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Building Nations with the Blueprint of God's Word*
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The Standard for Justice

On the outside west pediment of the United States Supreme Court building is the inscription: "Equal Justice Under Law." The rule of law is an important aspect of the unique polity of the American republic and is needed in a nation where justice is to be established for all people. Yet, equal justice has only happened historically where God's law has formed the foundation of civil law. This is also what the Bible says is the standard for justice.

God requires us "to do justice" (Micah 6:8). He commands, "You shall do no injustice in judgment" (Lev. 19:15). He Himself administers justice for the fatherless and widow (Deut. 10:18). Civil leaders are to execute justice and righteousness (Ezek. 45:9-11; Deut. 33:21). Those who distort justice are cursed (Deut. 27:19).

How do we "do justice?" What is justice? God declares that, "All His ways are justice." He is "a God of truth and without injustice. Righteous and upright is He" (Deut. 32:4, NKJV). His ways revealed in His Word are the standard for justice. Acting justly is acting in accordance with what is right. In the Bible the Hebrew and Greek words translated *justice* mean *right, righteous, just, right conduct*. Thus, to do justice means to do right. God's Word reveals to man what is right and what is wrong. God's law is just, right, and good (Rom. 7:12).

Thus, justice is adherence to His Word. Justice comes as His Word is applied in its entirety. Equal justice is only possible under God's law. It has not and cannot occur under man's law.

God's Word declares that there is right and there is wrong, thus there is a standard for absolute justice. There is no justice where relativism prevails because the standard of what is right and just is always changing; it is relative to

the time, society, or circumstances. This is one reason why there is no equal justice for all under man's law.

Babylon under Hammurabi had law, but it did not have justice for all.¹ Egypt had law (which emanated from the Pharaohs), but enslaved many. Greece and Rome had law, but not justice for all (one third of the Roman Empire were slaves with no rights). Establishing a nation of laws is not sufficient to assure justice and liberty. The rule of law is an important concept, however, whose law you look to is of utmost importance. The source of law of a society is the god of that society. The law you obey emanates from your god. In Deuteronomy 28:14 Moses commanded the people to not turn aside from God's law, for in so doing they would be serving other gods. If we as individuals or a society follow laws other than God's, we are following other gods.

The source of law of a society will also determine how free, just, and prosperous the society will become. This is because ideas have consequences. Ideas are like seeds. The seeds you plant determine the fruit that is produced. Planting God's seeds produce a blessed and just society. History has shown that the most free, just, and prosperous nations have been those that have best applied God's Word in every sphere of life.

One aspect of the fruit of Christianity is right relationships — between God and man, as well as between people. These right relationships are foundational for just and transformed societies. Some people think we should use the vast power of civil government to establish justice and meet the great needs in society; however, government cannot change the heart of man, love people, build self-government, nor do other fundamental things necessary for transformation. Only the God of the Christian faith transforms the heart of man, bringing him into right relationship with the Creator God, and then establishes justice in man's heart and mind (justice grows in man as he learns and adheres to God's standards). This internal change of heart and growing sense of justice causes right relationships among people. Social justice is advanced as myriad acts of relational justice occur everyday throughout the communities in a nation. The internal transformation of man also leads to right actions by individuals, families, churches, and civil governments — each fulfilling their Biblical purpose and operating in their sphere of responsibility, and thus effecting Godly justice and transformation.

The Mandate for Building Godly Nations

Jesus said, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matt. 28:18-20).

We have been given a clear commission to disciple the nations. Many modern Christians have relegated this command of Jesus in the Great Commission to only converting individuals. Christians in the past had a much broader view of this commission. Matthew Henry said that “the principal intention of this commission” is to “do your utmost to make the nations Christian nations.”

What does it mean “to make the nations Christian nations?” What is a Christian nation? Simply stated, a Christian nation is one built upon the principles of God’s Word and infused with the presence of God. Deuteronomy 4:5-8 reveals that for a nation to be great it needs the **Spirit of God** and the **Law of God**. This is what made Israel great among the nations.

The fruit of such a nation is liberty, both internal and external, personal and civil. The Bible teaches that “where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty” (2 Cor. 3:17). Proverbs 29:18 tells us that “Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained [perish; run wild], but happy is he who keeps the law.” The Spirit and law-word of God are essential for liberating our nation. We must apply His entire Word to our entire society through the Holy Spirit. Without that the people will run wild, and our nation will perish.

