

# INDEPENDENCE DAY SERMON

## SUNDAY JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>. 2022

CALLING UPON THE LORD AS A NATION IN HOPE THAT HIS GRACE AND MERCY MIGHT VISIT US  
ONCE AGAIN IN OUR TIMES OF GREAT UNCERTAINTY AND DISARRAY.  
LORD HELP US LEST WE PERISH.

II Chronicles 15:1-6

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### **“When In The Course Of Human Events”**

A Recollection And Lamentation On Both America’s Great Founding  
And Her Tragic Decline As A Free Nation.

Sermon Topic Referenced Under:

A Nation In Peril. American History and God.  
God’s Faithfulness. National Repentance Before National Revival

2 Chronicles 15:1-6

Now the Spirit of God came upon Aza’riah the son of Oded. 2 And he went out to meet Asa, and said to him: “Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. The LORD is with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you. 3 For a long time Israel has been without the true God, without a teaching prophet, and without the law; 4 but when in their trouble they turned to the LORD God of Israel, and sought Him, He was found by them. 5 And in those times there was no peace to the one who went out, nor to the one who came in, but great turmoil was on all the inhabitants of the lands 6 So nation was destroyed by nation, and city by city, for God troubled them with every adversity.

**You must forgive me in advance for this address  
for this nation to which God has placed me in and at such a time as this is  
more at times “too much to bear” as I sense His call upon my life!**

*To visit history is to visit the works of God,  
“When In The Course Of Human Events” - He appears.  
Anonymous Rex*

**We Cannot Look at World History without Being Overwhelmingly  
Confronted with the History of the United States of America.**

**And what does the United States reveal – Our history shows us that God  
desired to do something very special  
with this “New World” – as it was called A Continent Preserved  
for God’s great plan “Beyond The Sea”.**

# Our Puritan Fathers Believed God for a Miracle

Jeremiah 16:17a

*For My eyes are on all their ways;*

And Franklin Recognized that fact...

*On Saturday July 28, 1787*

*At the age of 81 Benjamin Franklin stood to address Congress.*

*“In this situation of this Assembly, groping as it were in the dark to find political truth, and scarce able to distinguish it when presented to us, how has it happened, Sir, that we have not hitherto once thought of humbly applying to the Father of Lights to illuminate our understandings? In the beginning of the Contest with Great Britain, when we were sensible of danger, we had daily prayer in this room for the Divine protection.- Our prayers, Sir, were heard, and they were graciously answered. All of us who were engaged in the struggle must have observed frequent instances of a Superintending Providence in our favor. I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth - that God Governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid?”*

Benjamin Franklin

Matthew 10:29 NLT

What is the price of two sparrows is it not one copper coin? But not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it.

## The Declaration of Independence

IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776.

The Unanimous Declaration of The Thirteen United States of America,

*“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.*

*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...”*

So moved by the events of the day – John Adams wrote Abigail...

Oliver Does His Thing

Listen here to the remarkably prescient words of John Adams as he wrote to his beloved Abigail regarding the birth of America.

<https://vimeo.com/430881114/93912f17e8...>

## **“When In The Course Of Human Events”**

1.) There was the move of God

this **“WAS”** as in **“then, in those days. In the past”**.

## **“When In The Course Of Human Events”**

There Was a Move of God

1a.) With Bible in hand

Pastor Robert Hunt,

Chaplain of Jamestown, Virginia. He first lifted his voice in public thanksgiving and prayer on April 29, 1607, when the settlers planted a cross at Cape Henry. From that time on the settlers of Jamestown attended regular prayer and Bible study meeting led by Hunt. Before a Chapel could be erected, Hunt held his first services “under the old sail from off our ship”.

Among the congregation was a Captain John Smith who described the worship services that took place in the open air as being “Attended to by God”. John Smith said of Pastor Hunts labors, “He saw the hand of God at work in his life, and he believed God had intervened to save the colonies.

Hunt concluded that it was God who had thwarted Spanish attempts to settle North America, and had reserved that Region for the Protestant English.”

Wingfield, Edward Maria.

"A Discourse Of Virginia," Smith's Works, 1608-1631 Birmingham: J. Wilson & Son, 1884.

