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LIBERTY SERMON

SERMON OUTLINE

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INTRODUCTION

The following sermon outlines how God moved in the founding of America. The movie **God's Not Dead: In God We Trust** demonstrates how the enemies of God and Christians are systematically trying to destroy our faith and remove God from all walks of life. We begin at the very beginning and give both Biblical and the American history that every Christian should be taught!

(SLIDE #1) CHRISTIANITY'S INFLUENCE ON AMERICAN CIVIL GOVERNMENT

(Slide #2) Text: Psalm 33:12. Note: The word "nation" is "goyim" in Hebrew. This is a Gentile nation in most cases. Psalm 33:12 denotes that God's chosen people (Israel) are blessed, but also any Gentile nation that worships the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob will also be blessed.

(Slide #3) After the flood, God commanded man to fill the earth, but man didn't. Instead, within only two generations, there was the first attempt at global government with the intent of rebelling against God.

Instead, of filling the earth, **(Slide #4)** man stayed in the Shinar Valley between the Euphrates and Tigris Rivers and sought to "consolidate power" and to make a name for himself instead of glorifying God. Man, again rebelled against God.

(Slide #5) The 19th Century English statesman, Lord Acton once said, "Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely."

God has always recognized the nature within man. That is what God created "government" for. **(Slide #6)** Government is defined by Noah Webster as (Slide #7) "control or restraint" and established **(Slide #8)** four realms of government and delegated to each certain responsibilities in order to check man's desire to sin.

- 1. Self-government**
- 2. Family Government**
- 3. Church Government**
- 4. Civil Government**

This is the basics of holding a Biblical Worldview. Understanding which realm is responsible for what responsibility. Tyranny is when the Civil Government (the only realm of government that possesses the power of the sword), begins encroaching on the other three realms.

In God's Not Dead we see that Pastor David Hill is challenged to run for Congress. He is not a politician but knows how critical preserving Christian values are. If he doesn't stand up and run for office, no one will and the enemy wins again. Pastor David understands that God established all forms of government and he accepted his responsibility to fight for the people he loves, no matter the cost.

(Slide #9) At Babel, Nimrod led an open rebellion to Yahweh worshiping the Host of Heaven and deifying himself as a god. 350 years earlier, God had destroyed the earth because of unrestrained evil everywhere. Now again, God observed what was going on and recorded:

(Slide #10) "The people are ONE (Hebrew: echad - unity in plurality, concentration of power)...nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do."

Imagine mankind unified in defiance to God - a one world government with no fear of God. NO ONE would be capable of restraining their evil imaginations. Of course, God had already taken matters into His own hands once and flooded the earth - so God can handle it. But one global godless government would grow unchecked in its evil by other men.

God forced a pseudo-obedience, **(Slide #11)** God divided their concentrated power by confounding their languages and creating nations and man did fill the earth. The Bible records God's use of nations to check the evil growth in other nations. **(Slide #12)** We know that Nebuchadnezzar was raised up to judge Israel, then the Medes and Persians to judge him, then the Greeks and then the Romans - and nations have checked one another ever since.

(Slide #13) When Adolph Hitler sought to destroy the Jewish people and establish his Third Reich **(Slide #14)**, he was checked by Great Britain and the United States of America.

During this time in human history (Slide #15):

- **Acts 17:26** And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation.
- **Ps 33:12** Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord: and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.
- **Prov 14:34** Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.
- **Ps 9:17** The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

(Slide #16) Beginning with Nimrod's attempt to rule Babel and the known world in Genesis 10, man has desired to rule over his fellow man. For 6000 years, tyranny has been the default form of human civil government. **(Slide #17) A strong man assumes power and rules over his subjects.** Notice that sentence - a strong man rules over his subjects.

Call him **Pharoah, Caesar, Kaiser, Czar, King, Emperor, Sultan, Dictator, Monarch, Fuhrer, Caliph, Lord** or **Chief**, the default form of human government is a strong man/dictator who rules over subjects.

- **There is no freedom of speech in tyranny.** If you speak against the authority, you face punishment, prison, or death.
- **There is no freedom of religion.** You worship the emperor, or you worship whomever the emperor worships.
- **You have no God given rights; you are granted privileges based upon your king's good graces.**
- **You don't own private property,** you work on the king's property as it is the king's dale, the king's forest, the king's deer, the king's navy, the king's army and in fact you were the king's subject.

