

119.1 Patriot Day

Congress designated September 11 as “Patriot Day,” in which we remember the events of 9.11.2001. Almost 3000 Americans died that day when the Twin Towers fell. The MSM told us this was a terrorist attack, but many believe it was an insider conspiracy that took those lives. Regardless of whether the towers fell by planes or by an intentional implosion, those Americans lost their lives and spurred a patriotic spirit in the US. We need the spirit of patriotism to return.

Whenever I think of Patriots, I must remember the various heroes in our War for Independence. Those men took a gigantic risk in declaring our independence from Great Britain and standing toe-to-toe with the British army to defend life and property from tyrannical overreach.

The Patriot heroes began their actions of self-defense before we declared independence. The crowd gathered in Boston in 1770 to protest the British mistreatment of teenagers turned into the **Boston Massacre**. **Paul Revere** and associates made their famous “Midnight Ride” on April 18, 1775, to warn **Samuel Adams** and **John Hancock** in Lexington, MA of the approaching British troops. The next day approximately seventy “minutemen” faced 700 or more of the English Regulars.

I doubt your history teachers ever told you that those Minutemen were part of the firebrand preacher **Jonas Clark’s** Lexington Church. Clark was a patriot and preached the words of Paul, “Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty,”¹ tying together faith and the cause of freedom.

Hancock and Adams asked Clark if his churchmen would fight. Pastor Clark assured them that they had trained for this very event and that they were willing to die in the shadow of the church if necessary. Hancock and Adams left and the Lexington Patriots joined ranks under the command of **John Parker** who purportedly told them, “Stand your ground, don’t fire unless fired upon, but if they mean to have a war, let it begin here.”

The Americans showed their faith over fear and stared down the British troops. As they walked away, a British soldier fired into the backs of the Americans. The Patriots returned fire, and eventually, both groups left the battle. The Americans took care of their casualties and the British moved to Concord to find and dispose of gunpowder and weapons.

Word spread, and churchmen from all over the area turned out to fight the British on what is called the “Battle Road.” The Americans would have decimated that unit if the English had not reinforced those troops. When informed that the British fired at the men of Lexington on April 19, 1775, **George Washington** replied:

I grieve for the death of my countrymen but rejoice that the British are still determined to keep God on our side.

The following year, on July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress met and declared independence from Great Britain. As they signed the document, **Benjamin Franklin** broke the tension and said, “We must, indeed, all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately.”

These are patriots, one and all. Whether they sounded the alarm of the British approach, took to the battlefield in Lexington, or planned out the Declaration of Independence, these men had the country's best interests in mind and risked all for the nation.

¹ 2 Corinthians 3:17 (NKJV)

These patriots combined their faith and love of the country, they did not separate the two. The fifty-six who voted to sever ties with Great Britain put their signatures on the document “with a firm reliance on Providence.” The King branded them as traitors with a price on their heads.

When John Hancock signed the Declaration of Independence, he did so boldly, in a conspicuous manner. He then rose from his seat, pointing to it, and said, “There, John Bull can read my name without spectacles, he may double his reward, and I put his at defiance.” John Bull was the personification of England, and undoubtedly, he had King George III in mind.

Patriotism united about one-third of the Americans in the latter part of the eighteenth century. But patriotism didn’t end when we gained independence. It has continued through the decades following. We have seen it in numerous wars when Americans put their enemies to flight.

In nearly every circumstance, brave military personnel attribute success to divine Providence. Massive prayer meetings have resulted in God’s hand intervening for America. Prayer has been a fundamental part of American success.

Patriotism is most evident among the military. However, it is not confined to the battlefield. Patriots composed our Continental Congress. They did their part. The young and old throughout our history have contributed to the nation through faith, diligent work, enforcing our Constitution, and sacrificing for Liberty.

We know we are in a war for our republic. To regain the country we once had, we must rely on the same elements which got us there in the first place. Our ancestors had a firm faith in God and expressed it despite denominational differences. They unified around a common cause and sacrificed to defend their unalienable rights.

That Patriot spirit is alive today. We have seen it at political rallies and in protests. We have seen it in the defiance of Pastors who refused to close their churches in the Plan-demic. It is in the heart of every American who tears up at the singing of **Francis Scott Keys’** Star Spangled Banner or Lee Greenwood’s “I’m Proud to be an American.”

On September 11th, we remember the Americans who died on planes, in the Towers, and Pentagon. Let’s remember the tragedy of that same day in 2001. Let’s keep their memory alive, but let’s go further and remember the men and women who willingly sacrificed for their nation. Let’s restore that spirit to America and make the sacrifices we need to regain our lost liberties.

Private **Martin Treptow** died in battle in WWI. They found a pledge he had written in his diary when they recovered his body. President **Ronald Reagan** quoted it in one of his speeches. You make the application.

“America must win this war. Therefore, I will work, I will save, I will sacrifice, I will endure. I will fight cheerfully and do my utmost as if the issue of the whole struggle depended on me alone.”

Modern America matches Isaiah’s words:

**We have become *like* those of old, over whom You never ruled,
Those who were never called by Your name.**

We don’t have to stay there. We can return to God, honor Him with our lives, and restore the greatness of our land.

Keep The Light of *American Patriotism* Burning!

