

Unalienable Rights

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Have you ever asked yourself the question: “If I had the opportunity to address the entire nation, what would I say?” I have been thinking a great deal about this very question, not because I anticipate having the opportunity but because I am convicted that the United States is set on a path of certain destruction, and every concerned individual needs to be ready with the answer to our nation’s desperate need whenever they have opportunity to speak. I am convinced that unless something very momentous occurs to change our country’s direction, our days as a free nation under God are severely limited. I believe I know what must take place to turn the nation around. It is for that reason that I have been contemplating what I would say if such an opportunity were given to me.

If I were addressing the United States of America, I would begin by reminding all Americans of our own history, pointing to certain documents and statements which are pillars and foundation-stones supporting our country and its government.

For instance, according to the Congressional Records:

On Wednesday, June 7, 1775, on motion in the Continental Congress, it was resolved that Thursday, the 20th of July next, be observed throughout the twelve United Colonies, as a day of humiliation, fasting and prayer, and that Mr. Hooper, Mr. J. Adams, and Mr. Paine, be a committee to bring in a resolve for that purpose.

On Monday, June 12, 1775 the committee brought in their report; which being read, was agreed to as follows:

As the great Governor of the world, by His supreme nature with unerring wisdom and rectitude, but frequently influences the minds of men to serve the wise and gracious purposes of His providential government; and it being at all times our indispensable duty devoutly to acknowledge His superintending providence, especially in times of impending danger and public calamity, to reverence and adore His immutable justice, as well as to implore His merciful interposition for our deliverance—

This Congress, therefore, considering the present critical, alarming, and calamitous state of these colonies, do earnestly recommend that Thursday, the 20th day of July next, be observed by the inhabitants of all the English Colonies on this continent, as a day of public humiliation, fasting, and prayer; that we may, with united hearts and voices, unfeigned confess and deplore our many sins, and offer up our joint supplications to the all-wise, omnipotent, and merciful Disposer of all events; humbly beseeching Him to forgive our iniquities, to remove our present calamities, to avert those desolating judgments with which we are threatened...that these colonies may ever be under the care and protection of a kind Providence, and be prospered in all their interests; that the rulers, and upon the representatives of the people in their several assemblies and conventions, that they may be directed to wise and effectual measures for preserving the union, and securing the just rights and privileges of the colonies; that the virtue and true religion may revive and flourish throughout our land; and that all America may soon behold a gracious

interposition of heaven, for the redress of her many grievances, the restoration of her invaded rights, a reconciliation with the parent State, on terms constitutional and honorable to both; and that her civil and religious privileges my be secured to the latest posterity.

And it is recommended to Christians, of all denominations, to assemble for public worship, and to abstain from servile labor and recreation on said day.

Ordered, That a copy of the above be signed by the President and attested by the Secretary, and published in the newspapers, and in handbills.

*JOHN HANCOCK, President
CHARLES THOMSON, Secretary¹*

On the day of fasting and prayer, the Continental Congress went as a body to Christ Church where they joined others in seeking the face of God.

Similar observances were called on May 17, 1776 and April 3, 1777 and innumerable times thereafter.

I would also call attention to our own Declaration of Independence and especially the words:

...We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain Unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness—That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.—That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness...

From these documents and multitudes of others like them which could be cited, I deduce three self-evident truths of great consequence:

1. The men responsible for these documents believed in an infinitely superior Being upon whose mercy the nation was in utter dependence.
2. The men who founded the United States consciously established the nation on the conviction that the rights of men, and especially those rights of Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness, were rights endowed upon men by their Creator.
3. These same men believed that it was the duty of government to secure these unalienable rights to its people and that if and when government becomes unable to fulfill or destructive of these ends it ought to be altered or abolished by those to whom it belongs—we the people—and a new government instituted in its place. On the basis of these self-evident truths, I offer the following propositions:

¹ Quoted from Congressional Proceedings by Benjamin Dorr in *The American Vine*, 1861.

PROPOSITION ONE: It Is Only a Creator With Unalienable Rights Who Can Endow His Creatures With Unalienable Rights.

