

## Rekindling the Fire of The Founders

In the words of Woodrow Wilson, *“A nation which does not remember what it was yesterday, does not know what it is today, nor what it is trying to do. We are trying to do a futile thing if we do not know where we have come from, or what we have been about.”*

For instance, did you know that: from the founders own writings it is explained where they derived the components of our republican form of gvt?

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Separation of powers- Jeremiah 17:9

Immigration Laws- Leviticus 19:34

Presidents- must be natural born citizens- Deut. 17:15

Capital Punishment- Deut. 17:6

3 Branches of Gvt defined – Isaiah 33:22

Tax exemptions policies to churches- Ezra 7:24

Allocation of local, county, state and federal legislators- Exodus 18:21

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. John Adams said, “Duty is ours, results are God’s”.

The night after the Battle of Bunker Hill John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail,

“I am well aware of the toil and blood, and treasure, that it will cost to maintain this declaration, and support and defend these states; yet, through all the gloom I can see the rays of light and glory. I can see that the end is worth more than all the means.”

His son, J Q Adams later wrote, “Posterity, you will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it.”

Our freedom was bought with great personal sacrifice! The founders were ever mindful that God was in their midst. The First Continental Congress opened in prayer.

George Washington wrote: “The hand of Providence has been so conspicuous in all this, that he must be worse than an infidel that lacks faith, and more than wicked, that has not gratitude enough to acknowledge His obligations.

British generals were known to comment that it seemed an invisible hand was working in behalf of the colonists.

Samuel Adams- Father of the Revolution- gave credit to the preachers for being the impetus behind it.

George Washington had this rule for his men:

John Witherspoon was a minister of the Gospel who trained other ministers. He published books of Gospel sermons.

You may have heard of the Thompson chain reference Bible still used today. It was first translated from the Greek Septuagint into English by signer Charles Thompson.

Benjamin Rush

Francis Hopkinson was a church music director and set all the Psalms to music in America's first songbook!

Thomas McKean was Chief Justice of the Supreme CT of PA

Just listen to some of the signers own words:

Samuel Adams- "I rely on the merits of Jesus Christ for a pardon for all my sins."

Charles Carroll- "On the mercy of my Redeemer I rely for salvation and on His merits; not on the works I have done in obedience to His precepts.

John Witherspoon-"I entreat you in the most earnest manner to believe in Jesus Christ, for there is salvation in no other"

Robert Treat Paine-"I am constrained to express my adoration of...the Author of my existence, in full belief of.. His forgiving mercy revealed to the world through Jesus Christ, through whom I hope for never ending happiness in a future state.

Benjamin Rush-"My only hope of salvation is in the infinite, transcendent love of God manifested to the world by the death of His son upon the Cross. Nothing but his blood will wash away my sins."

Roger Sherman- "I believe that there is only one living and true God, existing in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.. and that at the end of the world, there will be a resurrection from the dead, and a final judgement of all mankind, when the righteous shall be publically acquitted before Christ the Judge, and be admitted to everlasting life and glory, and the wicked be sentenced to everlasting punishment."

Back in the 1920's there was a movement started in part by Charles Beard to re-write American history to make it from a purely economic point of view.

Benjamin Franklin was heard to say at the time of the signing. "We must all hang together or we will hang separately." If their efforts were not successful they would hang! It was a serious thing and they knew it.

Did you know?

Abraham Clark, John Hart ,Robert Morris, Thomas Nelson, Caesar Rodney ,Oliver Wolcott-, Arthur Middleton ,Carter Braxton of VA

William Ellery ,Wm Paca , Thomas McKean of DE ,Francis Lewis of NY,Phillip Livingstons'

George Washington said. “No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the invisible hand which conducts in the affairs of men more than the people of the US. Every step by which they have advanced to the character of an independent nations seems to have been distinguished by some token of Providential agency... We ought to be no less persuaded that the propitious smiles of heaven cannot be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right, which heaven itself has ordained.”

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James Madison stated: “The real wonder is that so many difficulties should have been surmounted with a unanimity almost as unprecedented as it must have been expected... It is impossible for the man of pious reflection not to perceive in it a finger of that Almighty hand which has been so frequently and singularly extended to our relief in the critical stages of the revolution.”

Edmund Burke once said, “All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.”

Esp revealing – Brian Ray’s study 18-25 yr olds

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So what can we do??

- Join HSLDA- we remember what it was like before it existed. Bulldog for our freedoms- HR6
- Join your state home school organization- strength in numbers
- Write senators, congressmen, representatives- make it an occasion with other families- have a pizza/letter writing party

One letter represents 20,000 voters – They do listen – letter, phone calls, emails

- Man the polls
- Pass out literature- lit drops, mailings, door to door, yard signs, bumper stickers
- Assemble signs –even young children
- Join local units-
- Overcome ignorance-read , Wallbuilders, DVD’s
- Kids- write letters to editor-local newspaper
- Home school day at Capitol (if possible- we often had too many little ones)
- Teen pact, Generation Joshua, Summit
- Redeem time for the days are evil
- Human Events-learn how legislators are voting or online now
- Conservative Chronicle- keep informed Christian view
- Kids- READ-
- Learn documents- American’s Creed, Preamble to Const, Bill of rights, G. Washington’s Farewell Address, etc
- Take Your Hat off
- NCCS
- Old books- Ex. Petticoat Warriors-women in Amer rev
- True Story Ge Wash, B Franklin- ex- Napoleon- great general- Compared to Washington hero

- Study Providential happenings in history, esp in founding era- Charles Finney-“The Church must take right ground in regard to politics...God will bless or curse this nation according to the course Christians take in politics.”

Rev.Matthias Burnett- (1803)

Finally, ye...whose high prerogative it is to ...invest with office and authority or to withhold them and in whose power it is to save or destroy your country, consider well the important trust ..which God .. has put into your hands. To God and to posterity you are accountable for them...Let not your children have reason to curse you for giving up those rights and prostrating those institutions which your fathers delivered unto you.