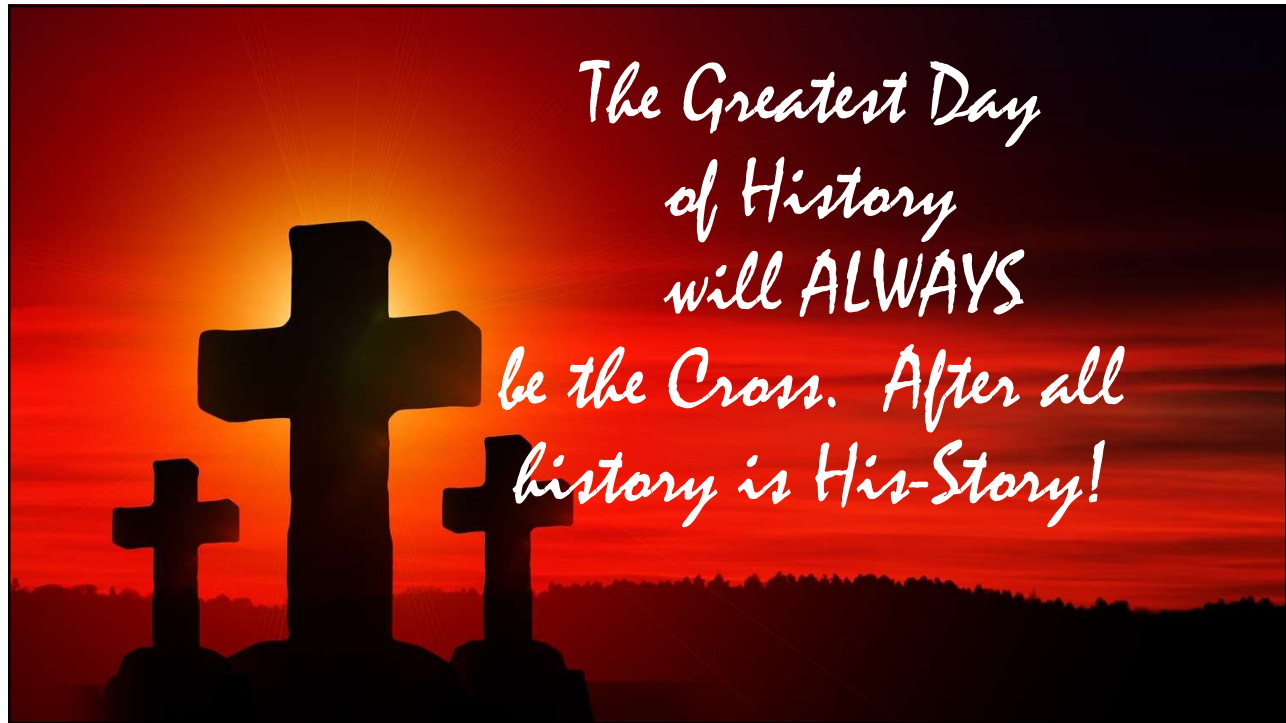


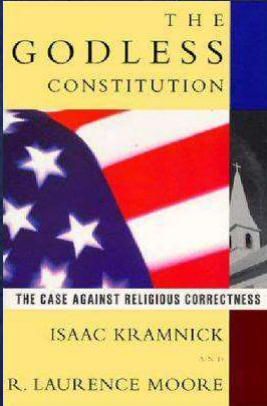
This message is dedicated to those who served in Enduring Iraqi Freedom.

New York City was America's original capitol.

The very church where George Washington prayed after taking the oath survived 9/11.



**Debunking the idea that  
America's Documents are Godless**

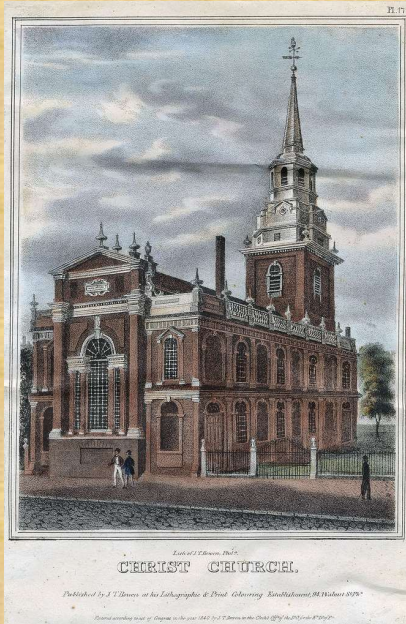


- This book is about ½ inch thick and does not contain footnotes. Can you imagine turning in an essay to your teacher without footnotes?

