

Watchmen Arise

"The Church is the Conscience of the Nation"

(Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)

The Church & Pulpit Must Not Abandon Their Role in Saving Our Nation so the Spreading the Gospel Around the World Can Continue From America.

Saving America is Ultimately About the Gospel!

"I have made you a Watchman for the Nation"

- **Ezek 3:17-21 NIV84** (17) "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. (18) When I say to a wicked man, 'You will surely die,' and you do not warn him or speak out to dissuade him from his evil ways in order to save his life, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. (19) But if you do warn the wicked man and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his evil ways, he will die for his sin; but you will have saved yourself..."

"I have made you a Watchman for the Nation"

- **Ezek 3:17-21 NIV84** ...(20) "Again, when a righteous man turns from his righteousness and does evil, and I put a stumbling block before him, he will die. Since you did not warn him, he will die for his sin. The righteous things he did will not be remembered, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. (21) But if you do warn the righteous man not to sin and he does not sin, he will surely live because he took warning, and you will have saved yourself."

Addressed Biblical Relevancy



The Pulpit = Watchmen for America

“Our pulpits have thundered”

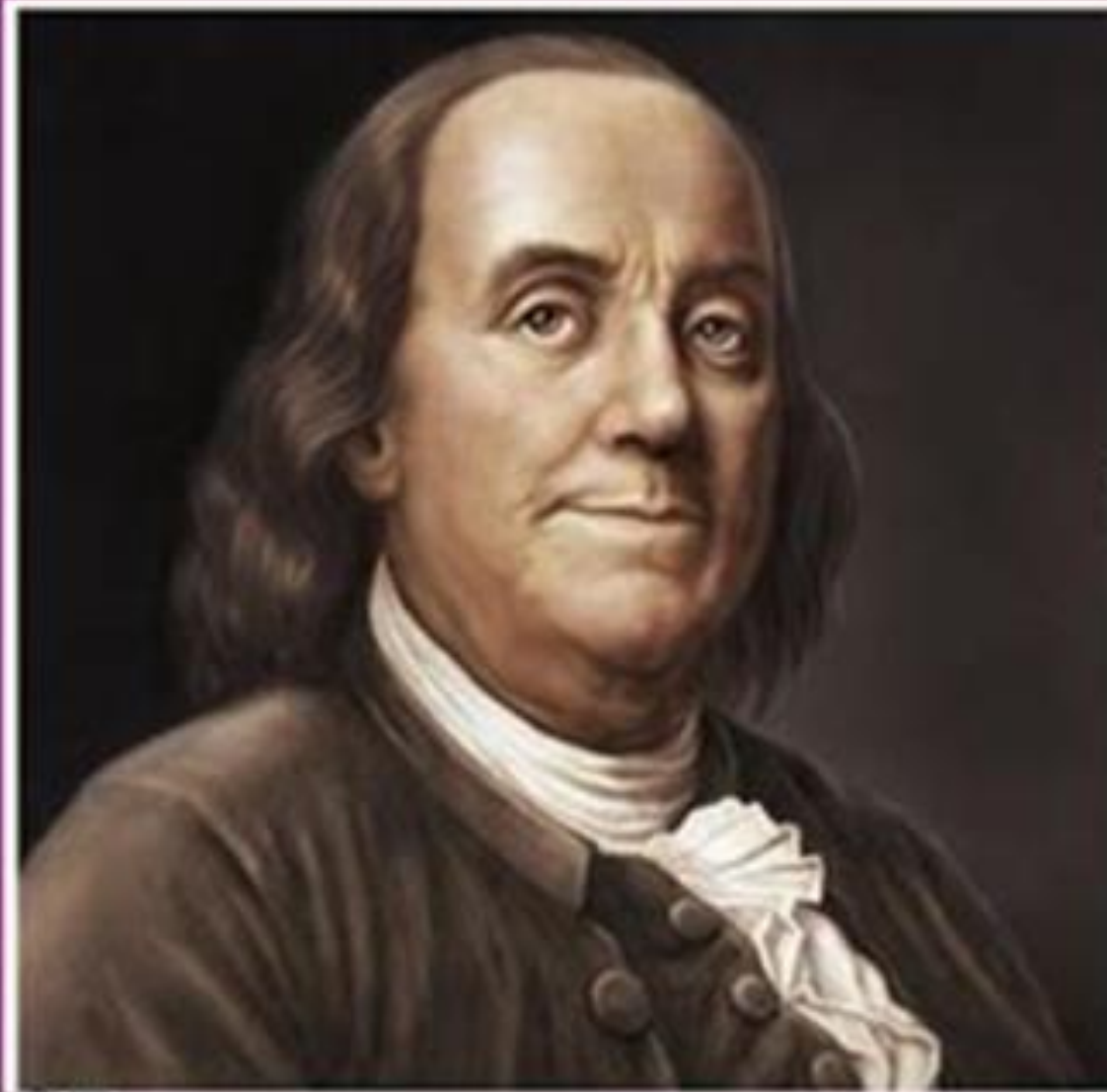
The Immoral Condition of America

- Devaluing of Human Life in the Womb
- Devaluing Human Life (Assisted Suicide)
- Dismantling of Institution of Marriage & Family
- Normalizing of Immoral Behavior – LGBTQAI+
- Rejection of God's Design – Male & Female
- Good is called evil, and evil is called good
- Children lied to and bodies mutilated.
- Embracing of Atheism & Rejecting Christian Heritage



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Freedom of speech is a principal pillar of a free government; when this support is taken away, the constitution of a free society is dissolved, and tyranny is erected on its ruins. *-Benjamin Franklin*



