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Remember Your True History America (#4): What Did Americans Believe about Liberty, Its Source & Responsibility?

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What did Americans believe about liberty, and its source and responsibility? 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 liberty, and all inherent human rights, come from GOD the Creator. “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, Liberty . . .” (*Declaration of Independence, 1776*).

Rev. Elisha Rich (1740-1812) preached a sermon in 1775 about the distinction between liberty from spiritual bondage and the religious liberty that is a right of every person.

“1 Corinthians 7:23: ‘Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men:’ . . . There is indeed, two different kinds of liberty contained in the text, first, Liberty from spiritual bondage, viz. from the power of sin. Secondly, Liberty from worldly mastership in religion, the first of these none have a right to, but those who are true believers in Christ: But the second, viz. Freedom from worldly mastership in religion, all rational beings have a right to, since all men must give an account to God, for all things that concerns religious principles or practice; so that in religion, none ought to be servants of men. . . . (A)ll Christ’s servants are bought *free*, not only from the power of sin, but all worldly mastership” (as quoted in *Fire At The Founding*, chapter 3, p. 28-29).

Thomas Jefferson said: “God who gave us life gave us liberty. Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are the gift from God?” (*Notes of the State of Virginia*, Query XVIII, 1781).

2. Americans believed that the foundational purpose of civil government was to protect the lives, liberty and property of the citizens. “That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed” (*Declaration*).
3. Americans believed that if their government failed to accomplish this purpose, they have a right and responsibility to alter or abolish it, to restore government to its God-given

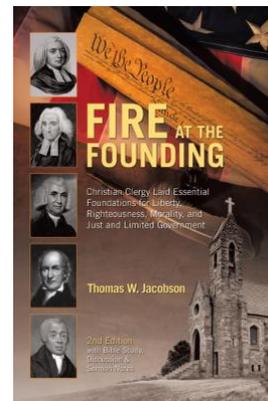
purposes. In the *Declaration of Independence*, they asserted: “that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its Foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such Form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.” That is precisely what the Founding Fathers and their generation did masterfully and successfully, especially through the *Declaration of Independence* and *Constitution*, forming the United States of America.

4. Americans believed that they had a responsibility to secure liberty for themselves, and for future generations, while recognizing that it could endure only so long as each generation acted to secure and preserve this precious gift from God. President Ronald Reagan observed: “Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction.”

I am deeply concerned that most Americans have forgotten GOD, lost the “conviction that these liberties are the gift from God,” and don’t realize that He is the Source and Giver of life and liberty. Most have forgotten the God-ordained purposes of civil government; are confused because “human rights” have been greatly perverted; and would not at this time, as a whole, have the wisdom, courage, or will to restore our governments. Yet I highly commend those who are endeavoring to do so. Let us restore true knowledge of our history and foundations that we may also take up our responsibility, with the help of God, to restore our nation for present and future generations.

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PRAY that the Holy Spirit would inspire pastors, Christians, and all Americans to read and rediscover the truth about liberty and its Source; and the spiritual, moral and governmental foundations of the United States that were consistent with the Bible and Judeo-Christian faith; and what is necessary to protect and restore our religious and civil liberties.



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

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