

## **Current Events: Supreme Court Ruling on Baker and Homosexual Weddings**

I like writing about current events as we see our world and how it deals with Bible subjects. Often there is a conflict between the word of God and what society wants. We see this in Romans 1 as the Gentiles rejected God and turned to idols along with immoral conduct. The result is always the same, society cannot change the will of God and mankind will reap the consequences of their actions.

The Founding Fathers of this nation often stated their belief in a Supreme Being and enlisted His help. The following list is a short composition of statements by some of those men:

The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity. "I will avow that I then believed, and now believe, that those general principles of Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the existence and attributes of God."<sup>1</sup>—John Adams

"The name of the Lord (says the Scripture) is a strong tower; thither the righteous flee and are safe [Proverbs 18:10]. Let us secure His favor and He will lead us through the journey of this life and at length receive us to a better."<sup>10</sup> – Samuel Adams

"The great, vital, and conservative element in our system is the belief of our people in the pure doctrines and the divine truths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ."<sup>2</sup>—Congress 1854

"Had the people, during the Revolution, had a suspicion of any attempt to war against Christianity, that Revolution would have been strangled in its cradle... In this age, there can be no substitute for Christianity... That was the religion of the founders of the republic and they expected it to remain the religion of their descendants."<sup>25</sup>—Congress, House Judiciary Committee, 1854

"I am a real Christian – that is to say, a disciple of the doctrines of Jesus Christ".66 – Thomas Jefferson

"I now make it my earnest prayer that God would... most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of the mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion."124 – George Washington

I could have easily filled pages upon pages of quotes others who were responsible for the establishment of this country and its laws. However, our nation has turned away from the Bible in many ways. The conflict it now faces is how can it accept its History and claim to still be following the principles of its Founders. This reminds me of Proverbs 26.7a "The legs of the lame are not equal."

This past week the Supreme Court ruled in a case involving a baker in Colorado. This man was sued because he refused to bake a wedding cake for a homosexual wedding. His religious conviction, a conviction based upon the word of God, is marriage involves a man a woman. Since marriage as created by God does not involved two people of the same sex, this man could not in all good conscience bake the cake.

The conflict is not with the word of God, as it defines marriage between a man and a woman, see Genesis 2.24, Matthew 19.4-5. But the quandary is our Supreme Court threw out that definition and the Bible when it ruled a marriage can be between two people of the same sex.

Our Founding Fathers stated time and again their belief in God and His inspired word. But our currents laws are contradictory to that same word, the Bible. At the same time, we are supposed to have religious freedom. Obviously, such religious freedom is not without some constraints. One cannot practice human sacrifice in the name of religious beliefs but who determines what is accepted

and what is unacceptable? Hence, we have States now requiring people to accept what the State wants without regard to what the Bible says.

The approach many have taken is to either discredit our Founding Fathers by labeling them as a bunch of white men who were themselves intolerant of others. Or to say those men did not really believe in God and we have rewritten history so as to make them more religiously minded than they were.

While those men were not perfect individuals and many interpreted the Bible differently than I or you, they did believe in God and the Bible as His word. The very beginning of the Declaration of Independence says, "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."

I realize this is just the beginning in lawsuits concerning homosexuality and Christian beliefs. As Christians we must keep in mind that the Word of God is what is right. Also we are to act out of love for the souls of those in sin. Use what avenues we have at our disposal to teach those around us the truth on this and other subjects. "Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right."

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–Dennis Tucker