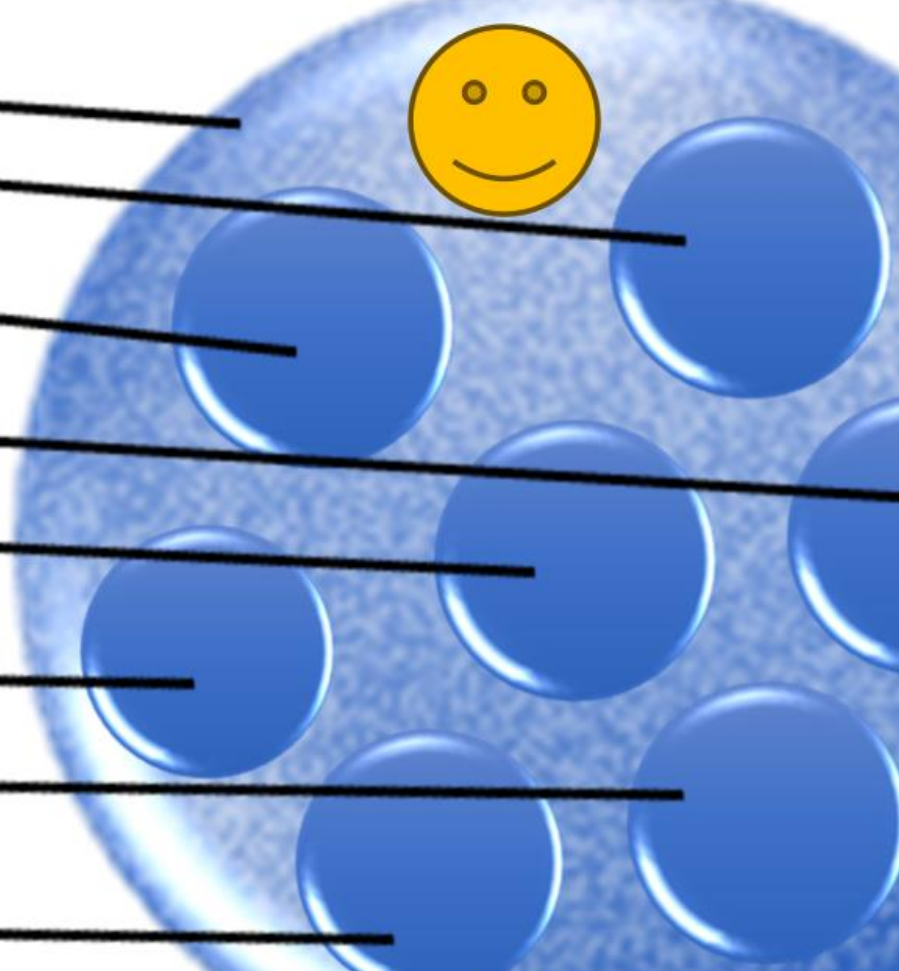
“When the
people find that
they can vote
themselves money that
will herald the
end of the republic.”

—Ben Franklin
(17 January 1706 - 17 April 17 1790)

“Well – If God wants to judge America, than He’s in control and He has a reason”

- “You are a Christian and it is your duty under God to submit to government; no matter what – and you are sinning if you don’t!”
- “Since Jesus, Paul, and the other Apostles did not get involved in their government or call for their followers to rebel against the tyranny of their day, all Christians should stay out of politics and submit to whatever government they find themselves living under.”

How Some View God/Faith in Their Life

- ME
 - Marriage/Family
 - Government
 - Entertainment
 - Business/Career
 - Education
 - Medical/Health
 - God/Faith
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- The diagram consists of a large, textured blue sphere. Inside this sphere are eight smaller, smooth blue spheres. A yellow smiley face icon is positioned at the top of the large sphere. Eight black lines originate from the list items on the left and point to the smaller spheres: 'ME' points to the top-left sphere, 'Marriage/Family' points to the top-right sphere, 'Government' points to the middle-left sphere, 'Entertainment' points to the middle-right sphere, 'Business/Career' points to the bottom-left sphere, 'Education' points to the bottom-middle sphere, 'Medical/Health' points to the bottom-right sphere, and 'God/Faith' points to the bottom-most sphere.

- God/Faith/Truth
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“With ALL Your Heart, Soul, Mind & Strength” Mk. 12:30

“I just focus on the ‘Gospel’ and don’t get involved with dirty worldly politics – Just Jesus and Him Crucified.”

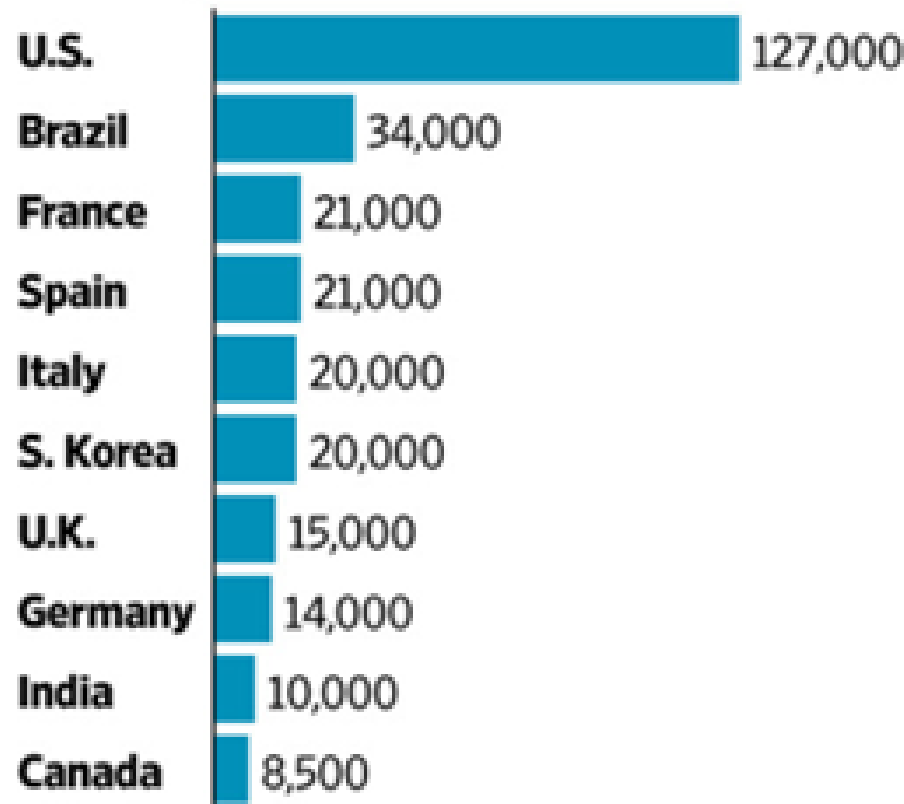
COULD THIS APPROACH ACTUALLY BE DANGEROUS TO THE PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL AROUND THE WORLD?

“I just preach Jesus”
Our Freedom to
“Preach Jesus” is
because of our form
of Government.
Whether we
continue to have
such freedom
depends upon how
we *“Steward”* the
freedom &
government we have
been given