Have you ever thought about the unalienable rights of the Creator? The founding fathers of this nation did. Although it is unlikely that every one of them would have fully agreed with every point that follows, it is crystal clear that they believed that there was indeed an infinitely superior Being who created mankind and the universe in which mankind dwells. They would never have spoken of *rights endowed by their Creator* if they believed that they endowed themselves or that life was merely the result of accidents in history. To believe in an all-powerful God who created all things out of nothing is as American as the Declaration of Independence. To deny the existence of such a Creator is not the least bit in keeping with the true American spirit.

But what are the unalienable rights of God? Because He is the first cause, the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, all rights are His rights. There are no rights that are not His rights. Where then did He get these rights? They are His by virtue of the fact that He is God. No one ever conferred any on Him. He is dependent upon none and subservient to nothing. He draws sustenance from nowhere and leans on none for counsel. Nothing brought God into being, and nothing adds to His power.

Foolish men in any given age may attempt to deny His existence, Suppose limitations upon His powers, or persuade themselves that they are greater in might than He, *but The Lord nullifies the counsel of the nations; He frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart from generation to generation* (Psalm 33:10, 11). The intellectually arrogant among us smile indulgently at such primitive notions and compliment themselves on greater wisdom than even our founding fathers possessed, yet are so unwise they cannot even see the relationship between their prideful and erroneous opinions and the onslaught of evil rampaging across the nation.

The opponents of God from every past century have perished from the earth but the unchanging God continues with all His unalienable rights intact. No kin has ever succeeded in restricting God; no president has ever been able to hamper His will; no magistrate has ever managed to overthrow His law; no potentate has had strength or endurance sufficient to even tire God, let alone defeat His unalienable rights. All the current diatribes against God and His ways, all the attempts to prove the existence of matter apart from God, all the speculations and theories of mankind offered as substitutes for eternal truth will go the way of all flesh, but the Creator, whose rights cannot be restricted and whose plans cannot be thwarted, will remain forever unaltered. Whether men like it or not, *The kingdom is the Lord's, and He rules over the nations* (Psalm 22:28).

Not only were the founding fathers convinced that human rights were endowed by the God with rights of His own, but they also believed that citizens were under duty to their Creator God who has the unalienable right of being worshipped by all His creatures. This is clearly illustrated in *The Declaration of the Rights of the Inhabitants of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*. Article Two: *It is the right, as well as the duty, of all men in society, publicly, and at stated seasons to worship the Supreme Being the great Creator and Preserver of the universe. It was only after establishing this duty that citizens' rights were declared: And no subject shall be molested or restrained in his person, liberty,*

or estate, for worshipping God in the manner and season most agreeable to the dictates of his own conscience, or for his own conscience, or for his religious profession or sentiments, provided he doth not disturb the public peace, or obstruct others in religious worship.

PROPOSTITION TWO: The Only Rights the Created Have Are Those Rights Granted To Them by Their Creator.

All that exists, other than God Himself, exists because He Himself brought it into being. He is Life and the giver of all life, and there is no life apart from Him. God created man! Man did not create God! Some dislike such dogmas, but their distaste for truth does not alter it. If man had created himself, he might suppose that he endowed himself with unalienable rights. If man were the mere result of evolutionary processes, he might think himself free to determine his own rights, but the founders of America believed, with wise men of all nations and times, that man was created by God.

Whatever rights man has are the rights that God Himself endowed man with. If we ask the question, "Did the Creator grant His creatures with the right to do whatever they please?" we must certainly answer, "Absolutely not!" The constitutional fathers did not think so. They made it plain that God granted *certain* unalienable rights. How could *certain* be construed to mean *all*, in the sense of freedom to do anything one pleases? But what are these rights? The document before us asserts that included in these rights are *life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness*. Can these rights ever be construed to be rights equal to and the same as the rights of the Creator? Even the decadent society in which we now live does not believe for a moment in the equal rights of the creator and the created or even of the creator and the user.

