

BIBLE ROOTS

Various elements in our nation have led a powerful crusade in recent decades to obliterate any connection between the founding of our nation and the Bible. That the men who wrote our Bill of Rights and Constitution and who were among its earliest office-holders were men who believed in God, the Bible, and Jesus as His Son is simply a matter of fact. Only dishonest or grossly ignorant men deny this historical fact, as the following evidence attests:

- **All 56 signers** of the Declaration of Independence believed in the God of the Bible, as evidenced by their numerous references to Him.
- **Patrick Henry** is famous for declaring, "Give me liberty or give me death." Likely few know that he also said: "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religion, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ."
- **Thomas Jefferson** wrote in the front of his Bible: "I am a Christian, that is to say a disciple of the doctrines of Jesus. I have little doubt that our whole country will soon be rallied to the unity of our Creator and, I hope, to the pure doctrine of Jesus also."
- **George Washington** was a devout believer in God and the Bible. He stated in his famous "Farewell Speech": "It is impossible to govern the world without God and the Bible. Of all the dispositions and habits that lead to political prosperity, our religion and morality are the indispensable supporters."
- **James Madison**, principal author of our Constitution, said: "We have staked the whole future of our new nation, not upon the power of government; far from it. We have staked the future of all our political constitutions upon the capacity of each of

ourselves to govern ourselves according to the moral principles of the Ten Commandments."

- **John Adams**, our second president, once addressed military leaders as follows:

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

- **John Jay**, first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and later, president of the American Bible Society, wrote in 1816: "Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as the privilege and interest, of our Christian Nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers."

The evidence of the faith in God, the Bible, and Jesus that resided in the hearts of and guided the principles our Founding Fathers built into our Constitution is overwhelming. Unlike so many, they understood that "Righteousness exalteth a nation."

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