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Remember Your True History America (#5): Why Did Americans Believe Virtue is Necessary to Preserve Liberty?

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Why did Americans believe that virtue is necessary to preserve liberty? 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.

Americans believed that liberty is a gift from GOD and virtue is the “inseparable companion” to liberty. Rev. Jacob Duché (1738-1798) opened the Continental Congress of 1774 with prayer, and was selected in 1776 as its chaplain. On 7 July 1775, he preached a sermon titled, *The Duty Of Standing Fast In Our Liberties*, saying, “liberty, traced to her true source, is of heavenly extraction, that divine virtue is her illustrious parent, that from eternity to eternity they have been and must be inseparable companions . . . that when man lost his virtue, he lost his liberty too” (as quoted in, *Fire At The Founding (FAF)*, chapter 3, p. 28).

What did Americans during the founding era believe about virtue? The Webster’s 1828 Dictionary defines “virtue” as: “Strength; Bravery; valor; Moral goodness; the practice of moral duties and the abstaining from vice . . . a conformity of life and conversation to the moral law . . . The practice of moral duties from sincere love to God and His laws, is virtue and religion . . . *Virtue* is nothing but voluntary obedience to truth” (*FAF*, p. 31).

If a people are virtuous, loving and respectful to one another and voluntarily uphold God’s moral law, then they can be spiritually free (internal) and are capable of preserving civil liberty (external). If their desire to be virtuous is motivated by love for God, and they instill true religion and virtue in their children, then virtue and liberty can be preserved from one generation to another. Those who do not love God can demonstrate virtue by doing what is right, regardless of their motives. However, if they reject the moral law of God, what will motivate them to do what is right? What will keep them from doing evil? Ultimately, fear alone will motivate those who have rejected God’s love and His moral law. Consequently, if a nation rejects “the moral law” of God, it will lose its virtue. If it loses its virtue, it will lack the discipline to be self-governing and be unable to sustain religious and civil liberty, as well as a free, just, and limited form of government. Americans today are in grave danger of losing all the priceless liberties that four centuries of Americans labored, fought and died in order to preserve for us (*FAF*, p. 31-32).

PRAY that the Holy Spirit would inspire pastors, Christians, and all Americans to read and rediscover the truth about liberty and its Source, and that we must restore virtue to preserve

our GOD-given liberties. 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 religious and civil liberties.

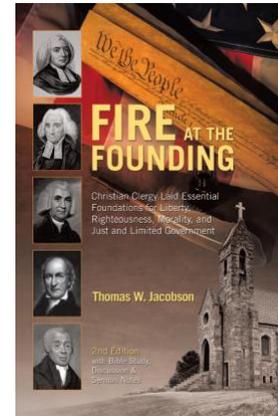
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For the LORD, the sacred gifts of life and liberty, and remembrance of the babies,

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