(Slide #18) Only in America and only for the last 248 years have we enjoyed the blessings of liberty. Why have we been different?

There is an old saying that **(Slide #19)** politics is downstream from culture. Well, the culture in early America was shaped by the pulpit and the truth of God's Word.

(Slide #20) In 1620, what was little more than a church relocation project, 102 Pilgrims had been blown off course from their intended destination in northern Virginia, but winter storms led them to Cape Cod.

(Slide #21) After several attempts to sail south to their intended destination failed because of "contrary winds", they concluded that it was God's will they remain in Cape Cod.

(Slide #22) Recognizing their legal charter was of no effect since they were not on the king's property and realizing that their only way they would survive in this wilderness was to work together, for the first time in world history a group of equals – constituted their own limited general government and vowed to be governed by the rule of law and not by some divine right of a king. Forty-one men signed the Mayflower Compact and the future history of North America was forever changed.

Again, let us note in the movie how Pastor David's opponent states that it was religious superstition that made our laws and our culture. He was trying to criticize Pastor David for his Christian faith but as we see it was God's leading of great men of faith to shape our laws by His Spirit. These godly men established our founding documents that still hold this country together and it is up to us to fight to preserve it as we see Pastor David step up to do.

(Slide #23) As they were Separatists Congregationalists, their churches, rather than the top-down rule of the Episcopal design, each local assembly constituted their own churches and elected their own officers - the Pilgrims modeled their civil government after the same design of their church government.

(Slide #24) Shortly thereafter, King Charles 1 cracked down on the Puritans in England, resulting in the Great Puritan Migration – settling all of what is now Massachusetts.

(Slide #25) Understand, the political states of **Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine** were birthed out of the design of congregational churches.

The term “election” had a Biblical foundation as each community would vote for the most righteous man to govern annually – hence the “elect” was the root word of the annual “election” of a governor.

(Slide #26) Pastor Roger Williams was one of those who came to Massachusetts in the Puritan migration – and Pastor Roger Williams was the founder of the political state of Rhode Island.

(Slide #27) Pastor Thomas Hooker also was part of the Puritan migration and Pastor Thomas Hooker was the founder of the political state of Connecticut.

(Slide #28) The **Quaker minister William Penn** was the founder of the political state of Pennsylvania.

Each of these men were selected to be Governors or Governmental leaders by elections of the people. **Everyone voted!** Pastor David is criticized for his faith and biblical values and even told by his own team to back off in his public stance. If we do not stand strong we lose our country and freedoms! Pastor David is a wonderful example, but it isn't easy!

(Slide #29) America has been exceptional because America was established on a Biblical foundation and believed that Civil Government was a creation of God to serve the people, not tyrannize them.

(Slide #30) That civil governors were to be “ministers of God for good” not tyrants to oppress.

Hard times produce strong men, but just as we see repeated in the Book of Judges, good times often lead to soft men and spiritual compromise – which is what laid the stage for the first **(Slide #31)** Great Awakening. Men like Jonathon Edwards and George Whitefield swept the country with revival fire.

(Slide #32) Benjamin Franklin recorded: *“In 1739, arrived among us from Ireland the Reverend Mr. Whitefield, who had made himself remarkable there as an itinerant preacher. He was at first permitted to preach in some of our churches; but the clergy, taking a dislike to him, soon refused him their pulpits, and he was obliged to preach in the fields. The multitudes of all sects and denominations that attended his sermons were enormous, and it was a matter of speculation to me, who was one of the number,*

(Slide #33) *to observe the extraordinary influence of his oratory on his hearers, and how much they admired and respected him, notwithstanding his common abuse of them, by assuring them they were naturally half beasts and half devils.”*

(Slide #34) John Wesley said, *“In some places, thousands cried out aloud; many as in the agonies of death; most were drowned in tears; some turned pale as death; others were wringing their hands; others lying on the ground; others sinking into the arms of their friends; almost all lifting up their eyes, and calling for mercy.”*

(Slide #35) Franklin observed the aftermath, *“It was wonderful to see the change soon made in the manners of our inhabitants. From being thoughtless or indifferent about religion, it seemed as if all the world were growing religious, so that one could not walk through the town in an evening without hearing psalms sung in different families of every street.”*

(Slide #36) Not only did Whitefield lead a spiritual awakening, but he brought together Christianity across denominational boundaries. In one famous sermon, he pretended to recount a dream that he had:

Father Abraham, whom have you in heaven? Any Episcopalians? No! Any Presbyterians? No! Have you any Independents or Seceders? No! Have you any Methodists? No! No! No!