## A few major documents in America's founding



- Mayflower Compact -1620
- Declaration of Independence -1776
- Constitution Ratified -1787
- Bill of Rights - 1791



The history of the Church in  
America –quick overview

The Black Robed Regiment

On the left, this is the  
famous church in  
Philadelphia, Christ's  
Church, where many of our  
Founding Fathers are buried

"I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her commodious harbors and her ample rivers - and it was not there . . . in her fertile fields and boundless forests and it was not there . . . in her rich mines and her vast world commerce - and it was not there . . . in her democratic Congress and her matchless Constitution - and it was not there. Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. **America is great because she is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, she will cease to be great.**" *-Attributed to Alexis Toqueville*

If you want a copy of Alexis de Tocqueville's "Democracy in America" it is under my "Influence of the Bible in America" Exhibit GG

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## William Bradford



Having undertaken, for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith, and honor of our King and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia, do by these presents solemnly and mutually, in the presence of God, and one of another, covenant and combine our selves together.

**Slide 7**

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**MAL1** Marcia A Lennick, 3/5/2022

## Did you know the Declaration of Independence lists God four times?



## The Declaration of Independence

-When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the **Laws of Nature and of Nature's God** entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

## The Declaration of Independence

-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 and the pursuit of Happiness.

## The Declaration of Independence

-We, therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress Assembled, appealing to **the Supreme Judge of the world** for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by the Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States;

## The Declaration of Independence

-And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the **protection of divine Providence**, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor”

**LIFE, LIBERTY**  
AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS



## The Declaration of Independence and The Constitution are linked

Genesis is how we got life, liberty, pursuit of happiness in our founding documents through the Noadic Covenant (which extended the Adamic Covenant).

- Genesis 1:28 – Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it, and rule. (Adamic Covenant)

## The Declaration of Independence and The Constitution are linked

- Genesis 9:1 – Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth (Noadic Covenant)
  - -Be fruitful and multiply – the right to life
  - -Fill, or replenish the earth – when breaking down the Hebrew word fill through the scientific method, we break down essential ingredients and it forms into another – a concept of right to liberty
  - -Subdue the earth and rule, or have dominion, over it (dominion means a parcel of land) – the right to own property
- From a Biblical standpoint, Genesis is where we get our foundation which is absolutely crucial
  - -God made the earth – there is a Creator


## The Declaration of Independence and The Constitution are linked

- -God made Adam then Eve (we are equal, but made different – have different roles)
- -The marriage covenant can be seen throughout the Bible as the man represents God and the woman represents God's Church and what a beautiful picture when in harmony with one another. One day soon Jesus Christ will have His true Church in heaven with Him.

## The Declaration of Independence and The Constitution are linked


- -The 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam (Jesus) saved us from our sins while the first Adam (Adam in the garden) brought sin
- -Through the fall of Adam and Eve, sin entered the world
- -Jesus was God's plan since the beginning (Genesis 3)
- -Noah is how we got the rainbow today
- I love how science and history are always trying to catch up with the Bible – already confirming what we know.
  - -I.E. finding the Dead Sea scrolls or findings of the historical Sodom and Gomorrah
  - -We have a creator – how can we all have separate DNA or finger prints – only by intelligent design.





## Preamble to the Constitution

- We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.



## Preamble to the Constitution

- Significantly, the Preamble (that is, the introduction) to the Constitution sets the tone for the limited nature of that document. It identifies five basic functions of civil government, and each reflects Biblical precepts. Those five enumerated purposes of America's federal government are to:
  1. "*Establish justice.*" Dozens of Bible verses specifically address this as being a proper and primary object of government. For example:
    - Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Execute true justice." (Zechariah 7:9)
    - All His ways are justice—a God of truth and without injustice. (Deuteronomy 32:4)
    - Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne. (Psalm 89:14)

## Preamble to the Constitution

1. Government must administer God's justice.
2. *"Insure domestic tranquility."* In 1 Timothy 2:1-2, the Bible urges Christians to pray for civil rulers *"in order that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all Godliness and dignity."* God wants His people to seek and enjoy, and the government to produce domestic tranquility.
3. *"Provide for the common defense."* In Romans 13:4, the Bible affirms that civil government *"does not bear the sword in vain."* The "sword" is a military weapon, and even Jesus Christ taught His disciples the legitimacy of being armed, telling them in Luke 22:36, *"Now...let him who has no sword sell his robe and buy one."* Protecting innocent human life is a primary purpose of government (cf. Romans 13:1-5 and 1 Peter 2:13-14), and to fulfill this purpose, governments organize armies to protect citizens from international threats, and establish police forces to protect citizens from domestic threats.

