

Choose Your Master

When establishing our foundation, our founding fathers chose God as revealed by his Son Jesus Christ.

- The fingerprints of their faith are found on everything from the Declaration of Independence to the George Washington Monument.
- One sultry day, when our fathers were caught in bitter debate, Benjamin Franklin called them to prayer.
- Our forefathers were building a politics based upon prayer, not power.
- Ronald Reagan: 'If we ever forget that we're one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under.'
- Abraham Lincoln: "I know that the Lord is always on the side of the right; but it is my constant anxiety and prayer that I and this nation should be on the Lord's side."
- Thomas Jefferson: "I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever."
- Abraham Lincoln: "I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go."
- Abraham Lincoln: "It is the duty of nations as well as of men to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, and to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth announced in Holy Scripture and proven by all history that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord."

This is the richest national heritage known to the human race apart from the founding of Israel by the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The heritage of freedom only lasts for one generation—It will be lost if not taught and embraced by the next generation.

Joshua Confronted Israel with a Choice

Joshua 24:14-18 ESV

14 "Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. **15** And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

16 Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, **17** for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. **18** And the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

Paul Confronts Us with a Choice

Romans 6:16 ESV

16 Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? **17** But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, **18** and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

Vital! Every individual and every nation must choose their master.

There are only two masters:

The God of creation who calls us to slavery that leads to freedom

Satan—Prince and power of the air—who calls us to freedom that leads to slavery

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