Global Presence

Top countries sending and receiving Christian missionaries in 2010

Sending the most



Receiving the most



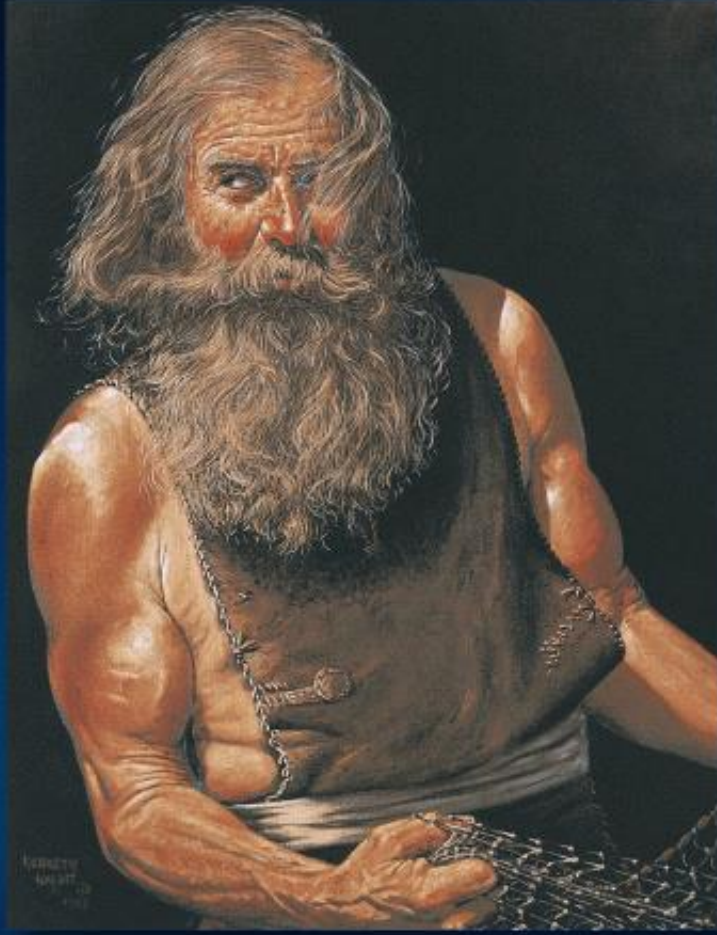
Source: Center for the Study of Global Christianity, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

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Rom 13:3-4 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. ⁴ For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil.

Rom 13 teaches that *proper* government, one worthy of a Christian's submission ...

- Acts as God's minister for good. (13:4)
- Avenges evil by executing wrath on evil doers. (13:3-4)
- Awards and protects those who do good. (13:3)



1 Pet 2:13-15 “Therefore **submit yourselves** to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake, whether to the king as supreme, ¹⁴ or to governors, as to those who are sent by Him (God) **for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good.** ¹⁵ For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men”

3. Must a believer offer unlimited submission to those in authority?

Rom 12:18 “***If it is possible***, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.”

***It will not always be possible!
Then What?***

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

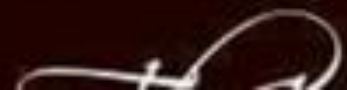
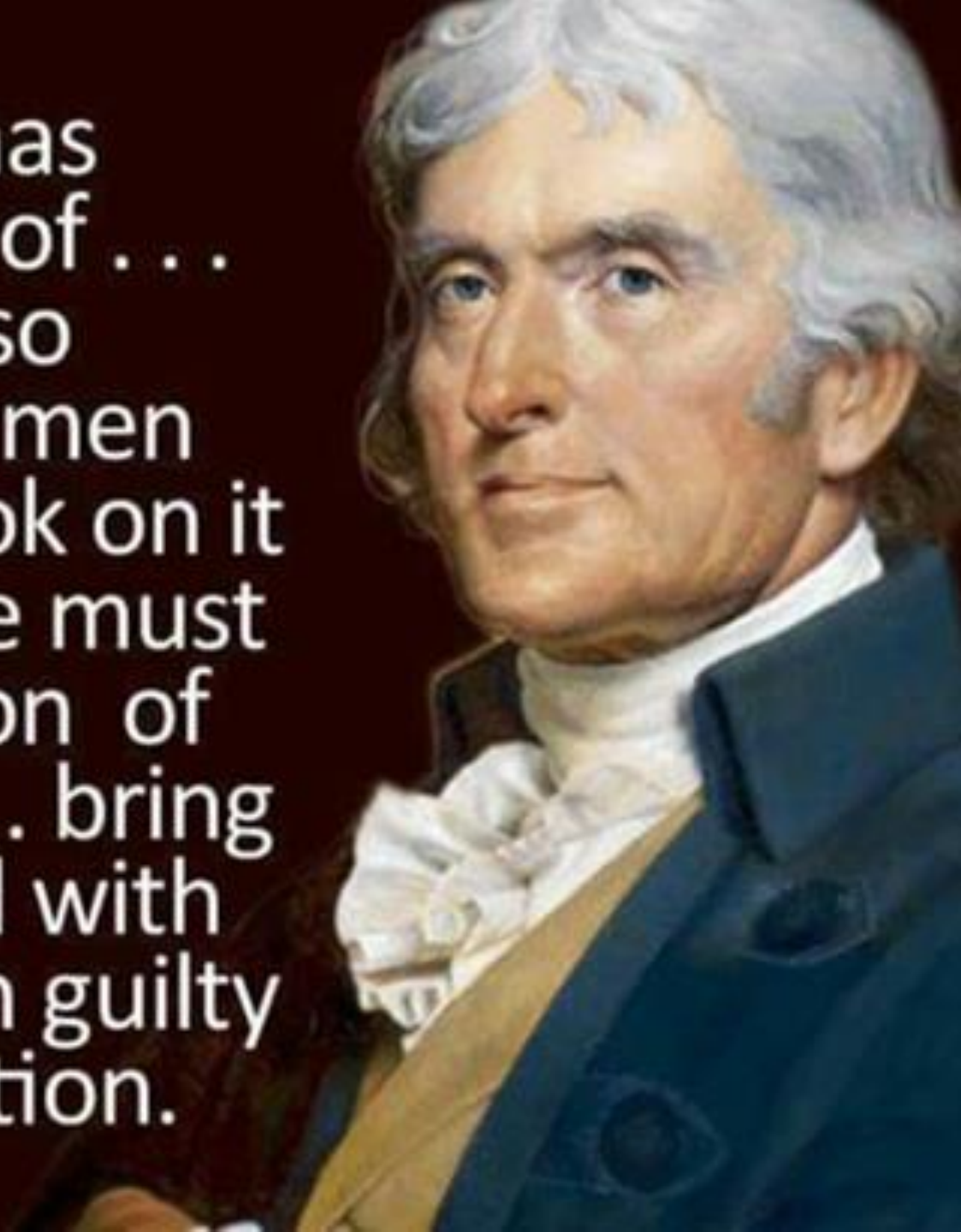
“That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right (and duty) of the People to alter or to abolish it (or throw it off), and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.”