A Christian nation is a nation founded upon Biblical principles, where Biblical truth and law are the standard for public life, law, and societal institutions. Every nation is built upon a set of ideas or presuppositions that are rooted in the faith of the people; hence, all nations have a religious foundation. Remember that the source of law of a society is the god of that society.

Transformation Begins in the Heart

The discipling of nations begins with the regeneration of individuals. All Godly change in society begins in the heart of man, and since only God can change the heart, all change for good begins with God. This is why Christianity must be introduced into any nation that desires liberty, justice, and prosperity. Fallen, sinful man must be transplanted from the kingdom of darkness, by the power and grace of God, into the kingdom of light. Men need a new heart, but Christianity does not stop there. Men also need a new mind; they need to learn how to think Biblically and apply all of God’s Word to all areas of life.

Equal justice for all will be realized as God’s law is established in men’s hearts, and after this planted in all spheres of life. To remain, God’s kingdom must be transferred to the next generation, who themselves need to know how to pass it to their posterity. The goal is generationally justice, which will come through generational transfer of God’s Spirit and law.

Rapid Growth of Christianity in Recent Times, Yet with Limited Permanent Transformation

We are currently living in the midst of the greatest outpouring of the Spirit of God in history. The worldwide growth of Christianity is unprecedented. Consider the ratio of Christian to total world population in the last number of centuries: in 1430, 1 in 99 persons in the world were Christian; in 1790, the ratio was 1 to 49; in 1940, 1 to 32; in 1994, 1 to 7; today, 1 in 3 are nominally Christian and 1 in 7 are Bible-believing Christians.

Current estimated percentages of the population who are “renewalists” (regenerated Christians) for a few nations are: Guatemala, 60%; Kenya, 56%; Brazil, 49%; Philippines, 44%; South Africa, 34%; Chile, 30%; Nigeria, 26%; United States, 23%; Columbia, 20%; South Korea, 20% plus. Most of the Christian growth in these nations has occurred in the past 30-50 years.

The number of Christians in sub-Saharan Africa has grown greatly in recent decades. In 1900, 1-3% of the population of Africa were Christian; today around 35% of sub-Saharan Africa is Christian. However, many of these nations in Africa (as well as other parts of the world) that have experienced great growth in the number of Christians have seen little change for good — there is much poverty, injustice, violence, political instability, and little economic growth.

A majority of these African nations are not free or are only partially free. Freedom has not grown in proportion to the growth of Christianity. Hunger is widespread in much of “Christianized” Africa. There is much injustice in many of these nations. Why? Does the Gospel make no difference in a society? Are God’s promises (of blessing those who obey Him) false? What is the reason for little positive societal change in these nations experiencing rapid Christian growth? To help answer these questions we should first consider how God built His covenant nation.

How did God disciple a nation?

Consider the ancient nation of Israel. Prior to their deliverance, Israel had lived in slavery in Egypt for many generations. Therefore, when God delivered them out of Egypt and took them into the promised land, He was starting a new nation with a group of slaves, not the prime material for success. But over the years this people — these slaves — became a great nation, so great that Israel was known throughout the world. The Queen of Sheba came to see Israel for she had heard of her greatness. Israel was beyond even what she had heard. How did this change occur? How did these slaves give birth to a nation that was free, just, prosperous, and virtuous (especially in comparison to the other nations)?

God gave Israel two things that none of the other nations had. He gave them His law and His presence. Deuteronomy 4:5-8 states:

“See, I have taught you statutes and judgments just as the Lord my God commanded me, that you should do thus in the land where you are entering to possess it. So keep and do them, for that is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes and say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ “For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as is the Lord our God whenever we call on Him? Or what great nation is there that has statutes and judgments as righteous as this whole law which I am setting before you today?”

Great nations will have God's presence and God's law-word. This is what made Israel great and unique among all the nations. God's law was a template or blueprint to build a nation. It worked. Jesus said it is still a template (Matt. 5:17-19); it is for establishing and discipling a nation. Jesus said He came to fulfill the law, and that we must teach His law or we are the least in the kingdom.

God's law is the standard and model for all nations, and for all areas of life (personal, moral, political, social, economic).

