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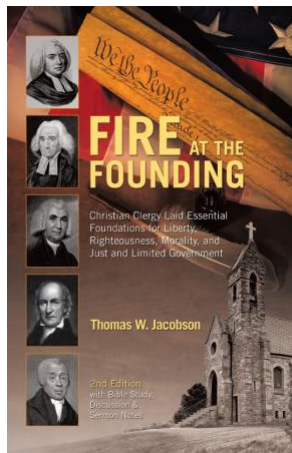
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Remember Your True History America (#6): Were the American Colonies Settled for Selfish Ambition or as a Sanctuary for Liberty & True Religion?

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Were the American Colonies settled for selfish ambition or as a sanctuary for liberty and true religion? 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.

There were two beginnings to the American Colonies. Both still profoundly influence the United States of America. One prevailed as the dominant from the 1600s through the 1800s, except for slavery. Since then the other has gained more and more influence.



Peter Marshall and David Manuel, in *The Light and the Glory*, discovered a dramatic contrast between the Pilgrims and Puritans who founded Plymouth, Massachusetts, and those who came to Jamestown, Virginia. At Jamestown, almost all who came on the first ship in 1607, and most who followed for two decades, came only for personal gain. They came for gold and riches. On that first ship, there were 144 men, but no women or children. Obviously, they did not plan to build a permanent settlement. They chose an unhealthy, swampy area, and did not plant a crop for 20 years. Those from wealthy families refused to do any labor, and expected the others to labor for them. When they had no provisions left, they survived by stealing from the Indians. At least 90 percent of those who came to Jamestown during those first two decades died an early death. In was at Jamestown, in 1619, that the first slave ship arrived, and slavery was introduced in North America (*Fire At The Founding [FAF]*, chapter 4, p. 41-42).

In comparison, the Pilgrims came as families to plant a permanent settlement. They arrived at Plymouth in late 1620, at the onset of winter. Half of the 102 died that first winter, due to illness and the harsh weather conditions. When the weather permitted the next spring, with the help of Indian friends, they began to plant crops and build shelters, which greatly reduced their loss of life (*FAF*, p. 42).

The Pilgrims considered these sacrifices as part of the cost of liberty, not so much for themselves, but for their children and future generations. They had suffered severe religious persecution in England. They had some freedom of religion when they fled to Holland, but knew that their religious and civil liberties were still restricted, and the culture surrounding them was corrupt.

Therefore, they came to America to find an asylum to preserve religious and civil liberty for their posterity (*FAF*, p. 42).

Rev. Samuel West, in his 1776 sermon titled, “Providence has designed this continent to be the asylum of liberty and true religion,” said:

“Our fathers fled from the rage of prelatical [high church office] tyranny and persecution, and came into this land in order to enjoy liberty of conscience . . . Many have been the interpositions of Divine Providence on our behalf, both in our fathers’ days and ours . . . I cannot help hoping, and even believing, that Providence has designed this continent to be the asylum of liberty and true religion; for can we suppose that the God who created us free agents, and designed that we should glorify and serve Him in this world that we might enjoy Him forever hereafter, will suffer liberty and true religion to be banished from off the face of the earth” (as quoted in *FAF*, p. 39-40).

Rev. West and most Americans during the early centuries believed that “Divine Providence . . . designed this continent to be the asylum of liberty and true religion,” where both religious and civil liberty would be preserved and protected for everyone. This is deep in our history and roots as a nation, and is why we still endeavor to preserve this sanctuary of religious and civil liberty, and endeavor to help others secure the same.

America was settled as a sanctuary for liberty and true religion, but if we do not cherish these God-given gifts, and return to GOD as a nation, then selfish ambition, greed, carnality, immorality, lawlessness, and every other sort of evil will continue to increase and destroy our nation.

What is your choice America?

PRAY that the Holy Spirit would inspire pastors, Christians, and all Americans to return fully to GOD, and to read and rediscover the truth about our origins as a nation. Pray also for the restoration of the spiritual, moral and governmental foundations of the United States that were consistent with the Bible and Judeo-Christian faith, and restoration of what is necessary to protect and restore our nation as a sanctuary for liberty and true religion.

BUY THE BOOK: *Fire At The Founding: Christian Clergy Laid Essential Foundations for Liberty, Righteousness, Morality, and Just and Limited Government.* Available through [GLC Publications](#), [Westbow Press](#), Amazon, Barnes & Noble, etc. The audiobook will be published soon.

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

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