

Liberty, Liberators, & The Liberated

2 Corinthians 3:14-18 *17

HAVE YOU BEEN LIBERATED? ARE YOU LIBERATING OTHERS?

Puritans - Church Triumphant Church Militant

Daniel receives wisdom, favor, and insight from God for Nebuchadnezzar

Daniel 2:21 And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding.

If not even a sparrow can fall to the ground

Matthew 10:29 Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will.

Unless the Lord builds the house

Psalms 127:1 Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

Builders of Babel

Genesis 11:9

I've 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? We have been assured, Sir, in the Sacred Writings, that except the Lord build the House they labor in vain who build it. I firmly believe this, – and I also believe that without his concurring Aid, we shall succeed in this political Building no better than the Builders of Babel: - Benjamin Franklin

men who attended the constitutional convention were Christians

- The Constitutional Convention would seek God in prayer at the opening of every session
- Two of our founding fathers, Elias Bon, and John J, went on to lead ***the American Bible Society***. *They believed the message of the Bible could transform lives AND set the nation on a proper moral course*
- Our two least Christian/Diest, founding fathers, Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin, were the ones who proposed that upon the seal/emblem would depict ***Moses and the pillar of fire***, they believed God's presence guiding the Israelites should be the symbol of our country (PICTURE)

- **Branches of Government** – The Founding Fathers were deeply familiar with Scripture Sermons circulating before, during, and upon the formation of America Many colonial pastors preached from Isaiah 33:22 as an example of balanced government.

This verse identifies three distinct governmental roles that belong perfectly to God:

- **Judge** → Judicial Branch (courts) (interprets and applies the law)
 - **Lawgiver** → Legislative Branch (Congress) (makes the law)
 - **King** → Executive Branch (President) (carries out and enforces the law)
- Isaiah 33:22 "For the LORD is our Judge, The LORD is our Lawgiver, The LORD is our King; He will save us."**

- **Government buildings and funds for church services/worship and Bible printing**

Founding Fathers' Words – In Their Own Words

- Separation of Church and State.
When petitioned by the Danbury Baptist, **Thomas Jefferson** replied on January 1, 1802 "I contemplate with sovereign reference that act of the whole American people which declares that their legislature should make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, thus building a wall of separation between Church and State."
- Our second president, John Adams wrote, **"the general principles, on which the fathers achieved independence, were the general principles of Christianity, ...**

WHAT ABOUT SLAVERY - King George III (Christian King) treated men from far away
Longest stated grievance since the drafting of the Constitution Rough draft of constitution

KG has waged a cruel war against human nature itself. Violating its most sacred rights of life and liberty, and the persons of a distant people who never offended him. Captivating and carrying them into slavery in another hemisphere or to incur miserable death in their transportation thither. (infidel powers where MEN are bought and sold)

Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of property happiness.

A CHRISTIAN NATION/FOUNDATION No other religion. People vs. Rebels, 1811

The ruling in this **New York Supreme Court** case said, "nor are we bound, by any expressions of the constitution, as some have strangely supposed, either not to punish at all, or to punish indiscriminately do you like at tax upon the religion of Mohammed, or of the grand llama; and for this plain reason that the case assumes that we are a Christian people and the morality of the country is deeply engrafted upon Christianity, and not upon the doctrine of worship of those imposters. "

You cannot separate Christianity and American Exceptionalism

As we become less, Christian, we will become less American - John Adams, **we have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions,**

unbridled by morality and religion. Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.

For example, every elected or appointed official in Delaware had to subscribe to the statement, **I do profess faith in God, the Father, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, and the Holy Ghost, one God, blessed forever; and I do acknowledge the holy scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be given by divine inspiration.**

"How the Bible Made America" by **Kenneth L. Woodward** and **David Gates**
Historians are discovering that the Bible, perhaps even more than the Constitution, is our founding document – Newsweek

FREEDOM - BECAUSE OF - LIBERTY

Liberty Bell

Lev. 25:10 "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof."

Biblical History

GOD IS A GOD WHO RAISES UP LIBERATORS (GOD WILL DO IT – OFTEN THROUGH PEOPLE)

- **Moses & Exodus "Ex. 14:30**
- **Gideon Israel from Midian (Judges 7:22)**
- **Samson Israel from the Philistines (Judges 15:20) Never too late**
- **Esther 8:11(Salvation from destruction)**
- **Nehemiah 2:17 (Restoration from Destruction)**
- **Shadrach (M.L.B.)**
- **David & Goliath – 1 Samuel 17:8-9 armies of Saul**

Thessalonica – Idolatry to faith known around the world

Ephesus – Idols (Acts 19:23-29)

John & Herod – you're sinning and shouldn't have your brother's wife

John 8:36 "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

Romans 5:18 Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life.

Trained my hands for war

Psalm 144:1 Blessed be the LORD my Rock, Who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle

God is a warrior

(THE SONG) Psalm 24:8 "Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in battle."

Exodus 15:3 "The LORD is a man of war; The LORD is His name."

Revelation – on a war horse, strikes the nations, fills the valley with the blood of His enemies.

2 Corinthians 3:17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

You don't have to drink to have fun, cuss to communicate, laugh at my jokes, or give in to your anger? – I'M NOT A SLAVE TO SIN! I am no longer taken captive by the devil to do his will.

Galatians 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the **liberty** by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

Galatians 5:13 For you, brethren, have been called to **liberty**; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Liberty: Freedom to live as we should, not as we want

Right Now History

We read about the heroes in Scripture

We learn about the founding of our nation

But when our great-grandchildren learn about us, what will they see?

Did great-grandad do anything?

LIBERATE YOUR HOME

LIBERATE YOUR FAMILY

LIBERATE YOUR FRIENDS

LIBERATE YOUR _____.

GOD WILL DO IT, OFTEN THROUGH HIS PEOPLE – I'M IN THE LORD'S ARMY, YES SIR!

Liberty through liberators

As such, were some of you

- **Anyone previously a drunkard?**
- **Anyone a chronic liar?**
- **Anyone violent?**
- **Anyone party animal**
- **Anyone self-righteous**

Jesus came, gave Himself, and crushed sin and death

Evangelists are soul rescuers and death killers.