God's standards for living as revealed in His Word are not just for redeemed men but are for all men. God is the King over all the earth (Ps. 47:2, 7-8). Jesus is Lord of all. He is King of kings. God created individuals and established three divine institutions (family, church, state), all of which are to live according to the standards He has established in His Word. It is the duty of civil governments to take His Word as their law. Civil rulers are to be ministers of God's justice (Rom. 13). His Word is the blueprint for all mankind, and for all spheres of life.

God's law speaks to all of life and gives practical means for building nations. We are to see that every sphere of life reflects God's truth. His law is for this purpose. God's law transformed Israel from a nation of slaves to a great nation. His law contains practical principles for every sphere of life. As Israel lived according to these principles, the nation grew, prospered, and became free — they were blessed. Conversely, when Israel disobeyed they went backward.

God has a heart for nations. He wants people saved, but He also wants whole nations “saved.” Nations throughout history have been changed and blessed to the degree they have applied all of His word to all spheres of life. His law-word transformed Israel, but it also has transformed many other nations. Consider briefly a few examples.

Patrick Transformed Ireland

When Patrick, in response to the call of God, went to Ireland around 432 A.D. it was a pagan land. When he died 28 years later the nation had been completely transformed. Historian Seumas MacManus writes:

All histories of all countries probably could not disclose to the most conscientious searcher another instance of such radical change in a whole nation's character being wrought within the lifespan of one man.²

There was a complete transformation of Ireland from the time before and after Patrick. The people before Patrick were worshiping idols and “were carrying the ruthless law of the sword far over sea and land” enslaving those they encountered. After Patrick, the worship of the living God was predominant throughout the nation and the Irish people “left the conquering sword to be eaten by rust, while they went far and wide again over sea and land, bearing now to the nations—both neighbouring and far off—the healing balm of Christ's gentle words.”³

Patrick worked at all levels to establish God's Word as a blueprint for every sphere of life: he saw untold thousands converted; he founded 700 churches; he trained and set in place church leadership — 700 bishops and 3000 ministers; he set up training centers to educate thousands; he transformed civil government, working with kings to establish godly laws — he wrote *Liber Ex Lege Moisi*, which were extracts from the law of Moses used as the basis for civil law in Ireland.

He not only transformed Ireland, but the fruit of Patrick's work transformed a continent. Many great reformers came out of Patrick's churches and training centers. Carrying Christianity, Ireland's sons “became the teachers of whole nations, the counsellors of kings and emperors.”⁴

The apostle to the Picts, Columba, was a product of Patrick's Ireland. He did much to impact nations: Columba founded about 30 monasteries or Christian training centers in Ireland; in 562 he left Ireland and founded a monastery and school at Iona; his disciples carried the Gospel first to the Picts of Scotland and then to the Britons and the Saxons of England; people from all over came to Columba's schools. All of the British Isles and much of Europe were transformed through Columba and those going out from his schools.

In the centuries that followed, western European culture was transformed by Irish Celtic Christianity. A few highlights include: Columba started to disciple Scotland (563); Columbanus started to disciple France, Switzerland, Germany, Austria and Italy (590); Aiden started to disciple England (634); Ina established Celtic/Anglo-Saxon Law code in Wessex (693). The Irish saved

civilization by planting the seeds of God's Kingdom. The fruit of Patrick's work in Ireland transformed a continent.

Protestant Reformation Impacted Nations

The Protestant Reformation of the 16th Century had the greatest effect upon those cities and nations that looked to God's Word as a blueprint for all of life, including Geneva, Scotland, England, and most especially America.

America was founded by people who were a product of the Protestant Reformation and who sought to build the nation upon Biblical principles. These Biblical ideas were the source of her great liberty and prosperity. The Founding Fathers of America looked to God and His Word as the source of their law, morality, worldview, political and economic ideas, and societal structure. President Andrew Jackson summed up this idea by saying, "The Bible is the rock on which our Republic rests."