Alice M. Baldwin, PhD.
Historian, Duke University

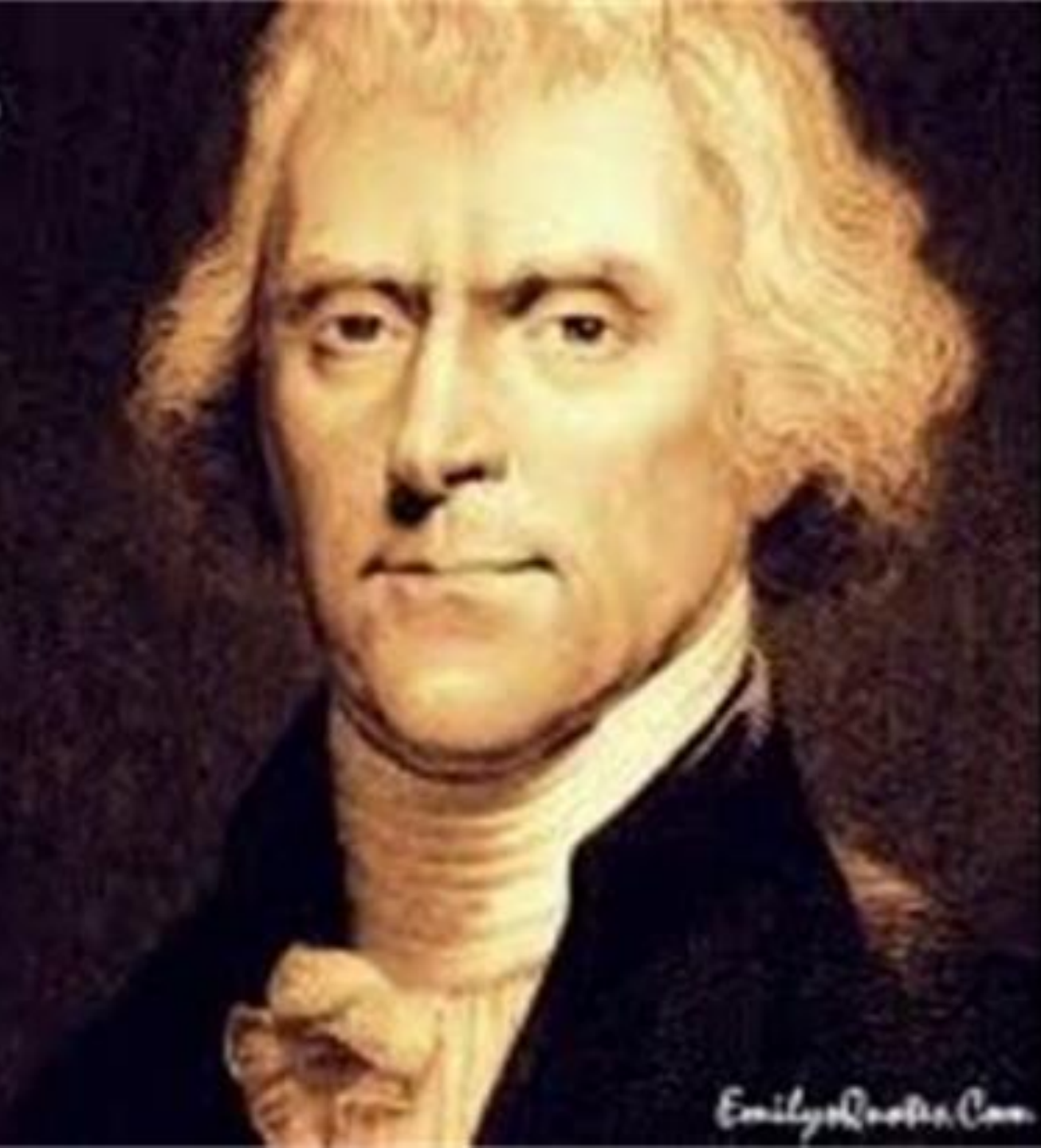
“Probably the most fundamental principle of the American constitutional system is the principle that **no one is bound to obey an unconstitutional act.** ... No single idea was more fully stressed, no principle more often repeated, through the first sixty years of the eighteenth century, than that governments must obey law and that **he who resisted** one in authority who was violating that law was not himself a rebel but **a protector of law.**”

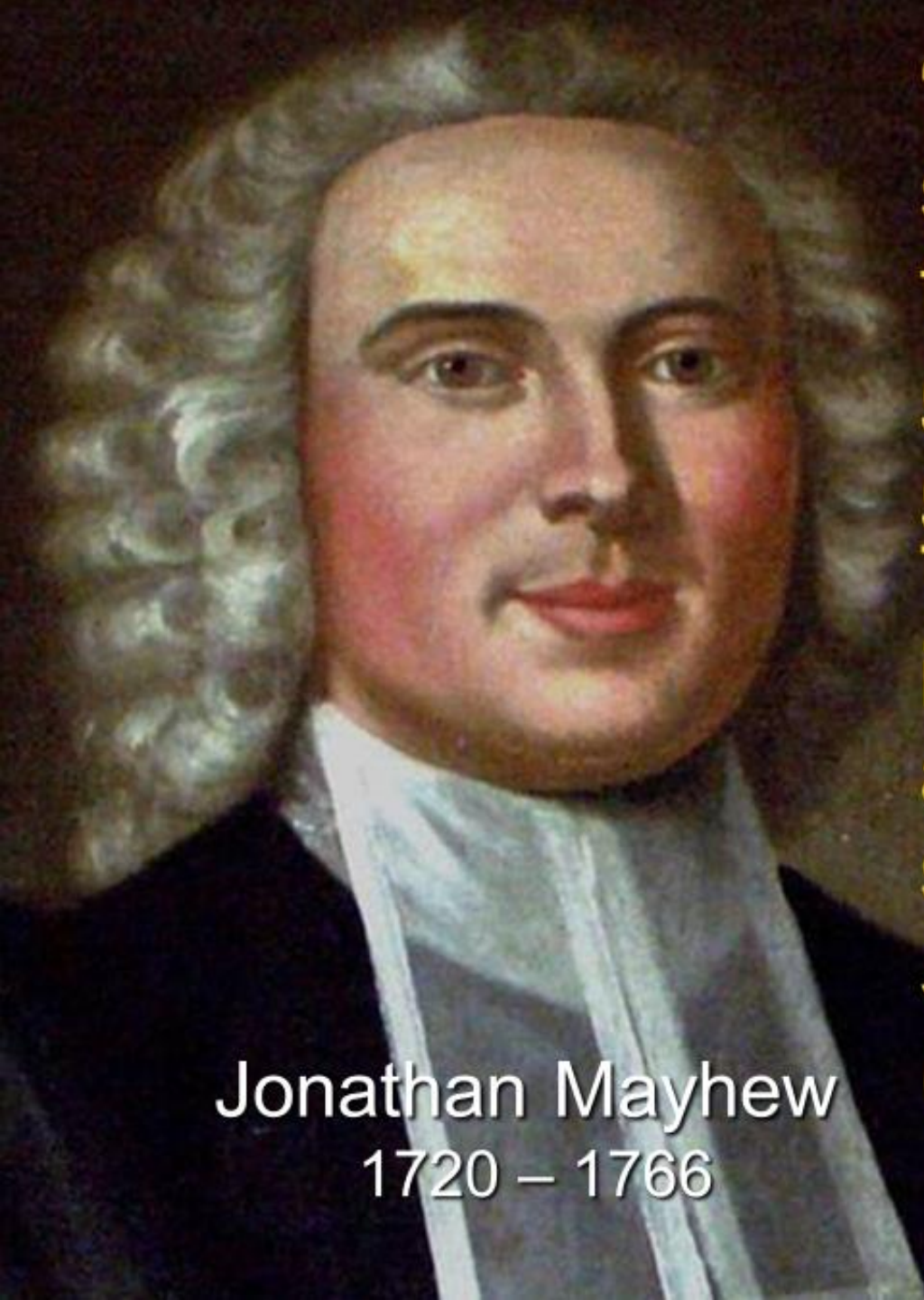
“When corruption . . . has prevailed in those offices of . . . government and has so familiarized itself as that men otherwise honest could look on it without horror . . . then we must be alive to the suppression of this odious practice and . . . bring to punishment and brand with eternal disgrace every man guilty of it, whatever be his station.



