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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"Let True Liberty Ring"

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On July 2, 1776, Congress voted to approve a complete separation from Great Britain. Two days afterwards on July 4th the early draft of the "Declaration of Independence" was signed. Four days later, on July 8, 1776, members of Congress took that document and read it aloud from the steps of Independence Hall, proclaiming it to the city of Philadelphia, after which the "Liberty Bell" was rung. Around the top of that "Liberty Bell," a portion of Leviticus 25:10, "...Proclaim liberty throughout the land and to all its inhabitants..." No doubt, God's hand was proclaiming His intentions for this nation as He worked through men who may have or may not have been Christians. One thing is for certain, God was fulfilling His promise through those who had a reverent fear of Him.

David Barton writes, "Since our Founding Fathers gave us our National Birth Certificate, we continue to be the longest on-going Constitutional Republic in the history of the world. Blessings such as these are not by chance or accidental. They are blessings of God."

What was the foundation for America's Independence? John Adams said, "The general principles on which the Fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity." Amazingly, John Adams had foresight to see that the Declaration of Independence would be celebrated by future generations. The very next

day after Congress approved the Declaration, John Adams wrote Abigail (his wife) two letters. One stated, "This day will be the most memorable epic in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival." (Wikipedia; Independence Day)

A clear identification of the spirit of the American Revolution was given by John Adams in a second letter to Abigail written on the same day, "It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty." (wallbuilders.com) John Quincy Adams, son of John Adams

showed further evidence of the heart of the American Revolution in a speech he made on July 4th, 1837, "Why is it that, next to the birthday of the Savior of the world, your most joyous and most venerated festival returns on this day [the fourth of July]?" Note John Quincy Adams' answer to his own question, "Is it not that, in the chain of human events, the birthday of the nation is indissolubly linked with the birthday of the Savior? That it forms a leading event in the progress of the Gospel Dispensation. Is it not that the Declaration of Independence first organized the social compact on the foundation of the Redeemer's mission upon earth? That it laid the cornerstone of human government upon the first precepts of Christianity?"

The spiritual emphasis manifested so often by Americans during the Revolution caused one Crown-appointed British governor to write, "If you ask an American who is his master, he'll tell you he has none. And he has no governor but Jesus Christ."

It is time to let true liberty ring throughout the land of the United States of America once again, remember who gave your freedom, remember who protects your freedoms and remember that Christ gave Himself so you may be redeemed. Publicly proclaim the truth that John Adams did, "...commemorate [this day] a solemn [act] of devotion to God Almighty through Christ Jesus!"

'Tween Zone



In parenting, there comes a time when you might feel like no one takes you seriously anymore...like your sweet offspring have turned into people you don't know...or even want to know. You are incredibly "ignorant and outdated". What could have happened to cause this torment?

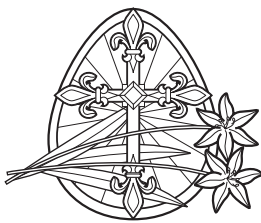
Don't despair. It's not your fault. Neither is it the fault of your teenager. Your darling child is in the process of turning into a mature adult. He or she will emerge in several years as a responsible member of society and you will be considered a loving and intelligent parent once more. In the meantime, there is help for your family now...the love of your Heavenly Father.

Won't you worship in God's House? "But Mom, I want to sleep in!" your sixteen-year-old whines. Say a prayer and mention something about lunch out afterwards. Your family will learn God's ways to get you through the tough times. You will all survive "the 'tween years".

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Genesis 12.1-20	Genesis 13.1-18	Genesis 14.1-24	Genesis 15.1-21	Genesis 16.1-16	Genesis 17.1-27	Genesis 18.1-15

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