Our nation certainly does not believe that the rights of a manufacturer are equal to the rights of an inventor. If a man patents his invention, he has the entire strength of the United States government to back him up when a patent infringement occurs. Think of the man who invented the intermittent windshield wiper. He showed his invention to an automobile manufacturer. They pretended no interest in his invention and then proceeded to use his basic ideas and to place such wipers on millions of automobiles. When the matter came to court, it was determined that the rights of the manufacturer in the inventor's creation were not equal to those of the inventor, and the man defrauded by the giant company was properly recompensed.

Nor does our nation believe that the rights of a church choir or music director are equal to the rights of a composer. If a musical composition is copyrighted, no one is free to duplicate it in order to avoid purchasing additional copies and thus avoid royalty payments due to composer. Persons who attend churches where contemporary music is used in worship services have grown accustomed to the appearance of license agreement numbers on song sheets and overhead projections, evidence that the rights of the creator are superior to the rights of the user.

Our nation does not even believe that the rights of a reader are equal to the rights of a writer. None of us are free to copy other persons' writings and to use them as if they were our own. When a book is copyrighted, it is a universal declaration that the rights of the writer are greater than the rights of the reader.

How strange it is then, in the light of all this popularly accepted truth, that we have persons of influence among us in our society who believe that the rights of a child are equal to the rights of a parent, the rights of an employee equal to the rights of an employer, and the rights of the created even greater than the rights of the Creator.

PROPOSITION THREE: In Granting Rights to His Creatures, God in No Way Diminished or Curtailed His Own Rights Which Are Unalienable.

Everything that exists and that we know anything about in our world of taste, touch, smell, sound, and sight, God made out of nothing. Even man himself was made out of the dust of the earth which has earlier been made out of nothing.

Everything that God made, He made for a purpose. He made man for Himself and for His own glory. He did not make man to glorify himself and to defy his Creator but to magnify and exalt the very One who made him. The good things with which God surrounded the man He made were intended to be used by man in his lifelong pursuit of the glory of his Creator. Even the woman God first gave to man was to be his helpmate, so they together could fulfill the purpose of God in their creation.

The very rights with which God endowed mankind, including the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, were the rights man needed to fulfill the purpose for which he was made.

We must not suppose, however, that God conveyed any of His rights to men. There is no evidence whatsoever of this. God's rights are unalienable. Rather, God merely endowed man with certain unalienable rights.

All around us, inventors, composers, authors, builders, and men of business convey property rights to others. These conveyances may be permanent or of limited duration. A conveyance may be of an owner's entire interest or of less than an entire interest in the property, and the acquirer has limitations on his interest in the property.

A contractor may purchase a quarter section of land, subdivide it into 240 lots, and build upon each lot a magnificent house. He certainly does not do this in order to live in 240 homes himself, although each house is initially his. These homes are built to sell, and as he finds a purchaser for each place, he conveys his rights to that house and the land it stands upon for a stipulated sum. Once the property changes hand, the contractor forever relinquished his rights to it.

When I wrote my first book, *Revival*, the manuscript was solicited by a publisher. We entered into a contract, and for a period of time and for a certain financial benefit, I conveyed the rights to that book to the publisher. I did not sell my rights to that book even though I was temporarily deprived of them. When the publisher completed the terms of the contract, the full rights of that book reverted to me.

Unlike the common illustrations above concerning transfers of property rights among individuals, the Creator God has in no way diminished His rights in endowing man with certain rights. He did not convey any of His rights, which are unalienable, to man. God has done no more than endow men with rights, and this endowment cost Him nothing whatsoever of His own rights.

That the founding fathers clearly recognized that God's rights over men and nations were in no way diminished by endowing rights upon His creatures is readily

seen in their frequent calling of fast days for national repentance of sins against God or acts violating His unalienable rights.

PROPOSITION FOUR: The Creator Is an Unchanging Being Whose Rights Are Now as They Have Always Been and Will Be Forever.

God's rights over men of this century are no less and no different than His rights over Adam, the first of His creation. Among the foremost of God's attributes is His immutability. Of Himself He says, *For I, the Lord, do not change* (Malachi 3:6).

