

From Where I Sit . . .

"ONE NATION UNDER GOD"

It now falls upon our Supreme Court to tell us if it is constitutional to use the words "One Nation Under God" in our Pledge of Allegiance. We have witnessed a continuing effort on the part of some to take God completely out of our society. Do you know what we have when that happens? We have a Godless society. While we celebrate the freedoms and liberties enjoyed in America, we tremble at the thought of failing to invoke His blessings whom our founding fathers invoked to bless their undertaking. America was established with the firm conviction that God belonged in our society.

Nearly all of the signers of the "Declaration of Independence" were deeply committed to Christianity, and all of them believed in the Bible as the divine truth, in the God of the Bible, and in His personal intervention in the affairs of men. Patrick Henry wrote, "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For that reason alone, people of other faiths have been afforded freedom of worship here." Isn't it interesting that Christianity isn't allowed in many countries throughout the world, and in America citizens of those countries can worship whomever they please!! Our founding fathers wrote that freedom into our Constitution yet they still saw no conflict between their invoking God's blessing on their venture and the words of the Constitution which are now being twisted to rule God out of all public places.

What a shocker that in 1782, the United States Congress voted this resolution: "The Congress of the United States recommends and approves the Holy Bible for use in all schools." Consider these proclamations from the Bible that we would do well to never forget:

Psalms 33:12 -- "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

Proverbs 14:34 -- "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

Isaiah 5:20-21 -- "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!"

Francis Schaffer has written incisively about these sacred roots: "The founders of our country understood the basis of the government which they were founding: Certain inalienable rights they understood to mean that someone was there who gave those rights. They publicly recognized that law could be king because there was a Law-Giver, a person to give the inalienable rights." (Schaffer, p. 32-33) Schaffer further points out that if merely the state gave those rights, "then they are not inalienable because the state can change them and take them away." (p. 32).

William Penn wrote: "If we are not governed by God, then we will be ruled by tyrants." (Schaffer, p. 34). That time may be closer than we care to imagine. It's time we restore righteousness in America, and remember that we have indeed been "One Nation Under God."

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