## Preamble to the Constitution

4. *"Promote the general welfare."* Romans 13:4 says that civil leaders are to be servants *"to you for good"*—they are to serve and seek the common good of all classes of citizens. God wants government to reflect equality in the same way He does; after all, God uses the same standards for all (see Matthew 5:45), and all were created equal by and before God. As the Bible affirms:
  - Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us? (Malachi 2:10)
  - God does not show favoritism. (Acts 10:34, Romans 2:11)
  - For the Lord your God...shows no partiality. (Deuteronomy 10:17)

## Preamble to the Constitution

- By the way, notice that the Preamble says that government is to “*promote the general welfare*,” not “*provide for the general welfare*.” Numerous Scriptures make clear that needy individuals are to be cared for by private acts of charity from individuals, churches, and families, but not from government. The Framers of our government frequently reiterated the same point about promoting welfare.[82]
- 5. The fifth purpose of American government set forth in the preamble is to “*Secure the blessings of liberty*.” “*Blessings*” means “*God’s favor and protection*” and liberty is one of God’s blessings for all the people.
  - Proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof. (Leviticus 25:10)
  - Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. (2 Corinthians 3:17)
  - You have been called unto liberty. (Galatians 5:13)

## Preamble to the Constitution

- Significantly, the most basic of our Creator-endowed blessings are identified in the Declaration of Independence as well as in the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution as “*life, liberty, [and] private property*.” Just as God is the source of liberty, the Scriptures also identify Him as the source of life (Genesis 1:27, “*And God created man...*” and Acts 17:28 “*In Him we live, move, and have our being*”). God is also the source of private property (Ecclesiastes 5:19 states, “*For every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, He has also empowered him to eat from them...and rejoice in his labor; this is the gift of God*”; and 1 Chronicles 29:12, likewise affirms: “*Both riches and honor come from Thee.*”)
- The purpose for which American government exists and the Constitution was written is set forth in the five clauses of the Preamble, and all five are firmly rooted in Bible teachings.



## Preamble to the Constitution

- See *“Exhibit D: The American Founding and the Federal Era (1785-early-1800s)”* from *The Influence of The Bible in America*



# THE 4<sup>TH</sup> COMMANDMENT

REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY,  
TO KEEP IT HOLY.

## Sundays Excepted Clause – The US Constitution Obeys the Sabbath!

- Sundays Excepted Clause
- The US Constitution, 1787, Article 1, Section 7, the President has ten days to sign a law, “Sundays excepted”
- **Article 1 - The Legislative Branch Section 7 - Revenue Bills, Legislative Process, Presidential Veto**

....But in all such Cases the Votes of both Houses shall be determined by Yeas and Nays, and the Names of the Persons voting for and against the Bill shall be entered on the Journal of each House respectively. **If any Bill shall not be returned by the President within ten Days (Sundays excepted) after it shall have been presented to him,** the Same shall be a Law, in like Manner as if he had signed it, unless the Congress by their Adjournment prevent its Return, in which Case it shall not be a Law.





## Our Republican Form of Government

- US Constitution Article IV, Section 4
- The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a **Republican** Form of Government, and shall protect each of them against Invasion; and on Application of the Legislature, or of the Executive (when the Legislature cannot be convened) against domestic Violence.
- See “*Exhibit D: The American Founding and the Federal Era (1785-early-1800s)*” from *The Influence of the Bible in America*

## Our Republican Form of Government

- Our Republican form of government:
  - Exodus 18:21-22 (NASB):
  - <sup>21</sup> Furthermore, you shall <sup>[a]</sup>select out of all the people able men who fear God, men of truth, those who hate dishonest gain; and you shall place *these* over them as leaders of **thousands**, <sup>[b]</sup>of **hundreds**, <sup>[c]</sup>of **fifties** and <sup>[d]</sup>of **tens**.
    - Thousands, hundreds, fifties and of tens are our different levels of government (federal, state, county, city).

# The Myth of Three Separate and Co-Equal Branches of Government



## **We do not have three coequal branches of government**

Federalist 51: In republican government, the legislative authority necessarily predominates.

Federalist 78: This simple view of the matter suggests several important consequences. It proves incontestably, that the judiciary is beyond comparison the weakest of the three departments of power

## Separation of Powers

Separation of Powers:

Jeremiah 17:9 (NASB):

“The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can understand it?”

The founders wanted each branch to keep each other accountable because too much power wielded to the wrong person/branch can lead to disaster. The heart is deceitful.