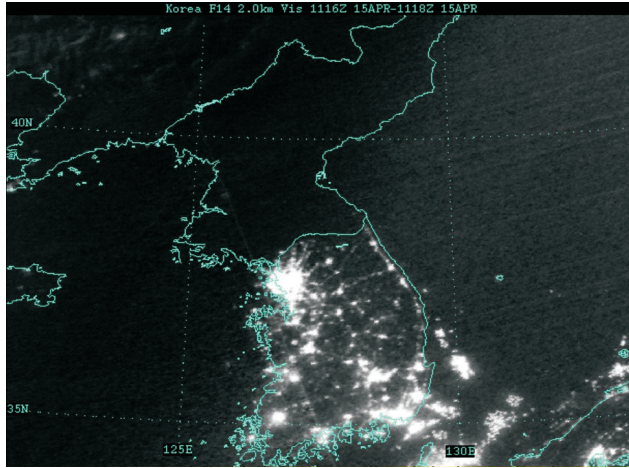
What has made America the most free, just, prosperous, and virtuous nation in history? What has made America great? The same thing that made Israel great — God's Word and God's presence. The father of American geography, Jedidiah Morse, said: "To the kindly influence of Christianity we owe that degree of civil freedom, and political and social happiness which mankind now enjoys."⁵

South Korea Transformed by Christianity

Christianity produces liberty, and liberty produces prosperity. This truth is clearly depicted by viewing a picture of the Korean peninsula at night and knowing a little about the recent history of Korea. Christianity was first introduced in Korea in the late 19th Century by American missionaries. In 1907 a revival swept the land; Christianity was growing rapidly when the Japanese invaded the country in 1910. Persecution forced many Christians to flee to the mountains to hide. Here they established many secret "prayer mountains." With the defeat of Japan in WWII, Korea was liberated. However, this liberty did not remain long in the northern part of Korea because with the end of the Korean War in the 1950s, the peninsula was divided in half — the north ruled by communists, the south by those embracing liberty. The Christian faith teaches that men should live free. It brings the internal transformation necessary for men to live free — God empowers men to be self-governed — plus it teaches principles of liberty, both internal and external. Communism seeks to control every aspect of men's lives.

In free South Korea, Christianity flourished. In oppressive North Korea, Christianity was suppressed. In the last few decades a large percentage of South Korea has become Christian. The largest church in the world is in Seoul — 750,000 people are in the church started by Dr. Paul Yonggi Cho. The larg-

est Presbyterian Church in the world is in Seoul, with 70,000 members. Many of these Christians have understood that God's Word is a blueprint upon which a society can be structured. They have consequently started schools and universities, built businesses upon Biblical precepts, become involved in government, and sought to apply the liberating principles of the Bible throughout their society.



Picture of the Korean peninsula at night (with boundaries added). North Korea is dark and South Korea is full of lights, reflecting the relative prosperity of the two nations. Liberty in the South, which was a product of a Christian worldview, produced prosperity.

The environment of liberty produced by Christianity has caused the spiritual, intellectual, and material assets of South Korea to increase greatly, while the totalitarian communist rule in the North, and the consequent suppression of the Christian faith, has almost destroyed the country, producing widespread poverty and little economic productivity. The night photograph of the Korean peninsula shows the great contrast between the fruit of the Christian free South and the humanistic oppressed North. The South is lit up; the North is completely dark.

South Korea has been transformed in recent times due to the influence of Christianity. However, many other nations where Christianity has grown dramatically have not experienced the same positive transformation in society. This is especially the case in Africa. The people live in poverty, have little liberty, and experience social and political unrest. Why? One primary reason is that the Christian church has only taught personal salvation and failed to give God's blueprint to build a nation.

The Biblical Blueprint for Building Free, Prosperous, and Just Nations

God's Word is not full of pious platitudes that only pertain to our personal lives. The Bible certainly teaches us how to have eternal life and encounter the

living God, but it also contains principles and precepts for everyday practical living. His Word speaks to all of life. His Word is a blueprint upon which we should build our life and nation.

The Bible as the Blueprint

A blueprint is a set of plans detailing action to build. The Bible is a blueprint for all of life, personal and civil. This blueprint for life comes from all the Scripture, both the Old and New Testament – the Law and the teachings of Jesus and the apostles. Some think that Jesus did away with the Law. However, Jesus said He did not come to abolish the Law, but to fulfill it. It will stand until all is fulfilled. He said:

“Do not think that I came to abolish (destroy) the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill. For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke [not one jot (smallest letter) or tittle (smallest stroke in a Hebrew letter)] shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished (fulfilled). Whoever then annuls (breaks) one of the least of these commandments, and so teaches others, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.” (Matt. 5:17-19)

Christ did fulfill the ceremonial law, and thus it is no longer applicable to us. In addition, as we seek to understand how to apply God's law to modern life we should understand what has been called the “holiness code.” The holiness code includes those laws God gave to Israel through Moses that set the covenant nation of Israel apart from all other nations. (*Holy* means *to set apart*.) His original covenant nation was a physical nation that inhabited a physical location on the earth. Various laws in the Mosaic code applied to this unique physical nation in history. God's current covenant nation is not a physical nation, but a spiritual nation. Therefore, the specifics of the holiness code do not apply to us under the New Covenant initiated by Christ, although the principles of the various laws that come under the holiness code still have application for us today.

