

“Real Freedom”

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Note: Unless otherwise noted, all Scriptures are from the NIV Bible.

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD...” Psalm 33:12a (NIV).

"Whether we live or die, sink or swim, succeed or fail, I stand behind this Declaration of Independence. And if God wills it, I am ready to die in order that this country might experience freedom." (John Adams)

**They Declared Their Dependence Upon God.**

Deuteronomy 8:10-11a "When you have eaten & are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land He has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God..."

"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." Declaration of Independence, para 2.

"With a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes & our sacred Honor." Declaration of Independence, para 6.

"Give me liberty or give me death!" (Patrick Henry)

“Doctor, I wish you to observe how real and beneficial the religion of Christ is to a man about to die....I am, however, much consoled by reflecting that the religion of Christ has, from its first appearance in the world, been attacked in vain by all the wits, philosophers, and wise ones, aided by every power of man, and its triumphs have been complete.” (Patrick Henry)

"This is all the Inheritance I can give to my dear family, The religion of Christ can give them one which will make them rich indeed." (Patrick Henry, November 20, 1798)

**The Solemn Warning That God Gave To A Nation**

Deuteronomy 8:7-14 – “For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land... —a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills. When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am

giving you this day. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.”

**The Warning - Watch Out That We Don't Forget God.**

"Righteousness exalts a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people" Proverbs 14:34 (NKJV).

**Proclaimed Freedom Can Enslave Us.**

Titus 3:3 " At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another.”

**Our Real Freedom Comes In Christ.**

"Redemption" means "to be bought back, to be set free."

Titus 2:11-14 “For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say ‘No’ to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.”

As we celebrate the birth of our nation, pray that our country might have a new birth of freedom built upon God and His commandments.

If you earnestly want God to bless America, then live a life in harmony with the will of God.