*See “Exhibit E: How Does Jeremiah 17:9 Relate to the Constitutional Separation of Powers?” from The Influence of the Bible in America*

## Separation of Powers

Our three branches of government:

Isaiah 33:22 (NASB):

<sup>22</sup> For the LORD is our **judge**, The LORD is our **lawgiver**, The LORD is our **king**;

He will save us—

Judge (judicial); lawgiver (legislative); king (executive).

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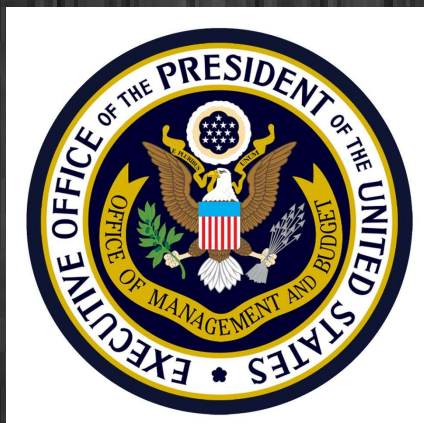
## Taking the Oath of Office

- Traditionally, in taking an oath an individual raises their right hand, places the other on the Bible, takes the oath, and concludes with “So help me God.”
- Notice how the elements in this sequence directly parallels specific verses in the Bible.
  - For example, in Genesis 26:2-3, God told Isaac “I will perform the OATH which I SWORE to Abraham your father”—so God Himself swore an oath.
  - Concerning the oath, God declared: “I RAISED MY HAND IN AN OATH . . .” (Ezekiel 20:15, 23; 36:7; Psalm 106:26). The Scripture further tells us that “The Lord has sworn by His RIGHT hand” (Isaiah 62:8).

## Taking the Oath of Office

- And when God's people were instructed about how to take an oath, they were told: "You shall . . . take oaths IN HIS NAME" (Deuteronomy 10:20), which is what we do today when we use the phrase "So help me God." Clearly, the oath-taking clauses of the Constitution reflect specific Biblical practices.
- See "*Exhibit D: The American Founding and the Federal Era (1785-early-1800s)*"
- See "*Exhibit Y - Did George Washington Actually Say So Help Me God During His Inauguration*"
- Exhibits are from *The Influence of the Bible in America*

**How did we get the idea the POTUS  
must be a natural born citizen?**



## The President Must be a Natural Born Citizen

- Concerning the selection of a national executive leader, the Bible says “One from among your brethren you shall set as king over you; you may not set a foreigner over you, who is not your brother” (Deuteronomy 17:15, ESV). The national leader cannot be an immigrant but must be native-born.
- Reflecting this same requirement, the Constitution stipulates: “No person except a natural born citizen...shall be eligible to the office of President” (Article II, Section 1, Paragraph 5). The Constitution allows a US Senator or Representative to be an immigrant, but it requires that the national leader—the President—must be native-born (or as the Bible specified, “one from among your brethren” who is “not a foreigner”).
- See “*Exhibit D: The American Founding and the Federal Era (1785-early-1800s)*” from *The Influence of the Bible in America*



**What Does The  
Bible Say About  
The Death Penalty &  
Capital Punishment?**

## The Death Penalty

- Concerning the death penalty, the Bible says: “Whoever is deserving of death shall be put to death on the testimony of two or three witnesses; he shall not be put to death on the testimony of one witness.” (Deuteronomy 17:6, NKJV)
- Concerning treason (a death penalty offense specifically named in the Constitution), the Constitution likewise requires: “No person shall be convicted of treason [and put to death], unless on the testimony of two witnesses to the same overt act” (Article 3, Section 3)
- See “*Exhibit D: The American Founding and the Federal Era (1785-early-1800s)*” from *The Influence of The Bible in America*

## Attainder Clause

- The Bible says: “*The son shall not bear the guilt of the father; nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself*” (Ezekiel 18:20, NKJV). The family is not to be punished for the wrongdoing of a single member of the family.

## Attainder Clause

- Attainder (common in European governments at the time) punishes an entire family for the wrongdoing of one member of the family. For example, if one person in the family commits treason, then the bloodline of the entire family becomes “corrupt” and for generations thereafter no member of the family can own property or enjoy other rights. But the Constitution, echoing the Bible’s teaching, says: “*No attainder of treason shall work corruption of blood or forfeiture, except during the life of the person attainted*” (Art. III, Sec. 3, Clause 2).
- See “*Exhibit D: The American Founding and the Federal Era (1785-early-1800s)*” from *The Influence of The Bible in America*

## Conclusion

- *The evidence is overwhelming that God is in the Constitution and America was founded upon Christian principles*
- *Sign up for a class [www.constitutioncoach.com](http://www.constitutioncoach.com) to find out more!*
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