaration of Independence, The U.S. Constitution and our Bill of Rights. Generations of settlers, legal immigrants (which all were before 1914), and illegal “visitors” have proven, if not by individual, formal declaration of Christian belief, but certainly by their movement of families, the absolute truth of the God of the Bible’s principle: By seeing His blessing upon an original people who decide to covenant with Him on a land, that land is blessed. As a result they want to live there. Unfortunately, that was not what He intended. His intent was so that they bring the covenant back with them to their land. As this happens, more geographic portions of the earth are blessed by His providential care shown to the people of the earth: All colors of people of the earth. We have a very progressive path that is followed when we rebel from His intended pattern: The immigrants want to steal the resources of a nation. Foreign ideologies [progressive socialism, (which is as near to communism as America will see), sharia law, European and Oriental hegemony] now see a

rich and blessed people and decide they want that nation under their rule! So instead of bringing the covenant God back to their own land so their land can be a blessing, they desire to steal the resources and eventually steal the land of that nation.

Unfortunately for them, they have a problem. Early Americans remembered the religious influence of their nation and tradition. Their soldiers fought for God and Country. (see Patrick Henry's comments) The immigrants who came to the nation blessed America, not only with their cultures, but they also learned at what great expense freedom was earned and at what great cost our cherished governmental compacting documents were written. They learned those lessons in school, at home and by their own loved ones dying for the cause of freedom. Even atheists who did not appreciate or believe in the God of the Bible, appreciated America and the economic freedom she fostered. I don't know anyone who wants to deny truly persecuted people legal immigration to become productive, hard working citizens. Many of you that are connected to this ministry were, at one time immigrants. I know your stories of hard work. Some of you have served in the military or have family members who have served. I have had family serve and die, as well. That's why we have such a respect for the soldiers who gave the ultimate sacrifice for freedom. We have a little over 240 years of men and women of all colors and stripes who have fought for the freedom of this nation. They, as well as many of us who are not military appreciate our rule of law. They as well as many of us Americans are very upset when we see those who come here illegally trample our laws. We are angry when we see a president and his executive branch, along with their lawyers treat our laws with disrespect.⁶ They, as well as many of us Americans, are very angry at the poor education our children are receiving in school concerning the heritage of America and its laws.

Most folks have a very limited memory concerning the fact that Democrats in this country formerly were conservative in monetary spending, believed in limited government, were strong in their support and belief in our military and were either Christian or Jewish in their religion. As a result there was a harmony seen in our statesman, even if their personal lives did not always reflect that. Many Democrats who have this memory are very angry

concerning the takeover of their party to progressive socialism (which is closely linked to communism in its effect on a government over time). Many Americans who are not Democrats are angry over the same fact. Even Independents and Republicans are horrified and angry over the change. Socialists (progressives) need divisive issues to complete the takeover of America's people. Divisive issues help to keep all Americans blind to the fact that a foreign entity has taken over our religious rights, our laws and government. This takeover has decimated our Bill of Rights.

This has been going on for over 100 years. What we need is a real understanding of the founding fathers of America. Christians, Jews and all freedom loving people alike, regardless of their religious beliefs, need to read what that generation said and why they said it. When we do, we might understand not only how to cherish and maintain our founding documents; but we might all understand how to ignore the surface fights socialists need to keep us fighting. We might recognize when a real serpent and its ideology is trying to steal and decimate the purity of those documents and the way of life 240 years of soldiers gave their life for. The men of Issachar and the people who came to Jesus recognized the times and the seasons in which they lived. They moved forward in action, not only to fight for what they believed in, but to be persecuted for their faith and to die for that faith and that way of life a faith encouraged.

Is it too late for America to turn back to the rule of law? I don't believe so. If our founders, soldiers and later presidents felt that way, they wouldn't have fought, bled and died. Many of them trusted God to bring the nation back from the brink. But, they did move in action as well. We, as Christian Americans, and as all Americans, regardless of religion, have to believe in our original documents and move in action as well. I leave you this month with a few quotes from founders as well as presidents who understood these principles.

“But being ruined by taxes is not the worst you have to fear. What security would you have for your lives? How can any of you be sure you would have the free enjoyment of your religion long? Would you put your religion in the power of any set of men living? Remember civil and religious liberty always go together: if the

foundation of the one be sapped, the other will fail of course.” Alexander Hamilton (excerpt)⁷

“ . . . For the jaws of power are always opened to devour, and her arm is always stretched out, if possible, to destroy the freedom of speaking, thinking and writing.” John Adams, *Dissertation on the Canon and Feudal Law*⁸

“ . . . In the General Congress assembled they appealed the rectitude of their intentions to the Supreme Judge of the world, and ‘with firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence’ they mutually pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their most sacred honor. During the deliberations in the Constitutional Convention they were called to daily prayers, with the reminder in sacred Scripture it is written that ‘except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build It,’ and they were warned that without the concurring aid of Providence they would succeed in the political building ‘no better than the builders of Babel’ . . . Conscious of our continuing need to bring our actions under the searching light of Divine Judgment, . . . Let us all pray, inviting as many as may be visitors in our country to join us in our prayers, each according to his own custom and faith . . . For Divine guidance in our efforts to lead our children in the ways of truth; . . . and to the end they may be at their best in their day as the responsible trustees of the great heritage which has come to us from those who went before us; . . . in awareness that this Nation under God has achieved its great service to mankind. . . Recognizing our own shortcomings may we be granted forgiveness and cleansing, that God shall bless us and be gracious unto us, and cause His face to shine upon us as we stand everyone of us on this day in His Presence. . .” President John F. Kennedy. (excerpt)⁹

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