



# The Truth

## Aletheia Group weekly newsletter

And I said to them, “According to our ability we have redeemed our Jewish brethren who were sold to the nations. Now indeed, will you even sell your brethren? Or should they be sold to us?” Then they were silenced and found nothing to say. (Nehemiah 5:8)

*With the latest battle over raising the debt limit, we continue to hear our elected officials saying that we are burdening our children and grandchildren’s future. While that is true, it is not the biggest problem. We are selling our nation to other nations by selling our debt. –Dave–*



The next big fight in Congress is whether or not to raise the current debt ceiling. Supposedly, Capitol Hill and 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue—purportedly filled with self-avowed Christians—understand that this spending and debt accumulation cannot go on forever. Alas, right understanding does not always turn into right action, particularly not inside the Beltway.

You can read on the Internet many reasons for and against raising the debt ceiling. What does the Bible say about the level of debt our nation is carrying? It describes it in one word: oppression.

In this week’s verse, my Old Testament hero Nehemiah shames the nobles and rulers (read government) and they had no rebuttal. Oh would to God that 535 elected officials in Washington DC be silenced and have nothing to say in their shame for the oppressive debt they have exacted on our children and grandchildren!

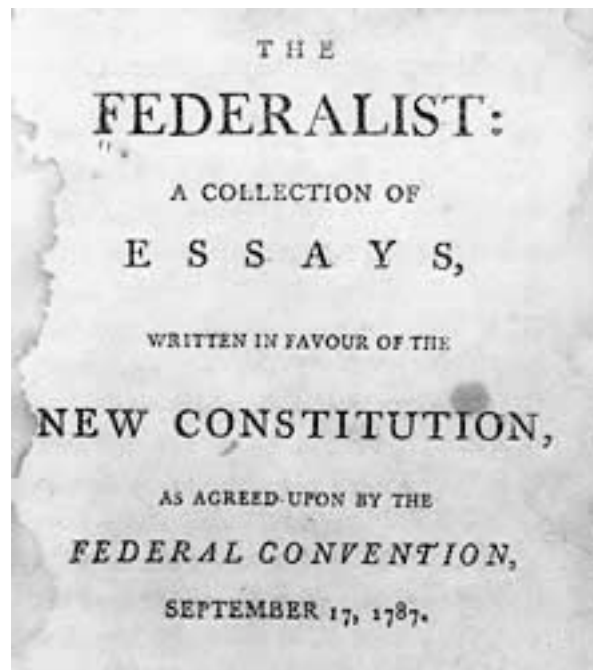
Our current debt is selling our children and grandchildren into slavery. By slavery I mean bondage; we are being sold into involuntary servitude and sold to other nations buying up our debt. Our elected officials are no longer worthy of our trust if they are willing to sell our futures because of some supposed bogeyman on the horizon, the same foreboding that was before us for TARP 1 and 2.

We need to understand that we cannot serve God and money. Many a righteous man and woman have gone to Washington DC to serve with godly character and succumb to the devil’s delights. And they actually have no choice; they have to serve one or the other. They can’t straddle the fence. They can’t compromise on principles and expect to maintain godliness. It is impossible.

Our elected officials who are unfaithful with our money will be unfaithful with the power we’ve invested in them.

It is time to stop selling our nation because we are selling our children and grandchildren into bondage.

# FROM THE FOUNDERS



## **How our Founders viewed a government's ability to collect revenue:**

*"The ability of a country to pay taxes must always be proportioned, in a great degree, to the quantity of money in circulation, and to the [celerity](#) with which it circulates."* Federalist Paper #12

Our national debt has caused economic chaos beyond what most Americans can fathom. Most of us realize this debt is unsustainable, but we do not realize the reason our economy is suffering. It is because money is scarce, it is moving too slowly, and the government's source of revenue is itself, so it must print more dollars when the current source dries up.

In a letter to Samuel Kercheval, the author of our Declaration of Independence and 3rd President Thomas Jefferson wrote:

*"I am not among those who fear the people. They, and not the rich, are our dependence for continued freedom. And to preserve their independence, we must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt."*

The government has loaded the people "with perpetual debt." Jefferson is right; it is the people who fear the government today, when it should be the government who fear the people. That will only happen when WE the People elect only those who will actually defend the US Constitution and the inalienable rights given to us by God, as identified by Jefferson.