Whom have you there? We don't know those names here!

All who are here are Christians-believers in Christ, men who have overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of His testimony.

Oh, is that the case? Then God help me, God help us all, to forget having names and to become Christians in deed and in truth.

(Slide #37) By 1770, the people learned about tyranny as they were the objects of it. Their own British government was depriving them of rights as British Citizens.

(Slide #38) In September 1774, representatives from twelve of the thirteen colonies met in Carpenters Hall in Philadelphia. We call this the First Continental Congress.

They were meeting to discuss a response to the intolerable acts of tyranny being poured out on them by their own king. Before business, they thought it best to pray for God's deliverance and protection, but a question was raised as to whether they could pray together since they were of different denominations.

(Slide #39) Sam Adams said, *"I am no bigot, and can hear a prayer from a gentleman of piety and virtue, who is at the same time a friend to this country."*

History records they spent two hours in prayer and Bible study before beginning their stated business. But understand, this unity of believers was a result of the Great Awakening.

(Slide #40) President John Adams, as an old man long after the Revolution, said this:

"The Revolution was effected before the War commenced. The Revolution was in the mind and hearts of the people: and change in their religious sentiments of their duties and obligations."

(Slide #41) At the time of the signing of the Declaration, NYU professor Patricia Banome concluded that 98% of the citizens in the 13 United States were Protestant.

Christianity was the cause of whatever made America Exceptional. Thomas Jefferson penned these words:

(Slide #42) When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

- **Slide #43) Natural Law Slide #1** “Man, considered as a creature, must necessarily be subject to the laws of his Creator, for he is entirely a dependent being ... And consequently, as man depends absolutely upon his Maker for everything, it is necessary that he should in all points conform to his Maker’s will.
- **(Slide #44) Natural Law Slide #2** This will of his Maker is called the law of nature... The doctrines thus delivered we call the revealed or divine law, and they are to be found only in the holy scriptures...no human laws should be suffered to contradict these.”
- **(Slide #45) James Wilson – One of the First Supreme Court Justices said,** “Human law must rest its authority ultimately upon the authority of that law which is Divine.”
- **(Slide #46) Alexander Hamilton** - No human laws are of any validity if contrary to this.

(Slide #47) 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, **(Primary responsibility of civil government is not sewer systems and overpasses, it is to secure our unalienable God given rights)**

At one of the most pivotal moments in the movie Pastor David’s opponent Senator Kane starts quoting these words but stops short of “Endowed by their Creator”. Pastor David jumps in and finishes it and calls out the Senator for omitting that critical part. **God’s Not Dead** exposes so many tricks the enemy uses to mislead regarding Christians and what our faith is truly about.

- **(Slide #48) Pursuit of Happiness** - For he has so intimately connected, so inseparably interwoven the laws of eternal justice with the happiness of each individual, that the latter cannot be attained but by observing the former; and, if the former be punctually obeyed, it cannot but induce the latter. In consequence of which mutual connection of justice and human felicity (happiness), he has not perplexed the law of nature with a multitude of abstracted rules and precepts, referring merely to the fitness or unfitness of things, as some have vainly surmised; but has graciously reduced the rule of obedience to this one paternal precept, “that man should pursue his own true and substantial happiness.” This is the foundation of what we call ethics, or natural law. **(Blackstone; 1, 2)**

(Slide #49) 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 to 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. **(Enjoy all the blessings God has for us – own property, own homes, raise families, worship, buy, sell, trade, enjoy God’s blessings in accordance to His will.)**

(Slide #50) On July 4, 1776, as the Declaration of Independence was signed, thirteen British colonies instantly became 13 sovereign states, each having its own constitution.