God did not retain greater control of His creation in its infancy than He does now. Some who still believe that the world is progressing and that each subsequent generation is wiser and better than the one preceding it. A person silly enough to think so fallaciously might suppose that God is gradually stepping further and further away from what He has made as creation demonstrates an increasing ability to care for itself. But there is not one shred of evidence that the current generation is wiser or better than those preceding it. In truth, this is one of the most ignorant and wicked generations of modern times. The murder rate alone is enough to establish this fact, to say nothing of child abuse, rape, substance abuse, and other assorted evils that are rapidly destroying countless lives and threatening to bring civilization to its knees.

God hasn't changed. He has, through all the centuries, allowed men to reject His counsel, violate His unalienable rights, and wallow in the mire of their own wantonness. But sooner or later a day of reckoning comes, and God reasserts His authority. One has only to read the Old Testament Scriptures to gain a thorough understanding of this assertion. On numerous occasions Israel was allowed to go her own way, to her own great detriment, but in His own time and way, God stepped in and demanded His rights.

PROPOSITION FIVE: The Unchanging God Himself Established Human Government to Enforce His Unalienable Rights and to Guarantee the Unalienable Rights of His Creatures.

Human government is not the invention of the fertile minds of men. The sacred record makes it clear that God Himself first instituted and regulated human government. From the beginning it was unquestionably designed to guarantee the unalienable rights of both the Creator and the created.

The founding fathers of America clearly understood that government had the capacity to hamper or restrict the rights with which God Himself had endowed His people. Many of them had personally experienced the destruction of their own rights by oppressive rulers. It was their profound conviction that when this happened, government should be either altered or abolished and replaced by a new government.

We need to realize what that whenever government seeks to grant rights to individuals and classes that God Himself has not endowed, and whenever this granting of rights by humans to humans impinges upon the rights that the Almighty has reserved for Himself, that government ceases to be of God. When this happens, either the people themselves will alter or abolish their corrupt government, or God will, in His own time and way, accomplish that nation's destruction.

God has clearly revealed the specific areas in which He will, throughout all time, control the rights affecting man. These restricted areas were long weighed, regarded, and yielded to by the American people. They are set forth in the Ten Commandments which were, in the early years of our nation, a prominent part of every schoolroom. Their principles were incorporated into our national laws and into the laws of our several states. Included in the realms where God never endowed man with the right of choice are His restrictions on man's relationship to Himself, on the taking of human life, on the use of sex, on the appropriation of the goods and private property of others, and in the regulation of truth and falsehood.

When God endowed man with *certain unalienable rights*, He did not include the right to worship any god he chose or no god at all. God never granted man the right to worship the god of his own imagination. The God who made man has always insisted that the creature worship and serve his Creator. There is but one true and living God, and He, and He alone, is to be worshipped and served. This nation was built on the convictions that there is a Creator God whose mercy is necessary to the well being of all its peoples. There is no reason to suppose that it was ever the intention of the founding fathers of this nation to grant the freedom to future generations of Americans to make gods of their own imaginations, to worship and serve what they made, and thus to turn this nation from Christianity to paganism. For anyone to pretend otherwise is to deceive themselves in the face of overwhelming facts. The religious freedom granted by our national documents was not freedom to be irreligious. What was guaranteed was the freedom to every denomination of Christians to practice Christianity according to the dictates of their own consciences. All that was to be required of them was that they demean themselves peaceably and as good subjects of the nation. Our fathers guaranteed that no sect or denomination should ever be established by law, but it was absolutely not their intent to guarantee the right of the godless to turn the nation away from the Christianity upon which it was founded and into a cesspool of iniquitous infidelity.

From the very beginning, God has been plain concerning the rights affecting the lives of others which He has granted His creatures. God's command, Thou shalt not kill, is counterbalanced by clear and distinct teachings concerning the necessity of capital punishment in the case of certain carefully defined crimes. For human government to suspend God's laws concerning capital punishment is to violate, at great jeopardy to the life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness of all its people, and unalienable right that God has reserved in His own hands. When human government grants the right to its citizens to murder millions of unborn children, it seizes from the Almighty one of His unalienable rights that He will never surrender. While the Creator may allow that devious nation a period of time in which such dastardly acts seem to be accomplished with impunity, that nation exposes itself to an outpouring of the wrath of God that knows no precedent.