“When injustice
becomes law,
resistance
becomes duty.”

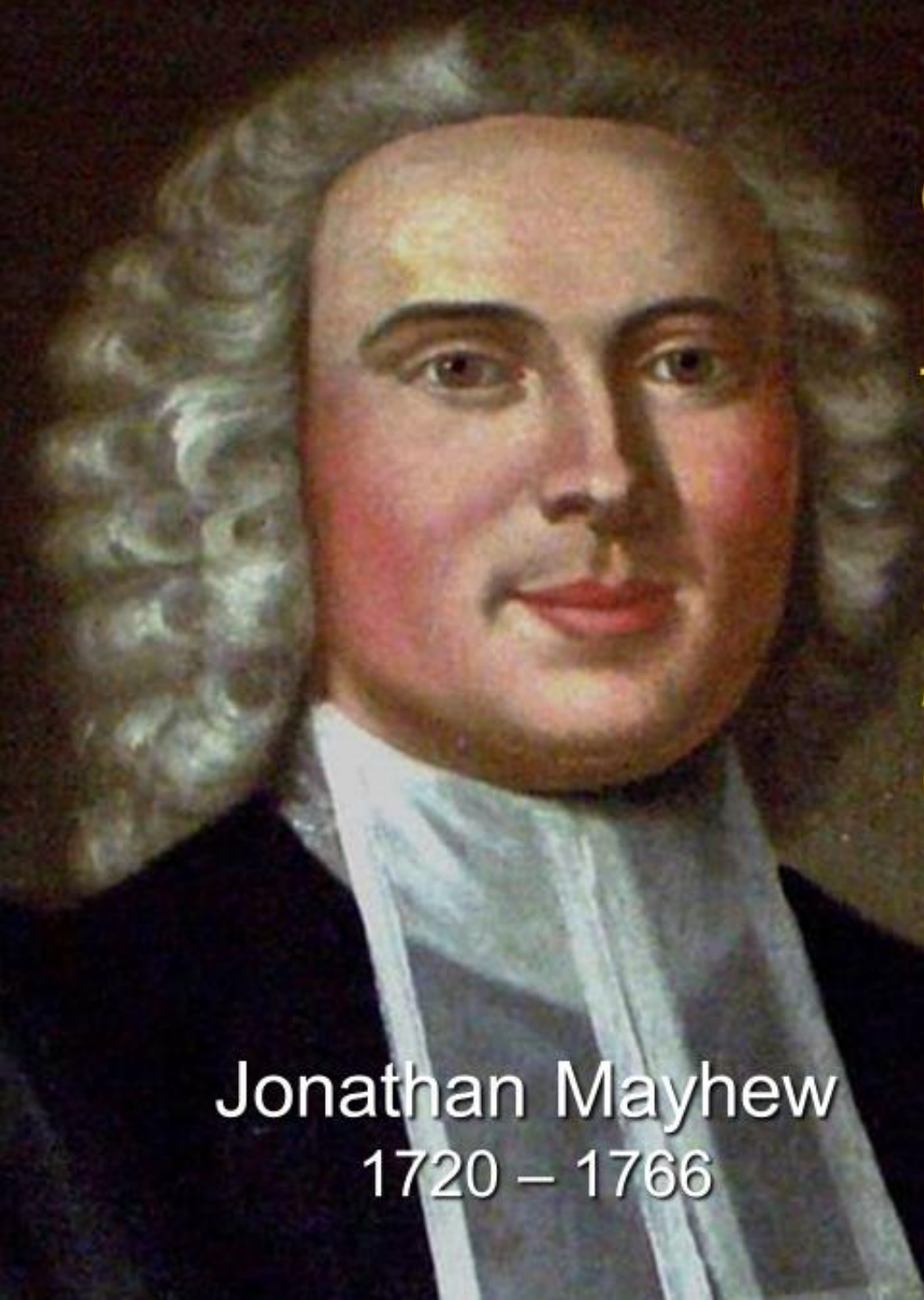
~Thomas Jefferson





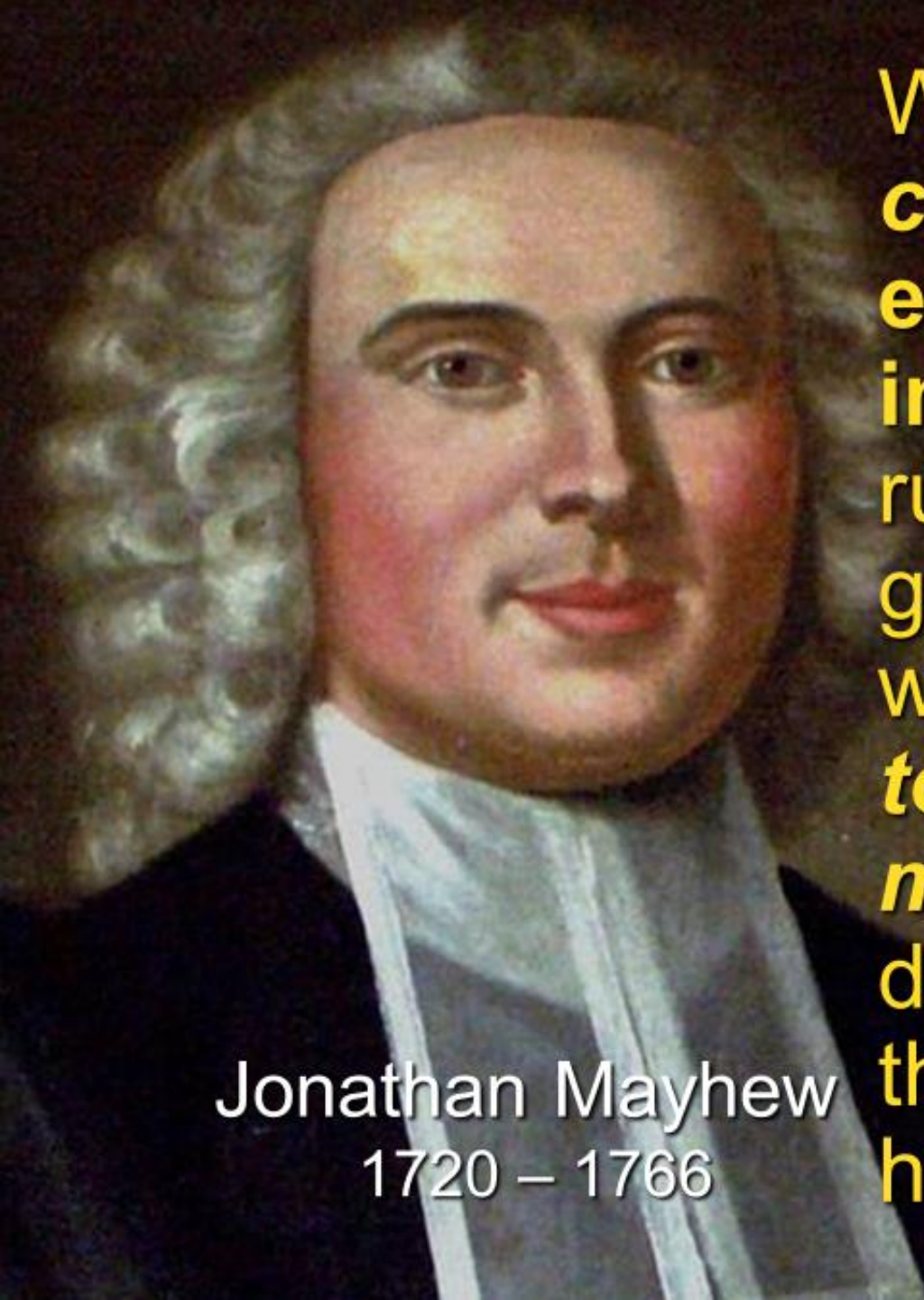
Jonathan Mayhew
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“No government is to be submitted to, at the expense of that which is ***the sole end of all government – the common good and safety of society.*** ... The only reason [for] the institution of civil government and the only rational ground of submission to it is ***the common safety and utility (effectiveness/helpfulness).***



...If therefore, in any case, the common safety and utility would **not** be promoted by submission to government, but the contrary, ***there is no ground or motive for obedience and submission, but for the contrary.***
(Romans 13:1-7)

