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“Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but happy is he who keeps the law.” (Proverbs 29:18)

“President Trump has cast a vision for making America great again. While I support the majority of his plan, nothing can come to fruition as long as half of America believes the other half owes them. One of the great sins of America is its citizenry’s sense of entitlement. Government is ordained to promote the general welfare of the people; not provide it.” –Dave



Congress. It is not considered to be a State of the Union address because has been in office less than ninety days.

In his speech, President Trump said WE the People “are witnessing...the Renewal of the American Spirit.” He also reminded Americans that “we are all made by the same God.”

I am encouraged by his words. However, I am not deceived into believing that a pep speech, as good as it was, will cure the ills of our great nation. The worldview of far too many Americans is antithetical to a self-governing people, upon which our Republic relies.

WE the People must be governed by morality and religion, because, as our 2nd President John Adams warned about our

Constitution: “It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”

If America is going to be made up of “streets where mothers are safe from fear—schools where children learn in peace—and jobs where Americans prosper and grow...” as President Trump envisions, then we can no longer be a people who have cast off restraint. We must be a people “who keeps the law.”

President Trump believes the above things “are not too much to ask.” It is if the people hold law enforcement in low esteem, and mock the biblical foundations that form morality. It is unreasonable to expect good from people who are rewarded for bad behavior, enabling them to continue upon their moral down spiraling.

The Truth Watch is renewing its efforts through this newsletter, our podcast, and recently formed political action committee to help bring the revival America needs.

FROM THE FOUNDERS



George Washington set the precedent for an annual address on the state of the Union to a joint session of Congress. In his first address, he established a pattern for later presidents to follow. It is a solemn and important function, albeit a constitutional requirement. As in most cases, our first president set the example of how to lead a nation into greatness.

“The welfare of our Country is the great object to which our cares and efforts ought to be directed. And I shall derive great satisfaction from a co-operation with you, in the pleasing though arduous task of ensuring to our fellow Citizens the blessings, which they have a right to expect, from a free, efficient and equal Government.”
George Washington, first “State of the Union” [address](#), January 8, 1790.

Be sure you watch the [video](#) from Dr. Douglas Bradburn on Washington’s first State of the Union address. Dr. Bradburn is the founding director of The Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington. The [library](#) is a fountain of knowledge on our first president and Father of our Country.

Article II, Section 3 of the US Constitution [states](#) the President “shall from time to time give to the Congress Information of the State of the Union, and recommend to their Consideration such Measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient...”

Washington could have sent his statement to Congress as did succeeding presidents, but he knew that he would be setting precedent in almost every action he took. As Dr. Bradburn shares in this [video](#), Washington knew he walked on “untrodden ground.”

Our first president took his “requirement” to address Congress on his vision as very important, and it was well received by Congress as Washington still benefited from what we would call today, a political honeymoon.

That would last only his first year, and the divisions we now take for granted, with some disgust, would begin in the following years.

FROM THE PULPIT

“Spiritual leaders learn, grow, and continue to change until they have the character God requires. This is what makes them successful in leadership. Good character is not optional for leaders. It is essential. Christian leaders lead people to God. They should be good examples to the people they lead.” Jeff van Wyk, Pastor of Joy Ministries and President of Team Impact Christian University, “Characteristics of Great Leaders” sermon, Baton Rouge, LA, April 26, 2013.

I pray that the godly men and women the President Trump has invited into his inner circle are able to influence him to make righteous decisions. These Christian leaders must set good examples for the President to see, learn from, and rely upon.

The last two points in Pastor van Wyk’s sermon are worthy of further discussion. In his third point, Pastor van Wyk states, “Great leaders are visionaries.” He quotes our verse from page one, Proverbs 29:18. In the King James Version, the first part of the verse says, “Where there is no vision, the people perish.”

While the President is not ultimately responsible for the spiritual health of our nation (that is up to each individual), he can set the tone. It is also important for our presidents to know that it is God Almighty who blesses America and therefore our leaders need His grace and guidance. President Ronald Reagan once declared:

“There are many times when I’m in church, I think God might recognize the magnitude of my responsibility and give me an extra portion of His grace...and I don’t feel guilty for feeling that way.”

I pray President Trump comes to this realization, if he hasn’t already.

In his fourth point, Pastor van Wyk states, “Great leader endure persecution.” He quotes 2 Timothy 2:3:

“You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.”

I know that President Trump has faced persecution very early and is dealing with it openly in his battle with the Democrat Party and its PR firm, the mainstream media.

My prayer is the President will learn to endure and rely on Christ for that endurance.

TO THE STREETS

Many conservative pundits, while commenting on President Trump's "state of the union" address, said it was the first time he sounded presidential. Apparently they missed his inauguration [address](#). Go back and first listen and then read the entire speech. It was not only presidential, it was hopeful and an encouragement to those who voted for President Trump. Of course the Washington DC Establishment hated it to the point of gnashing teeth because he has his sights on them. They particularly hated this sentence:

"For too long, a small group in our nation's Capital has reaped the rewards of government while the people have borne the cost."

That was one of my favorite lines from the speech. I am also very encouraged by the President's cabinet; I literally prayed that he would assemble such a team. So now, WE the People must be ever vigilant and support our President. Here are a few suggestions:

1. [Contact](#) the President and thank him for his effort so far. Let him know that you are praying for him.
2. Be sure you are actually praying for the President and the rest of his administration. As Christians, the Bible commands us to pray for our leaders:

"Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence." (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

3. [Contact](#) the Senate Democrat leadership and politely demand that they stop delaying confirming President Trump's nominated cabinet and administration leaders. Advise them the reason they have lost over 1500 elected positions since Barack Obama was sworn in is for actions such as their stall tactics.
4. Please help The Truth Watch [grow](#). Some of you have sent new subscribers our way and we are so grateful. However, my dream, nay my vision, is to have 10,000 Truth Watchers by the end of this year. I am counting on all of you!

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