Nowhere in all the sacred writings upon which this nation was built, nor in the laws our fathers framed thereon, is anything more explicit than the sanctity of sex. God never granted man rights in determining what usage of sex was acceptable and what usage was unacceptable. He still holds all rights in this regard. He has declared that it is totally unacceptable to Him when an unmarried man and an unmarried woman commit fornication. He has made it absolutely unlawful for a man married to a woman to have sex with a woman other than his own wife or for a married woman to have sex with

anyone other than her own husband. No matter how many absurd and perverse politicians wish it otherwise, sex between members of the same sex is an abomination in the sight of the Creator just as is sex between humankind and animals.

No president of the United States, no Supreme Court justice, no Congressman or Representative, no individual or groups of persons have any rights in this realm. God and God alone holds the unalienable rights regarding sex. He has spoken! Every wicked violator of His laws and every facilitator of such violations will answer to Him.

God established human government to guarantee that His rights were never violated and to assure its subjects that their rights would be preserved in perpetuity. Whenever government attempts to seize the rights that God has reserved for Himself, that government has failed tragically in its purpose for being and can no longer assure its subjects of their God-endowed rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

PROPOSITION SIX: Whenever the Created Forget the Unalienable Rights of Their Creator or Attempt to Seize His Rights as if They Were Their Own, They Do So at Great Peril to Themselves and to Their Posterity.

God through His prophet Isaiah declared: *Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; who substitute bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and clever in their own sight! Woe to those who are heroes in drinking wine, and valiant men in mixing strong drink! Who justify the wicked for a bribe and take away the rights of the ones who are in the right!* (Isaiah 5:20-23). In the light of this passage I ask you to consider the extraordinary danger a nation places itself in when it robs not merely the rights of those who are in the right but elects, even to the highest offices in the land, those men who promise to rob the truly righteous One, the Lord God Omnipotent, of His rights by promoting such grievous wickedness as abortion and homosexuality. Surely God has spoken well in saying, *Therefore, as a tongue of fire consumes stubble, and dry grass collapses into the flame, so their root will become like rot and their blossom blow away as dust. For they have rejected the law of the Lord of Hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel. On this account the anger of the Lord has burned against His people, and He has stretched out His hand against them and struck them down, and the mountains quaked; and their corpses lay like refuse in the middle of the streets. For all this His anger is not spent, but His hand is still stretched out* (Isaiah 5:24-25).

No one sins against God with impunity. The Scriptures are just as clear concerning the result of the sins of nations as they are the personal sins of individuals. The very God who said, *The soul that sins shall die*, is the One who said through His prophet, *The nation and the kingdom which will not serve you will perish* (Isaiah 60:12). Just as the eternal ruin of hell is promised the unrepentant individual, so we are informed, *The wicked will return to Sheol (the netherworld), even all the nations who forget God* (Psalm 9:17).

To suppose that because God has richly blessed this nation in the past He will do so in the future is sheer nonsense. Ancient Job knew better, declaring, *He makes the nations great, then destroys them; He enlarges the nations, then leads them away*, (Job 12:23) for God Himself *deprives of intelligence the chiefs of the earth's people, and makes*

them wander in a pathless waste. They grope in darkness with no light, and He makes them stagger like a drunken man (verses 24,25).

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people (Proverbs 14:34). A government that willfully violates the rights of God is a government that disgraces itself, placing itself and its people outside the ranks of divine protection and blessing, and positioning itself for the most horrible decline and destruction imaginable. Oh, for political leaders in America, like Isaiah of old who would lament, Listen, O heavens, and hear, O earth; for the Lord speaks, Sons I have reared and brought up, but they have revolted against Me. An ox knows its owner, and a donkey its master's manger but (America) does not know, My people do not understand." Alas, sinful nation, people weighed down with iniquity, offspring of evildoers, sons who act corruptly! They have abandoned the Lord, they have despised the Holy One of Israel, they have turned away from Him. Where will you be stricken again as you continue in your rebellion? The whole head is sick, and the whole heart is faint. From the sole of the foot even to the head there is nothing sound in it, only bruises, welts, and raw wounds, not pressed out or bandaged, nor softened with oil (Isaiah 1:2-6).