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When once magistrates **act contrary to their office, and the end (purpose) of their institution**; when they rob and ruin the public, instead of being guardians of its peace and welfare; they immediately **cease to be the ordinance and ministers of God**; and no more deserve that glorious character than common pirates and highwaymen.”

National Seal
proposed to Congress
on
August 20, 1776 by
Thomas Jefferson,
Benjamin Franklin,
& John Adams



Drawing by Benson Lossing, for *Harper's
New Monthly Magazine*, July 1856,
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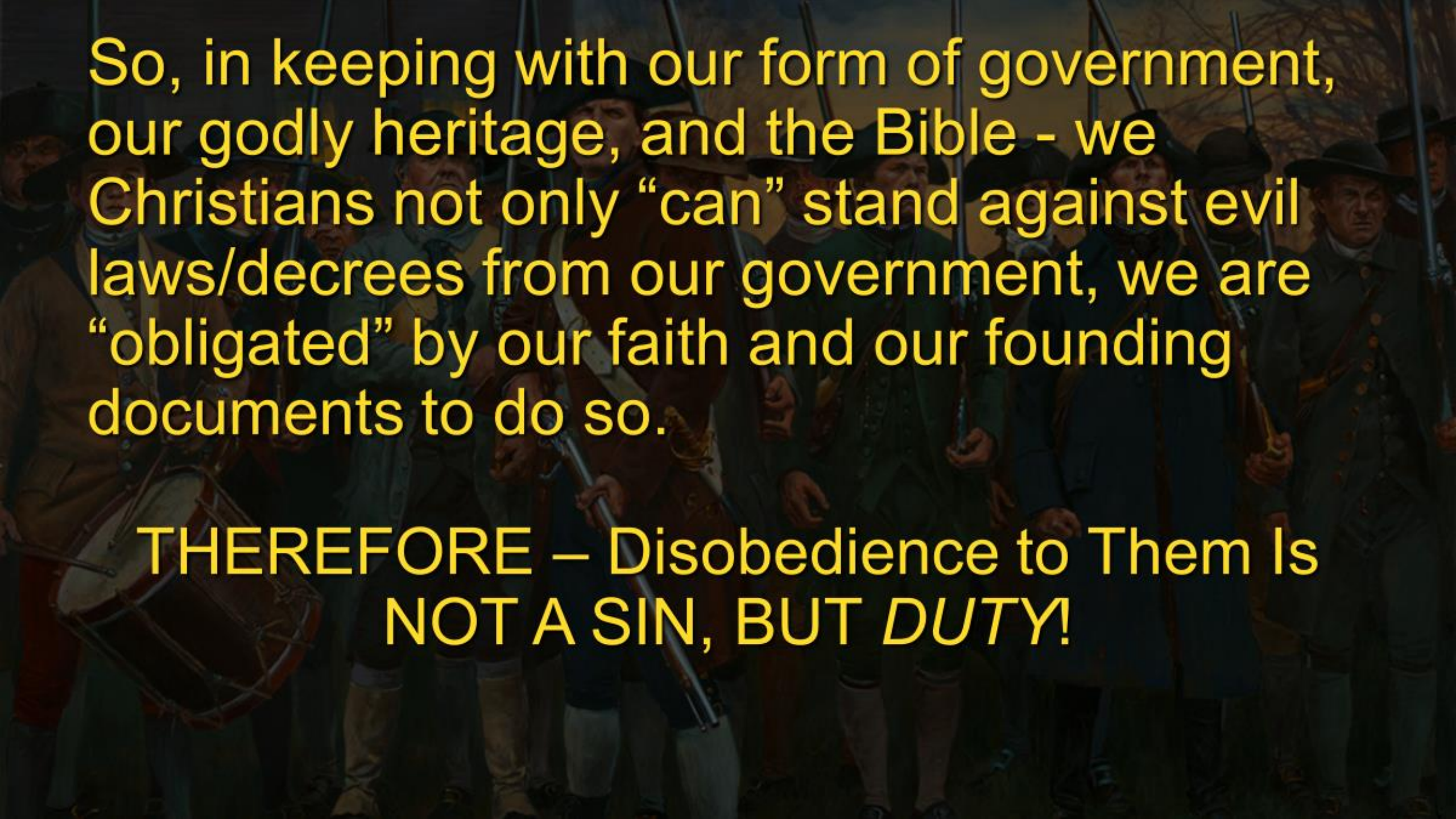
Our government is very different from the one Paul and the other apostles lived under.

Our form of government is based on very specific and unique representative principles generally known as *federalism*.