Jesus used the law-word as the blueprint for His teachings. He did not teach anything new, but He did emphasize the internal, for under the New Covenant, God writes His law on the heart of man, giving him a new nature with the desire to obey the Lord.

Jesus Emphasized the Internal Kingdom

Jesus pushed the precepts of God into the heart of man. He focused on the internal, knowing that what is in the heart of men determines the actions of men. Therefore, a few things He taught in Matthew 5-7 include:

- Build the Kingdom within (the Beatitudes).
- No murder in the heart. No anger or unforgiveness.
- No lust or adultery in the heart.
- No swearing.
- Love your neighbor and your enemies.
- Have Godly motivation for good deeds.
- Lay up treasures in heaven.

Jesus taught that you will know men by their fruits (Matt. 7:20); that is, the action of men reveal what is in the heart of men. Again, this is why Jesus focused on the internal, for as a man thinks so he is (Prov. 23:7). However, Jesus was just as concerned with the external action of people as with their internal belief and character. Jesus knew that the external action of those applying what He taught would affect all spheres of life, for example:

- Marriage will be strong when there is no adultery and lust.
- The criminal system will be small when there is no anger, murder, or stealing.
- Social needs will be properly met when we act in love using Biblical methods.
- Trade will be productive when we use the talents and skills He has given us to advance His purposes (Luke 19:11 ff).

Jesus pushed the precepts into the heart of man through teaching them and knowing that the Holy Spirit would be sent to dwell within man, thus empowering him to live out God's high standards.

Jesus taught that we are to build our house (worldview, personal life, family, business, society, nation) upon the rock (Biblical view of God, man, truth, law, life): "Every one who hears these words of Mine, and acts upon them, may be compared to a wise man, who built his house upon the rock." "Every one who hears these words of Mine, and does not act upon them, will be like a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand" (Matt. 7:24-27).

A good foundation is essential to build a good life, family, business, society, and nation. Christianity provides that good foundation. Other worldviews do not provide the proper foundation for a strong society. Such ideas are like building a house upon the sand. The "house" will easily be destroyed with even the slightest storm. If we build our life and every aspect of our society upon God's Word (which is Truth) we will have a strong nation which will hold up under immense pressure and storms.⁶

However, for best results, we must build our life and nation with His Truth **and** with His Spirit. Using only the letter of God's law as a blueprint is like building a structure out of concrete. It will be strong and can hold up well under most conditions. However, a large earthquake can do much damage to con-

crete structures (consider the Haitian earthquake of January 2010). Nations that copy the principles, yet do not have His Spirit, gain some benefit; they are like concrete structures. Using both the letter and the spirit is like using steel reinforced concrete. Such structures will not collapse, even in earthquakes.

Remember, we need the law-word of God and we also need His presence with us. His kingdom must reside in the heart of men for the greatest fruit to be manifested in society.

We are the blueprint of what the nation is like and what we might expect it to become.

America and all nations need transforming. To be built properly, the nations need the blueprint of God's Word. However, each nation will only be transformed into what is in the heart and mind of the people, and in particular what is in the heart and mind of God's people. We are a template or blueprint for what the nation is and what it will become. What do the plans in us look like? Do we have the presence of God? Do we demonstrate the law of God in all areas of life? What are the blueprints?

The Blueprint

All men are to live by God's Word. "Man [not just Christian man] shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4; Dt. 8:3). It is smart for men to do so because the Bible and the words of Jesus answer the basic questions of life: Who is God? Does He love me? What should I do to please Him? How does He look at my sin? How can I be forgiven? Where will I go when I die? How must I treat others? What is the purpose of life? Why do I exist? No other religion or ideology can answer these sufficiently.

