

Beware of Tyrants in Servants' Uniforms

The Constitutional Convention of 1787 was deadlocked over various issues when the elder statesman **Benjamin Franklin** addressed the delegates to request a prayer meeting. Among his words were:

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? ... I, therefore, beg leave to move that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessings on our deliberations, be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business and that one or more of the Clergy of this City be requested to officiate in that Service.

Franklin had learned to trust the providential presence of God and knew that the only way the Convention could succeed was with God's aid. He knew that men of faith do not roll over to tyranny or challenges but depend on the Almighty for direction and deliverance.

The same Franklin reprimands the fearful willing to give up their God-given rights in the face of tyrannical decrees. We saw it in the man-made Plan-demic. People quickly renounced their civil liberties out of fear, wore masks, became Guinea Pigs for the untested shots, and inflicted them on their children. Hear what he said:

"Those who would give up essential Liberty to purchase a little temporary Safety deserve neither Liberty nor Safety."

Along the same line, the Colonial lawyer **James Otis** stated, "The people's safety is the law of God."

I was recently distressed when I saw the June 22, 2023, Breitbart headline, "Tulsa Police Chief: Might Be Time to Trade Some Freedom for Gun Control." As an Oklahoman and American, I was shocked to see a high-ranking law-enforcement official wanting us to voluntarily lay down our Second Amendment right to weapons for self-defense. The Amendment reads:

"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

The police should not change laws but uphold them, primarily when they affect our safety. The naïve and brainwashed might think that a Chief of Police would have their best interests in mind and blindly follow his advice without thinking back on our history. Owning weapons was the means to our freedom from Great Britain's tyrannical rule. We could not have defended ourselves without guns when the British troops fired on our Minutemen at Lexington Green. The Founders believed the people would be the ultimate militia for the nation's defense. That's another principle we have let slip away. We'll reserve that for another podcast sometime.

Historically, we have seen from the Revolution our need for weapons. We also saw **George W. Bush** signed the Patriot Act into law after 9-11, which stripped us of our right to privacy in the name of safety. If a supposedly politically conservative President would sell out our rights, why not a police chief?

It gets more interesting. The same day I saw the Breitbart headline, I received an email from patriot Pastor **Chuck Baldwin** that dealt with gun control from a different perspective (June 22, 2023). The high-powered Roman Catholic Cardinal, **Joseph Tobin** of Newark, NJ, wants Americans to give up our right to keep and bear arms. Frankly, I can hear some Protestant church elders say the same thing. Here is what he said:

I honestly believe it is the best thing we can do to change the culture of violence that threatens us today. Let us voluntarily set aside our rights in order to witness the truth that only peace and never violence is the way to build a free society that is lived concretely in our homes, our neighborhoods, our communities, our nation, and our world.

The Cardinal and woke church elders are wrong. When good people lay aside their means of self-defense, the tyrants are in immediate control, not the people. These leaders follow the same reasoning as during our man-made Plan-demic where our safety was nullified. Remember how loving they said it was to wear the masks, maintain social distancing, take the jab, and stay home?

At first, most of us complied because we did not know the potential ramifications of the virus. Many of us did our research and came to understand that the virus was actual, but much of the hype was to harm, not help us. We learned that wearing a mask for an extended time injured the wearer. We learned that isolation hurts our mental and physical health, leading some to suicide. Yet, when we opposed these measures, the naïve lashed out, calling us selfish and unloving. We now know we were right and that the masks were only about 10% effective in blocking the virus from others.

Here's an irony. While the Tulsa Police Chief and Roman Catholic Cardinal advocate that Americans give up their weapons, they keep theirs. The Chief wears a pistol and has a brigade of officers to protect him. The Cardinal has an entourage of protection as well. Let's see how long the Tulsa Police Department and its Chief would last if they voluntarily laid down their weapons like the English police.

The lack of weapons in England, Canada, and Australia has not deterred crime. It has only led to more and more governmental empowerment against the average citizen. You will remember that when Australians, who had voluntarily laid down their weapons for the good of the nation, resisted getting the untested COVID vaccine, the police forced them to take it and even confiscated children from families. I wonder what the Cardinal and Chief say about that.

It doesn't take a genius to understand that the unprotected are vulnerable to attack. The Japanese made their surprise attack on Pearl Harbor because the American fleet was unprepared and defenseless. However, the Imperial forces never invaded the American mainland because they thought we were all armed. They had watched many of our Westerns and assumed we were all John Wayne. The thought of attacking armed Americans kept them away.

Americans are armed, not just because of the Constitution, but because God says we have the right to defend ourselves. Here are a few passages to consider (all in NKJV).

1 Timothy 5:8

⁸But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

Exodus 22:2

²If the thief is found breaking in, and he is struck so that he dies, *there shall be* no guilt for his bloodshed.

Psalm 82:4

**Deliver the poor and needy;
Free *them* from the hand of the wicked.**

Luke 11:21

When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace.

Luke 22:36

Then He said to them, "But now, he who has a money bag, let him take *it*, and likewise a knapsack; and he who has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one.

The left constantly politicizes the issues, keeping Christians out of the debate. Most Christians believe that we cannot engage in politics because of a distorted understanding of Jefferson's "wall of separation," so they remain silent. These are not political but moral issues and responsibilities. Self-defense is an unalienable right, not a political one. If we believe in the providence of God and the blessings only He can

give, we have to stand up to the tyrants who would remove our sacred privileges, including Chiefs of Police, Catholic Cardinals, and woke church elders.

Let me close with a few more words from our forefathers.

Samuel Adams

"Is it not High Time for the People of this Country explicitly to declare whether they will be Freemen or Slaves? It is an important Question which ought to be decided. It concerns us more than any Thing in this Life. The Salvation of our Souls is interested in the Event: For wherever Tyranny is establish'd, Immorality of every Kind comes in like a Torrent. It is in the Interest of Tyrants to reduce the People to Ignorance and Vice."

William Penn (Founder of Pennsylvania)

"If thou wouldst rule well, thou must rule for God, and to do that, thou must be ruled by him...Those who will not be governed by God will be ruled by tyrants."

Patrick Henry:

Bad men cannot make good citizens. It is impossible that a nation of infidels or idolaters should be a nation of free men. It is when a people forget God that tyrants forge their chains. A vitiated state of morals, a corrupted public conscience, is incompatible with freedom.

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