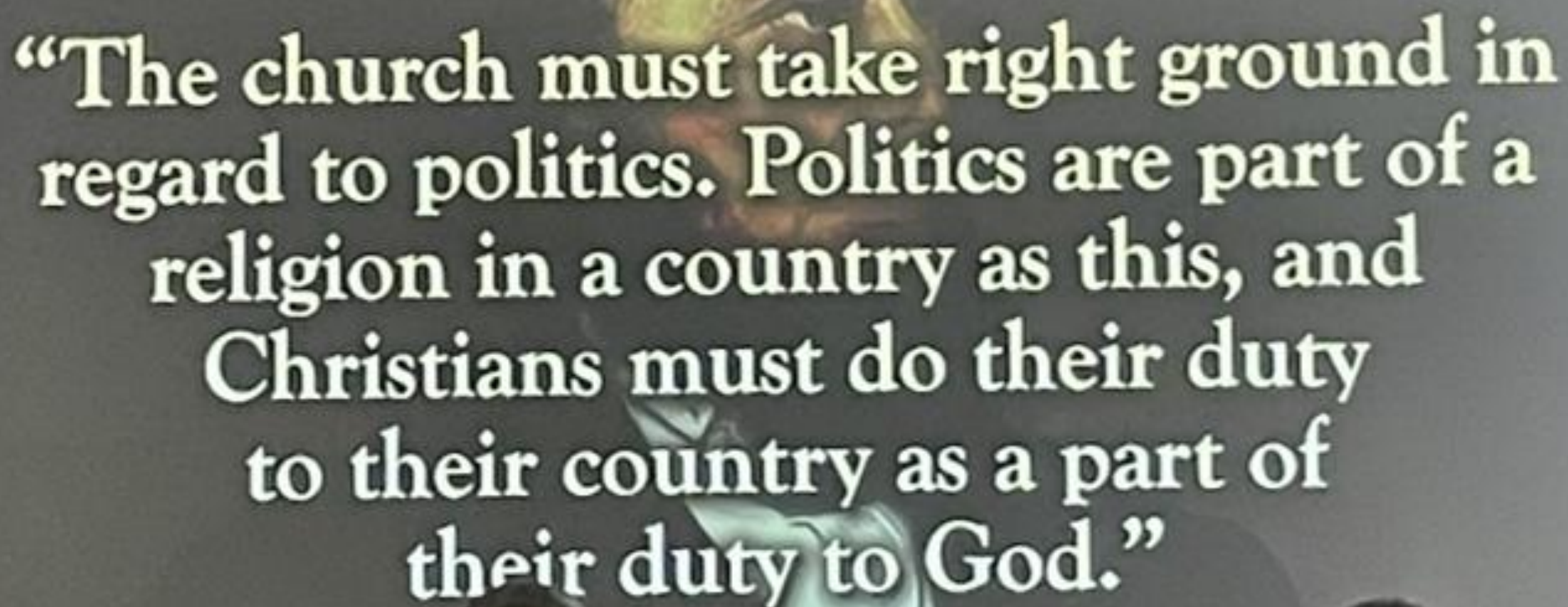
IN ESSENCE – “Federalism”:

- RIGHTS COME FROM GOD TO THE PEOPLE
- People Choose Their Governing Authorities
 - The “Consent” of the Governed”
- Gov’t PROTECTS those Rights for Citizens
- Sovereign Political Power *in the People*
- Federal Gov’t – *Limited* Must obey Law!
- States Closest to People so more power.
- People have right & duty to remove tyrannical government.

A group of men in 19th-century military uniforms marching in formation. They are wearing dark jackets, light-colored breeches, and tall hats. Many are holding rifles. On the left, a man is playing a drum. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

So, in keeping with our form of government, our godly heritage, and the Bible - we Christians not only “can” stand against evil laws/decrees from our government, we are “obligated” by our faith and our founding documents to do so.

THEREFORE – Disobedience to Them Is NOT A SIN, BUT *DUTY!*



“The church must take right ground in regard to politics. Politics are part of a religion in a country as this, and Christians must do their duty to their country as a part of their duty to God.”

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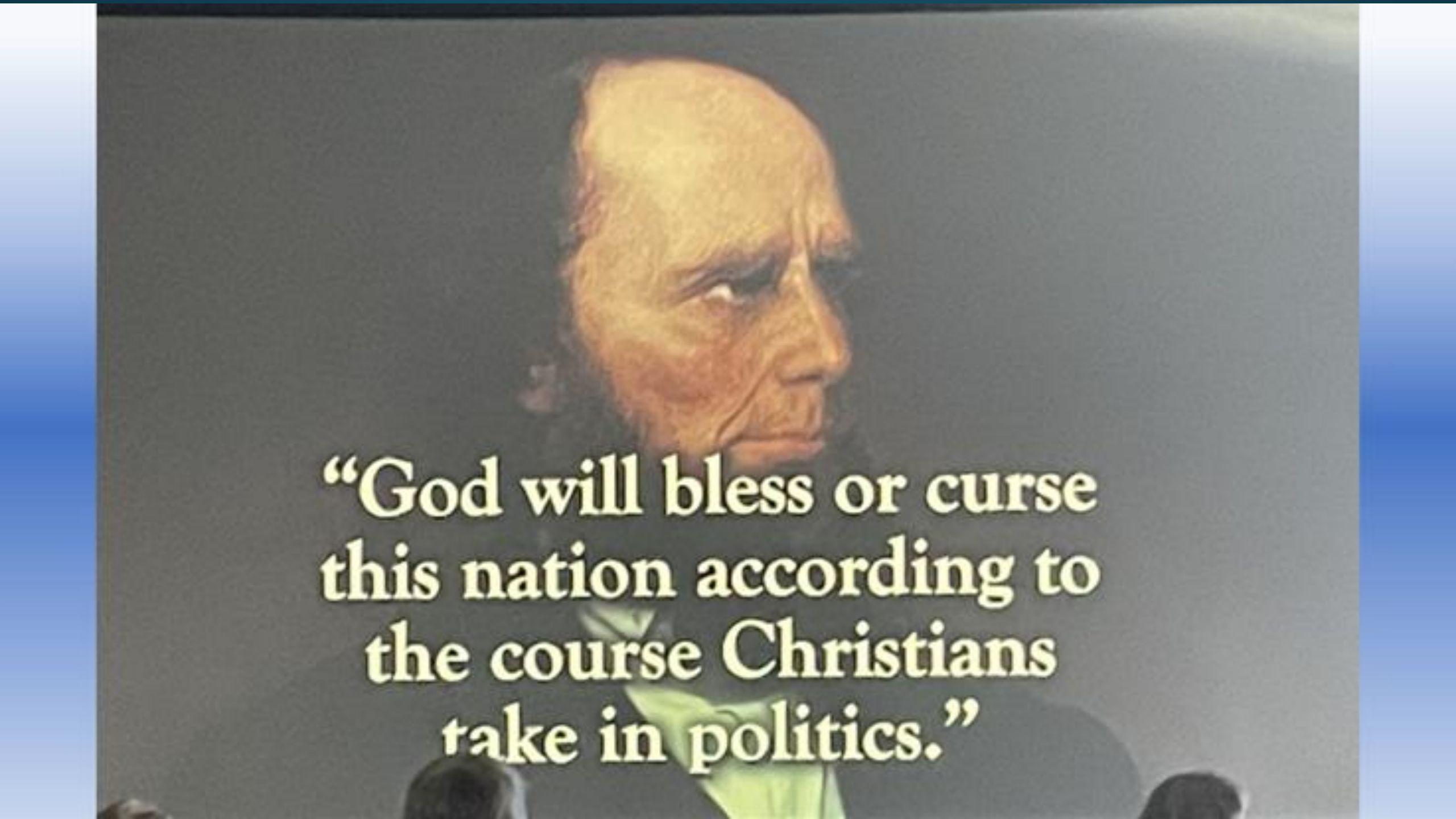
- *"If immorality prevails in the land, the fault is ours in a great degree.*
- *If there is a decay of conscience, the pulpit is responsible for it.*
- *If the public press lacks moral discrimination, the pulpit is responsible for it....*

