

Make Church a Part of Your Life

WEEKLY SERMONETTE



“Proclaiming Freedom in Christ”

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LIVING RESPONSIBLY BEFORE CHRIST AND MEN – PART III/FREEDOM’S ENJOYED

Psalms 33:12 says, “Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people He chose for His inheritance.” Hebrews 13:7 says, “Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

The Founding Fathers of the United States of America knew that the fear of the Lord was needed before they could enjoy liberty. In regard to the genuine faith of our founding fathers, only the Lord knows for sure who was or wasn't a born again Christian. What is known is that the writings of many of our early political leaders reflect some kind of belief in God and a good knowledge of the Bible.

Through the hard work and sacrifices made by the Godly influences of our Founding Fathers and because the Lord is true to His Word, we are a nation that has been truly blessed and protected by God's mighty hand. The Lord put upon the hearts of our Founding Fathers to be a nation that gives people freedom. Our Founding Fathers' faith in God and His Word laid the original foundation which was girded with a reverent fear of the Lord.

In a message, “Let Freedom Ring,” Bible Teacher David Mains points out some of those

freedoms or liberties we have in America because of the faithfulness our “Founding Fathers” had in the truths of God's Word. They are:

1.) “Political Freedom” – We

have a voice in our government, as well as the opportunity to take part in its decisions. We can even speak freely in praise or share our opinions without fear of being arrested.

2.) “Social Freedom” – We have the right to exchange ideas about what we believe. For example because of freedom of the press, you can publish facts, ideas and opinions without government involvement. This also includes TV and radio programming.

3.) “Economic Freedom” – For the most part you can pick the job you want to interview for and through hard work train for any field or trade. For the most part the harder you work the farther you can go. You can save money, invest, spend your money on what you want.

4.) “Freedom of Religion” – The fact is in this country you can choose your religion, choose to ignore any kind of religion and choose not to believe in God if you so desire. There is no law stating you must have any kind of religious belief.

Let the Holy Spirit of Christ probe your heart with these questions. Does your life express praise to the Lord for His sovereign control over this nation? Are you thanking the Lord for statesmen who were hungry for the righteousness of the Lord and faithful to do all they can to lay a solid foundation for this nation based on the truths of God's Word? Do you express your love for the Lord by walking in accordance with the Word of God as King David and Solomon did?

Foundation

A bulldozer can move massive amounts of earth. Roots and rocks are scooped aside to clear and level a piece of land, to prepare it for a foundation that will support a structure built to stand far into the future.

We can develop a strong spiritual foundation for our future if we rely on the power of God to help us clear out the obstructing roots and rocks of our past so we can have a level start. Worship each week and discover His power to help you begin a new life built on the foundation of love and hope for the future. “Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm.” 2 Timothy 2:19



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Weekly Scripture Reading

- * 1 Kings 3:16-28
- 1 Kings 4:20-34
- 1 Kings 8:1-21
- Ecclesiastes 3:1-15
- 1 Corinthians 1:1-17
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
- 1 Corinthians 2:1-16
- * Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society



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