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Remember Your True History America (#2): Why Did Americans Honor & Glorify GOD Publicly?

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Why did Americans during the founding era think it was highly important to honor and glorify GOD publicly? Let us consider this question as we prepare for the May 17 Celebration and Rededication as “one nation under God,” and July 4 celebration of our 250th Anniversary.

1. Americans believed that there is one true GOD, and He rules with righteousness and justice over every person and nation. To form a new nation, they had to acknowledge publicly to Great Britain and the world that they were doing so under the authority given them by GOD Almighty. “The Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God entitled them” to the “separate and equal Station” as an independent nation (*Declaration of Independence*, 4 July 1776).

In 1750, Dr. Jonathan Mayhew helped Americans understand the Government of GOD and how it differed from human governments:

“God Himself does not govern in an absolutely arbitrary and despotic manner . . . the power of this almighty King is limited by law; not indeed by acts of Parliament, but by the eternal laws of truth, wisdom, and equity, and the everlasting tables of right reason” (*Fire At The Founding*, p. 15-16).

2. Americans believed that GOD is the Creator of all and Giver of life, and they must declare so publicly as the foundation of their right to form an independent nation. “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” (*Declaration*).
3. Americans believed that liberty, both religious and civil, is given by GOD, not by government, and to secure and preserve these Rights requires public recognition that they are from GOD. We “are endowed by (our) Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty” (*Declaration*).
4. Americans believed that “the pursuit of happiness,” or blessedness (see Matthew 5), meant the pursuit of a right relationship with GOD and with people, and is an unalienable Right given by GOD. But it is not a “right” to do anything wrong, harmful or immoral. We “are endowed by (our) Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness” (*Declaration*).

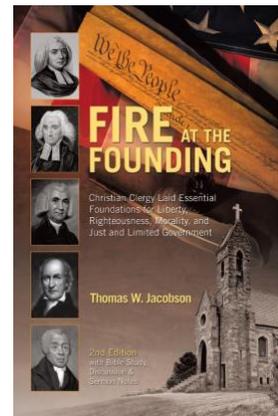
5. American believed that the foremost purpose of civil government was to secure and protect these “unalienable Rights.” “That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed, that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it” (*Declaration*). In 1776, Rev. Samuel West declared:

“Unlimited submission and obedience is due to none but God alone. He has an absolute right to command; He alone has an uncontrollable sovereignty over us, because He alone is unchangeably good” (*Fire At The Founding*, p. 17).

Americans honored and glorified GOD publicly because they recognized He was the one true Living GOD, the One who gave them Life, the One who gave them Liberty, the One who gave them unalienable Rights, including the right and freedom to worship GOD and pursue right relationships with Him and people. And they believed He gave them the right to govern themselves and create a new nation with religious and civil liberty. And if they ever forgot Him, they would lose their liberty also.

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PRAY that the Holy Spirit would inspire pastors, Christians, and all Americans to read and rediscover the truth about the spiritual, moral and governmental foundations of the United States that were consistent with the Bible and Judeo-Christian faith.



For the LORD, the sacred gifts of life and liberty, and remembrance of the babies,

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