The nation that forgets God not only places itself in great jeopardy before Him, but also gravely endangers the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness of all its citizens. Men who violate the unalienable rights of God become increasingly focused on themselves and their rights, real or supposed. Their growing self-centeredness blinds them to the rights of others. The natural consequence is an increase of abuse and violence against others. The result of our national turning away from God is already clearly apparent in the alarming increase of violent crimes against others. This violence will continue to increase until the nation restores God's unalienable rights.

PROPOSITION SEVEN: In That the Great Problem Destroying America at this Moment Began With Robbing God of His Unalienable Rights, Our Nation's Only Hope Lies in Restoring to Him All That Rightly Belongs to Him.

The Prophet Jeremiah confronted the people of His day with the very question formerly Christian America must face: *...Observe closely and see if there has been such a thing as this! Has a nation changed gods, when they were not gods? (Jeremiah 2:10,11).* Imagine it. The only nation on earth which at that time knew the true and living God exchanged that priceless privilege in order to worship and pursue gods that were no gods at all. Oh, the tragedy of Israel, and oh, the awful price she has paid. Why should America persist in this same frightening error? Must America follow the same reckless path of self-destruction as ancient Israel? Ought not the foolish conduct of Israel in changing *her glory for that which does not profit* turn us toward an altogether different and better path?

The nation need not be destroyed. God Himself has suggested, *At one moment, I might speak concerning the nation or concerning a kingdom to uproot, to pull down, or to destroy in, if that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent concerning the calamity I planned to bring on it (Jeremiah 18:7,8).*

But if America is to turn back to God, we had better be absolutely certain of where we went wrong in the first place so that our turning back will be complete and not just another affront against the God who once favored us so graciously.

America began with a feeble band of ordinary sinners, many of whom had a wonderfully high view of God, deep heartfelt desires to seek Him and to follow Him with all their hearts, and a reverent commitment to establish a nation whose government guaranteed the unalienable rights of the Almighty and the endowed unalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness to those who joined them in their grand adventure. Despite their obvious weaknesses and without regard to their sinful propensities, the Lord God Almighty loved them and blessed them so that a once struggling handful became *the greatest nation on earth*, and a tiny colony on the eastern shores filled, in time, the land from sea to shining sea.

But there appeared among them others whose view of God was more nearly like that of the watchmaker who, having made his splendid instrument, wound it up and let it tick away as he withdrew and left it to itself. Then the land was mixed with those whose commitment was all-out in protecting the unalienable rights of God in ruling over His people and with those who were not so sure God had any such interest.

Then, as time passed, a totally alien philosophy began to entwine its tentacles around the minds of an ever-increasing number of Americans. A theory that rejected the position of the founding fathers was introduced; a theory that insisted that unalienable rights could not have been endowed upon men by their Creator, for they had no Creator; an absurd theory speculated that human beings were simply the current stage of an endless progression of the development or evolution. Most who embrace heartily this theory felt themselves liberated from the shackles of a religious system that crimped their lifestyle and imposed upon them old-fashioned views with no contemporary merit. Having thrown overboard the commitment of the majority of Americans to the unalienable rights of the Creator, the question of the rights of the individual became a matter of subjective speculation.

We have now reached that point where to speak of the unalienable rights of God among millions of Americans is, in their estimation, to speak as foolish and unlearned fellows. If virtually all Americans were professed atheists, the situation would be almost sensible and at least understandable, but the simple fact remains that an amazingly high percentage of Americans claim to believe in God. If you believe in God, what God do you believe in? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, who was the God of early America? The watchmaker's god who stands outside his universe musing? The god of the evolutionists who is much more the god of their own imagination than the God of the Bible?

If you believe in the God of the Bible, then you believe in the God with unalienable rights. How then do you dare to exert your rights over His? How can you be unconcerned about government that violates the rights of God in exerting its own rights?

