

1551 The Basis for Our Republic

James Madison wrote, “We have staked the whole future of American civilization, not upon the power of government, far from it. We have staked the future of all of our political institutions upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God.”

God rescued the children of Israel from Egyptian slavery and miraculously brought them to Mount Sinai. God told Moses, “⁴‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and *how* I ^{carried}bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth *is* Mine” (Exodus 19:4-5, NKJV).

Moses told the people, and they replied, “All that the Lord has spoken we will do” (19:8). Literally, they said, “We will do and hear.” Hearing can mean understanding, so the people told Moses since they knew God, they would obey Him and then wait to understand what He was saying to them. This was centered on a faith-based relationship with the Creator.

So often, we want to understand before we do. Interestingly, we reject God’s will when we don’t understand or agree with His words. Baptism is a simple example. We will never act if we wait until we know every aspect of baptism. However, faith, based on a relationship with God, will cause us to enter baptism as the early disciples. We will continue learning about its significance as we proceed with our lives, trusting in God’s guidance.

When we don’t obey God out of our ignorance and lack of trust, we allow abominable practices into our lives, churches, and culture. Today, we see our national God-based foundations crumbling because we have lowered or ignored God’s standards. Individually and nationally, we need to get back to doing and hearing.

Moses received the Ten Commandments from God and delivered them to the people. He repeated them to the new generation just before they entered the Promised Land after forty years in the desert. When Israel obeyed God, the nation succeeded and prospered. When they rebelled, they floundered and failed. Our Forefathers and Mothers wanted the same for the country they established. As James Madison stated, they knew we would only succeed by following God and observing His instructions. John Quincy Adams observed:

The Law given from Sinai was a civil and municipal as well as a moral and religious code; it contained many statutes ... of universal application – laws expressed to the existence of men in Society, and most of which has been enacted in every nation which ever professed any code of laws.

Noah Webster agreed with Adams:

Where you will find any code of laws among civilized man in which the commands and prohibitions are not founded on these principles? I need not specify the prohibition of murder, robbery, theft, trespass.

Until recently, we would have said these ideas were “no-brainers.” Even based on the simple Golden Rule (Matthew 7:12), one would not kill, steal, or trespass because we would not want these things done to us. However, things change. Our current climate – at least among some states – is to relax justice. In California, for instance, Governor Newsome was shocked to see people walking out of a Target store without paying for the merchandise. His cashier had to explain to the state’s Chief Magistrate that their law does not prosecute anyone for stealing less than \$1000. (By contrast, one of my grandsons confronted his friends who were filling their water glasses with soda in a restaurant, telling them they were stealing!).

The Tennessee House of Representatives recently voted to enforce the death penalty on certain pedophiles. There was pushback from the demon-crut contingency. Why do you suppose our politicians refuse to protect our most vulnerable citizens?

Early in history, the American colonies honored God and His commands seriously. Some wrote the death penalty into colonial law for violating some of the Ten Commandments, like worshiping other gods, practicing idolatry, cursing parents, murder, adultery, and perjury.¹ Do you ever wonder what our Founders and Framers would think of our America? How do you think they would have responded to removing Bible study and prayer from schools, Roe v. Wade, BLM, the alphabet community, compromising churches, and sold-out politicians?

The Marxists have done a masterful job in patiently working their agenda to destroy America's foundation for almost two centuries. Little by little, they have convinced Americans to ignore what made us great. We now live in a Judges 21:15 (NKJV) world: "In those days *there was* no king in Israel; everyone did *what was right* in his own eyes." Now, we are not only entitled to "spit in God's face," we expect everyone's approval and acceptance.

I hope you realize the faithful remnant is growing. More and more people are waking up to the truth of what is happening in our culture and looking for a cure. A "Great Awakening" is in progress. Because of some of the big podcasters in the "Truth Community," the veils of darkness are lifting.

We could continue walking through the Ten Commandments but this is sufficient for now. Remember, we don't just need to return to ten external rules. We need to return to the God behind them. Outward rule-keeping is not enough to restore our blessings. As Jesus said, we need to "... love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."³⁸ This is *the* first and great commandment.³⁹ And *the* second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets" (Matthew 22:37-40, NKJV). It is relational.

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¹ FMI: Cummings, Brad, and Lance Wubbels, editors. *The Founders' Bible*. Newbury Park, CA, Shiloh Road Publishers, 2012, pp. 271-278.