## **The Bible in Hand and the First Great Awakening**

*The increase of disagreement from the established churches (split) during this period which led to a broader toleration of religious diversity, and the return of (the) religious experience which fed the fervor that resulted in the American Revolution.*

Source: The Encyclopedia of Britannica

## **“When In The Course Of Human Events” There Was a Move of God**

1b.) In the pursuit of freedom

### **THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE**

<https://brewminate.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Declaration02.jpg>

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—

### **Upon the Signing of the Declaration of Independence...**

*“We have this day restored THE SOVEREIGN to Whom alone men ought to be obedient. He reigns in heaven and... from the rising to the setting sun, may His kingdom come.”*

Samuel Adams

Frederick Douglass,

New York on March 2, 1863, titled “Men of Color, To Arms!”

In which he urged African American men to join what was increasingly a war to make real what Lincoln’s Proclamation had promised—complete freedom. “When first the rebel cannon shattered the walls of Fort Sumter and drove away its starving garrison, I predicted that the war then and there inaugurated would not be fought out entirely by white men... “Better to die as freemen than to live as slaves.”

## **In 1644 a Book was written that set the course for revolution**

**The Great Puritan Divine, Pastor Samuel Rutherford  
WROTE A BOOK TITLED “LEX REX – The LAW is king”**

**BUT THE CROWN OF ENGLAND AND THE STATUS QUO WAS  
Rex Lex = The KING is the Law  
( in Latin meaning The King is the Law )**

Acts 10:34-35

Then Peter opened his mouth and said: “In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. 35 But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.

**Rutherford Preached,**  
***“That all men are created equal and not valued because of any blood line or status  
or influence or of aristocracy.***  
**( this had never happened before in history )**

**THE FOUNDERS GAVE US  
A GOVERNMENT OF LAWS AND NOT OF MEN**

Isaiah 33:22

For the LORD is our Judge. (the judiciary)  
The LORD is our Lawgiver, (the legislature)  
The LORD is our King; (the executive branch)

**A REPUBLIC, OUR REPUBLIC IS A GOVERNMENT  
BASED UPON THE RULE OF LAW – CONSTITUTIONAL LAW.**

**A PURE DEMOCRACY IS EITHER THE RULE OF A MAN  
OR THE RULE OF THE MOB**

*The general principles on which the fathers (Pilgrims) achieved  
independence were the general principles of Christianity. I will avow that I  
then believed, and now believe, that those general principles of  
Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the existence  
and attributes of God.*

President, John Adams  
Signer of The Declaration Of Independence; Attorney; Diplomat, Signers of The Bill Of Rights;  
Second President of The United States

**“When In The Course Of Human Events”**  
**There Was a Move of God**

1c.) To proclaim liberty

## **The Liberty Bell**

**Ronald Reagan’s Exhortation**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F7elghXIY6E>

**“When In The Course Of Human Events”**

2.) There is the great struggle

**this “IS” means now! - as in today!**

**No one has ever lived in the past. No one walked around in history saying “isn’t this  
amazing as we walk in history?” History is made in the present and often by those who  
had no idea that they were eyewitnesses to what would become historic.”**

*There never was a good war or bad peace.*  
Benjamin Franklin, 1773

## **“When In The Course Of Human Events”** There Is a Move of God

### 2a.) The struggle for control

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate—we can not consecrate—we can not hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

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### 2b.) The struggle over destiny

President George Washington  
First Inaugural Address, April 30, 1789 New York

*No People can be bound to acknowledge and adore the Invisible hand, which conducts the affairs of men more than the People of the United States. Every step, by which they have advanced to the character of an independent nation, seems to have been distinguished by some token of Providential Agency.*

## **“When In The Course Of Human Events”**

There Is a Move of God

2c.) The struggle for good

**We are a nation of laws.**

**This is why we are a republic. We are not a democracy as the world knows democracies – we are a Constitutional Republic.**

**The Constitution is the most remarkable document outside of the holy Bible that presents to its citizens the proper rule of law.**

*Democracy gives every man the right  
to be his own oppressor.*

James Russell Lowell

*Let us never forget that government is ourselves and not an alien power  
over us. The ultimate rulers of our democracy are not a President and  
Senators and Congressmen and government officials,  
but the voters of this country.*

President Franklin D. Roosevelt

*A government big enough to give you everything you want  
is a government big enough to take from you everything you have.*

President Gerald R. Ford

## **“When In The Course Of Human Events”**

3.) There will be a conclusion

## **“When In The Course Of Human Events”**

There Will be a Conclusion

3a.) For this generation of Americans

*I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just;  
that his justice cannot sleep forever.*

Thomas Jefferson

**To whom shall we look, where do we turn our expectation?**

**Do you think hope will arise out of Cuba?**

**Is the next great hope for liberty and freedom coming from Vladimir Putin?**

**Is Canada the world’s next best hope?**

Or do you think Klaus Schwab & Bill Gates and vast No Names of the  
“New Liberal World Order” has the answer?