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- *If **the church** is degenerate and worldly, the **pulpit** is responsible for it.*
- *If **the world** loses its interest in religion, the **pulpit** is responsible for it.*
- *If Satan rules in our **halls of legislation**, the **pulpit** is responsible for it.*

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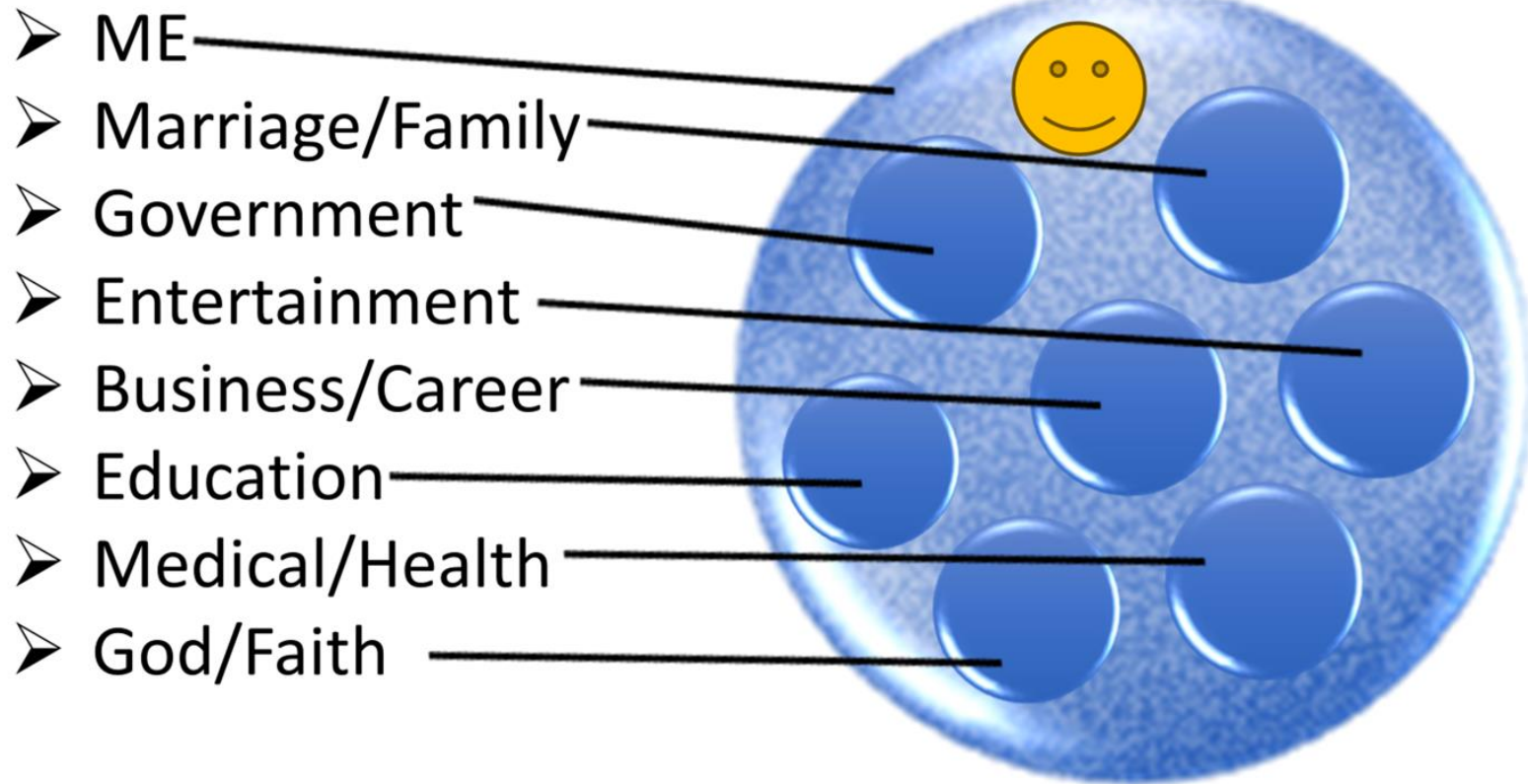
- *If our **politics** become so corrupt that the very foundations of our government are ready to fall away, the **pulpit** is responsible for it.*
- *Let us not ignore this fact, my dear brethren; but let us lay it to heart, and be thoroughly **awake to our responsibility in respect to the morals of this nation.**"*

A portrait of an elderly man with thinning hair, wearing a dark suit and a light-colored tie. He is looking slightly to the right. The background is a plain, light color. The quote is overlaid in a white, serif font with a black outline.

**“God will bless or curse
this nation according to
the course Christians
take in politics.”**

Let's Come Back to the Beginning

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God's Promise to Any Nation

- **Jer 18:7-11 NIV84** If at any time I announce that *a nation or kingdom* is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, and if that nation I warned *repents* of its evil, then I **will relent** and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned..."Now therefore say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, 'This is what the LORD says: Look! I am preparing a disaster for you and devising a plan against you. So **turn from your evil ways**, each one of you, and **reform your ways** and your actions.'

The Two Greatest Commandments

- Mat 22:37-39 NIV84 Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with **all** your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' (38) This is the first and greatest commandment. (39) And the second is like it: *'Love your neighbor as yourself.'*
- Standing Up to Evil, Corruption, Immorality
Imbedded in our laws and government is to "Love our Neighbor as ourselves" –
- **"SILENCE IN THE FACE OF EVIL IS ITSELF, EVIL"**