If you believe in the God of the earnest Christian men and women who preceded us in this nation, how can you remain silent when both elected and appointed officials are violating His unalienable rights? Perhaps they have frightened you into silence with their pompous and foolishly inaccurate talk concerning the separation of church and state. You know that the founding fathers never meant what the blasphemers of today mean when they vocalize on this issue. The fathers wanted to guarantee that no Christian denomination like the Protestant Episcopal, Congregational, Baptist, Methodist or Presbyterian became the state church. They never intended, in anything they wrote or said on the subject, to rob the Creator God of His unalienable rights and in doing so

destroy, by godless anarchy, the very nation they loved and sacrificed so much to bring into being.

If you believe in God, why should you allow a minority, whose very lives are in violent opposition to the American dream, to rob you, your children and every subsequent generation of the blessings of the Lord God Almighty upon this once wonderfully graced land?

But you ask, "What can I do? I am only one person!" Of course you are, but so am I! Let each of us do what we can, and soon we will see God doing what we cannot!

Begin with personal repentance. Have you assumed any rights that God never gave you? Have you violated any of the rights that God has reserved for Himself? Repent, and do so immediately. Think nothing, say nothing and do nothing but what is pleasing to Him. But remember, turning from the wrongs of the past will not blot them out. You must not only repent, but you must also entrust yourself in entirety to the Lord Jesus Christ who was sent to take away your sins. Believe Him with all your heart. Accept the forgiveness He gained for you in the blood He shed on Calvary's cross. Live in perpetual dependence upon and unhampered fellowship with Him.

Do everything in your power to influence those near and dear to you. Plead with them to join you in personally restoring to God all of His unalienable rights in your own lives. Gently rebuke them every time they violate God's rights. Remind them, with ever greater love, that God made them for Himself and not for themselves. Teach them that they are not free to be and to do whatever they please but only what God created them for. Show them how unreasonable it is to claim to

One who made them. Make it clear to them that the nation might yet be spared from the destruction it so rightly deserves if they too will repent and turn back to God.

Focus on the Scriptures. Study, meditate, and learn more clearly what the unalienable rights of God are. Let the Word of God fortify your own commitment and purify your own life. Read and study diligently the documents of our past, and be sure you thoroughly understand what our nation used to be and can be once again. Influence your church as deeply and profoundly as possible. Use every God-given opportunity to call for prayer meetings for the spiritual awakening of the nation. Talk individually with your leaders and urge them to greater and greater focus upon the unalienable rights of God. Pray much yourself that your church will take a significant spiritual lead in calling your community to repentance. Be as faithful and gracious in your own church as Christ Himself would have you to be.

Begin to effect change in your community. It is not violent action or inflammatory speech that is needed, but godly living and lawful use of the ballot-box. Refuse to vote into office any person who violates the unalienable rights of God. Write to, visit, and in every way possible demonstrate to those in office their immediate need of repentance if their lives are living contradictions of these American principles. Make it clear that you will do everything in your power, as a loyal citizen, to see that no person gains or holds office who persists in bringing the wrath of God upon the nation.

Write to and influence in every godly way your state and national officials. Reason with them, showing them from the Bible that no nation can survive that overthrows the rightful rule of the Creator. Be specific in insisting that participation in or legalizing of immorality is a violation of the office God has entrusted to them. Help them

to understand that their sin will bring them into personal and eternal misery. Help them see it will also lead to the eventual destruction of the nation. Let them know the absurdity of taking their stand against God. Ask them if they understand *Why are the nations in an uproar, and the peoples devising a vain thing?* Remind them that even though *The kings of the earth take their stand, and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord and against His anointed, saying Let us tear their fetters apart, and cast away their cords from us! He who sits in the heavens laughs, the Lord scoffs at them. Let them know that the hour will come when He will speak to them in His anger and terrify them in His fury.* Make it clear to them that their Creator will *break them with a rod of iron, and shatter them like earthenware.* Plead with them, *Do homage to the Son, lest He become angry, and they perish in the way* (Psalm 2:1-5, 9, 12).

The hour is late, but not too late. Do what God requires right now.