*The problem with socialism is that  
you eventually run out of other peoples' money.*

Margaret Thatcher  
Prime Minister of England

## “When In The Course Of Human Events”

There Will be a Conclusion

3b.) To all the nations on earth

**Empires rise and fall. Nations are born and nations die.  
All of these things are subject to the perfect will of God, yet God holds man  
responsible for the government they allow.**

*“There is no country in the world where the Christian religion retains a greater influence  
over the souls of men than in America.”*

Alexis deTocqueville  
French aristocrat, diplomat, political scientist, political philosopher,  
and historian. Author of Democracy in America.

*And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only  
firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of  
God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed, I tremble for my  
country when I reflect that God is just: that His justice cannot sleep forever.*

Thomas Jefferson, 1781

## “When In The Course Of Human Events”

There Will be a Conclusion

3c.) In the days given to us

**When will this nation end?**

President Abraham Lincoln  
January 27th. 1837

*At what point then is the approach of danger to be expected? I answer, if  
it ever reach us, it must spring up amongst us. It cannot come from abroad.  
If destruction be our lot, we must ourselves be its author and finisher. As a  
nation of freemen, we must live through all time, or die by suicide.*

Hosea 10:12

Sow for yourselves righteousness;

**sow**

heb: zara

to spread out, to scatter seed, to give the opportunity to conceive, to perpetuate, to plant.

*Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.*

John Adams

*Whether our Religion permits Christians to vote for infidel rulers is a question which merits more consideration than it seems yet to have generally received, either from the clergy or the laity. In my opinion, it is the right and duty of our pastors to press the observance of all moral and religious duties, and to condemn every course of conduct which may be repugnant to them. Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers and it is the duty, privilege and interest of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers.*

John Jay

Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court

### **But in a recent Pew Survey**

Pew Survey indicates that only 17 percent of our citizens feel “proud” when thinking about our country. Anger and fear are widespread. In the same survey, 68 percent of adults said they are not hopeful about our country’s future.

### **Why is this the case? Why the drop in enthusiasm for America?**

The answer is well known to us in these days.

#1 – for the last 60 years the public school system has been the incubator for today’s socialism, wrapped in political correctness and social justice.

#2 – the direct correlation between the breakdown in the American (nuclear family) with the published BLM manifesto to destroy the American family and this general stupidity to acquiescence to Woke-ism.

#3 – the politicians as we know them today - has got to go. Politicians who have hijacked our government with their personal politics to line their own pockets and to sell us out to the highest bidder.

### **Deuteronomy 11:19**

You shall **teach** them to your children, **speaking** of them when you sit in your house, when you **walk** by the way, when you **lie down**, and when you **rise up**.

## Wall to Wall Coverage, 24/7, Make it about God

*"Let the children be carefully instructed  
in the principles and obligations of the Christian religion."*

Dr. Benjamin Rush  
Signer of the Declaration of Independence

### **2 Corinthians 3:17**

Now the Lord is that Spirit; and **where the Spirit of the Lord is**, there is liberty.

*It is the duty of all men in society, publicly, and at stated seasons, to worship the SUPREME BEING, the great Creator and Preserver of the universe. And no subject shall be hurt, molested, or restrained, in his person, liberty, or estate, for worshipping GOD in the manner most agreeable to the dictates of his own conscience; or for his religious profession or sentiments; provided he doth not disturb the public peace, or obstruct others in their religious worship.*

John Adams  
Thoughts on Government – Summer, 1776

### **Shall We Stand to Read**

1 Chronicles 16:23-35

Sing to the LORD, all the earth; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. 24 Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples. 25 For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised; He is also to be feared above all gods. 26 For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the LORD made the heavens. 27 Honor and majesty are before Him; Strength and gladness are in His place. 28 Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples, Give to the LORD glory and strength. 29 Give to the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering and come before Him. Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! 30 Tremble before Him, all the earth. The world also is firmly established, It shall not be moved. 31 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; And let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns." 32 Let the sea roar, and all its fullness; Let the field rejoice, and all that is in it. 33 Then the trees of the woods shall rejoice before the LORD, For He is coming to judge the earth. 34 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. 35 And say, "Save us, O God of our salvation."

*End of Study*

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