

American Christianity: Shaping a Nation

“John Winthrop: A City Set on a Hill”

Matthew 5:14-16; Micah 6:6-8

One of the most influential sermons in American history was delivered in 1630 by John Winthrop, governor of Massachusetts Bay Colony. Entitled, “A Modell of Christian Charitie,” he painted a compelling vision for the future of American society. Repeated by presidents and patriots for 400 years, these words became a prophecy of a God-centered political experiment.

1. Visible and Influential Nation (Matthew 5:14-16)

- **Inescapable**

- **Normative**

- **Purposeful**

2. Obvious and Practical Christianity (Micah 6:6-8)

- **Not Merely Religious Duty**

- **Heart-Driven Service to Others**