We cannot allow our government to continue to load our posterity down with perpetual debt. Our continued freedom is depending upon our holding back this economic tyranny.

# FROM THE PULPIT

“Friend, you cannot legislate the poor into freedom by legislating the wealthy out of freedom. And what one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving. The government can't give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody. And when half of the people get the idea they don't have to work because the other half's going to take care of them, and when the other half get the idea it does no good to work because somebody's going to get what I work for. That, dear friend, is about the end of any nation.” Dr Adrian Rogers, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, TN

Although the late, great lion of the faith Adrian Rogers (1931-2005) was preaching about taxing people who work to entitle those who will not work (not cannot), our out of control national debt is a direct result of half of America's insatiable appetite to get something for nothing.

This something from nothing, this sense of being entitled, comes from a government willing to steal from one to give to the other, a distorted and evil notion of the fairy tale Robin Hood. And because this evil Robin Hood, aka government, has nurtured an entitlement mentality in half of the populace, we are rapidly reaching the end of this nation.

Democrats have long pushed government programs as a way of maintaining political power. Just like your local drug pusher, they promise a free handout just long enough to get you hooked on “government crack” so you will have to return to your “junkie” by voting Democrat every election cycle because the mean ol' Republican Party wants to cut off your entitlements.

Writing on economics in my book [“Understand Evangelicals: A Guide to Jesusland”](#), I state:

*Too often politicians and voters run to the government to meet the needs of the people. While limited government involvement is needed to provide services, primarily for public protection, government is not meant to meet all the needs of the people.*

For that matter, government is not meant to meet the needs of half the people, because as Dr. Rogers so rightly states, “you cannot legislate the poor into freedom by legislating the wealthy out of freedom.” Our national debt is so large that even if you took all the wealth of the wealthy people, it would still not be enough to cover our national deficit. Something has to change!

# TO THE STREETS

The something that needs to change is we can no longer allow Congress and any administration to continue on this perilous path to national bankruptcy.

By no means can we allow our national debt limit to be raised again. Do any of you believe that this will be the absolute last time we will have to raise the debt limit, no matter which party controls Congress or who resides at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue?

Here is what WE the People must do:

1. Call your congressman and two senators and ask them what is the purpose of having a debt limit if all they do is raise it every time they meet it? If they are going to raise it every time it is met, then get rid of it altogether! Let's see what they have to say to that!
2. If they are serious about getting rid of this debt and actually cutting unwanted spending, then tell them under no circumstances should they vote to raise the debt ceiling. Let them know that if they do, it will be a game-changer for you and you will do all you can to see they are not re-elected.
3. Sign the [pledge](#) at the Senate Conservatives Fund to stop the debt and balance the budget. Ask your elected representatives to sign the pledge.
4. Also sign the [pledge](#) at Cut, Cap, Balance.com and ask your elected representatives to sign the pledge.
5. Help your friends, relatives, associates, and neighbors to understand that even if we took the wealth of the 400 richest Americans, it would not even cover the budget deficit. The 400 richest people in America have a combined 1.57 trillion dollars, short of the estimated 1.6 trillion dollar deficit. So if we took the total worth of the 400 richest Americans, it would not even cover our budget deficit, much less the budget itself. Class warfare is not the answer.

Common sense does not allow our nation to increase its debt limit anymore than it does for a family to increase its debt limit. Our nation will not default as the bogeymen in D.C. are trying to scare us. We can only default on our interest owed and we have plenty of revenue to cover those costs.

What most in Congress do not want every day Americans to discover is what is considered essential and non-essential, which is a key point made by my buddy Frank Salvato at the [New Media Journal](#).

House Republicans should call in these bogeymen to identify all essential and non-essential government programs so we can know what to immediately cut: non-essentials.

Or perhaps too many of those programs have GOP fingerprints all over them. Maybe that explains why there have been no congressional hearings on this subject?

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