- **Let me reference each of those 13 State Constitutions.**

- **Delaware** - *“I, A B. do profess faith in God the Father, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, and in the Holy Ghost, one God, blessed for evermore; and I do acknowledge the holy scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be given by divine inspiration.”*
- **Georgia** - *“The representatives shall be chosen ...and they shall be of the Protestant religion”*
- **Massachusetts** - *“...every denomination of Christians”*
- **Virginia** - *“It is the mutual duty of all to practice Christian forbearance, love, and charity toward each other.”*
- **Rhode Island** - *“...every person shall be free to worship God according to the dictates of such person’s conscience”*
- **New Hampshire** - *“unless he shall be of the Protestant religion.”*
- **Vermont** - *“I ____ do believe in one God, the Creator and Governor of the Universe, the rewarder of the good and punisher of the wicked. And I do acknowledge the scriptures of the old and New Testament to be given by divine inspiration, and own and profess the protestant religion.”*
- **Maryland** - *“shall also subscribe a declaration of his belief in the Christian” religion.*
- **New Jersey** - *“all Persons, professing a Belief in the Faith of any Protestant Sect”*
- **Pennsylvania** - *“I do believe in one God, the creator and governor of the universe, the rewarder of the good and the punisher of the wicked. And I do acknowledge the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be given by Divine inspiration.”*
- **North Carolina** - *“That no person, who shall deny the being of God or the truth of the Protestant religion, or the divine authority either of the Old or New Testaments, or who shall hold religious principles incompatible with the freedom and safety of the State, shall be capable of holding any office or place of trust or profit in the civil department within this State.”*
- **South Carolina** - *“unless he be of the Protestant religion.”*

(Slide #63) Understand the contrast, for most of 6000 years we have seen tyrants ruling over subjects. Only in America, public servants secure the unalienable God given rights of citizens.

America has been exceptional because of the great influence Christianity and the Bible had on our founding and framing. We are the only Christians in 2000 years of Christian History that have not been persecuted for our faith.

America was a success until 1962-1963. The **(Slide #64)** SCOTUS ruling did not simply remove prayer and Bible out of public education, but it removed teaching the very foundation upon which our country was built and was in any way exceptional. **(Slide #65)** Instead of a Biblical foundation, we now have a foundation based upon Karl Marx and Charles Darwin.

And we have been in an exponentially increasing free fall ever since.

Biblically, there is symmetry here. **(Slide #66)** At Babel, we began with one world global tyranny. During the Tribulation, there will be one world global tyranny. Nimrod was a type of Antichrist. But Daniel, Jesus, the Apostle Paul and John talk about this coming world ruler – not an evil despot, **(Slide #67)** but a super politician with eloquence of speech and charisma making grand promises of peace.

Covid was a creation of the globalists **(Slide #68)** (Event 201) to motivate people by fear of saving their lives, they would surrender their liberty. It was amazing to see people turn on each other over masks and a mRNA global laboratory experiment.

(Slide #69) Build Back Better was not the campaign slogan for Biden. It was the slogan for the World Economic Forum and used globally.

(Slide #70) The goal, once again, is global government – a great reset.

America has been the impediment and must be taken out of the way. Trump's first election caught them by surprise. They won't be surprised again.

(Slide #71) John Adams, said as President, *“We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion...Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”*

To claim our founding fathers were atheists and deists is factually not true and easily disprovable. Our country's design depended on our people understanding “natural law” and being both moral and religious (Christian). Trump will be a temporary stop to the effort to integrate America into global socialism, however we must have a revival to holiness, a reverential fear of God and once again learn the Biblical principles of civil government upon which our country was built.

As we close today let me say, this message overturns every charge against Christianity that was made in **God's Not Dead: In God We Trust!** The movie masterfully takes a real life-like example of what every Pastor and church faces – the question of politics. It unravels the question and squarely puts the responsibility on our shoulders to become active in our community and especially to vote. We have shown each of you, through the movie and by the written historical documents of our founders, that personal voting is how we elect godly representatives for our governing.

Today let us close in prayer asking God for guidance in how to vote with a personal commitment to God that each one of us will vote.

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