God's Word does not stop here. God's Word addresses all of life. It instructs us in everyday life, from family matters to economic and civil affairs. The following chart gives 21 areas where God instructs us. The information after the chart gives some Biblical principles related to each of the 21 areas. (The areas and lists are by no means exhaustive, but are given to show how God's Word addresses all areas of life with great wisdom.)

Building your life and society upon this blueprint will produce great blessing. In fact, the Bible teaches over and over again that if we obey Him and His Word we will be blessed (Deut. 5:29; Deut. 28), but if we disobey we will go backward (Jer. 7:23-24).

Biblical Blueprint: Addresses All of Life						
Worship	Personal Conduct	Family	Child Raising	Value of Man	Character in Society	Societal Structure
Health & Sanitation	Work and Rest	Social Needs & Justice	Government and Law	Economics	Business	Liberty
Education	Crime and Punishment	Warfare	Philosophy	Arts and Media	Science and Technology	History and Literature

What are some of the principles and precepts that God has given in His Word to disciple nations?

1. Worship

* Ex. 20:1-7; Luke 10:27; Deut. 6:5; Mk. 12:30; Matt. 7:12

We are to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

- Biblical worship or faith is fulfilling the duty we owe to our Creator.
- We are to seek first God's Kingdom and His righteousness (Matt. 6:33); give all to follow Him (Matt. 10:37-39).
- We are to worship from the heart, in spirit and truth (John 4:24).
- God desires obedience above sacrifice (Matt. 12:7).
- Our works reveal true faith (James 2).
- We are to worship no idols (Ex. 20: 4-5; Hab. 2:18).

2. Personal conduct and moral values

- Means of eternal life (Rom. 3:21-28; 6:23)
- Moral behavior (Mk. 10:17 ff; Matt. 5-7)
- Pure thought life (Matt. 5:21-30; Phil. 4:8)
- Forgiveness (Matt. 6:14-15; 18:21-35)
- Do not carry false rumor (Ex. 23:1).
- No murder, even in our hearts (Matt. 5:21-26; Ex. 20:13; Mk. 10:19).
- No stealing (Ex. 20:15; Mk. 10:19)
- Sexual morality (This is defined very specifically, where God prohibits sexual activity outside of marriage.)
- No transgenerness (Dt. 22:5)
- No adultery (Lev. 20:10; Deut. 22:21-24)

- No incest (Lev. 20:11, 12, 14)
- No sodomy or homosexuality (Lev. 18:22; 20:13; Rom. 1:26-27)
- No rape (Deut. 22:25)

3. Family

- * Gen. 2:18, 22-24; 3:16; Ex. 20:12; Eph. 5:22-23
- Marriage is between one man and one woman (Gen. 2).
- Marriage union is sacred and is not to be broken (Mt. 5:31-32; 19:4-6).
- Sex only with spouse in marriage (Acts 15:20; 29; 21:25; Rom. 1:29; 1 Cor. 5:1; 6:13,18; 7:2). The Law lists many situations where sex is not to occur to make sure this is clear:
 - No incest (Lev. 18:8)
 - No bestiality (Ex. 22:19; Lev. 18:23; 20:15; Num. 35:16-21)
 - No homosexuality (Lev. 20:13; 18:22; Rom. 1:26-27)
- No marriage to relative (Deut. 22:30; 27:20-23; Lev. 18:6, 18; 20:11, 12, 14, 17, 20, 21)
- Pass on an inheritance (Prov. 13:22; 2 Cor. 12:14). Save and invest for your retirement and your posterity (2 Cor. 12:14; Pr. 19:14; Deut. 21:17).
- No adultery (Lev. 20:10; Deut. 22:21-24), even in your heart (Mt. 5:21 ff).
- Children are to honor their parents (Ex. 20:12; Matt. 15:4; Mark 10:19).
- Grounds for divorce (allowed due to hardness of heart) (Matt. 19:8-9)

4. Child raising

- * Dt. 6:4-7; Eph. 6:1-4; Prov. 22:6
- The Bible says that children are a gift of the Lord (Psalm 127:3-5) with parents as stewards who are to prepare them to fulfill God's will for their lives.
- Parents are to train and educate children in God's word (Dt. 6:4-7).
- Parents are to provide discipline, both preventative and corrective (Pr. 29:15; 13:24; 23:13-14; Heb. 12:6-9; Pr. 22:15; Matt. 15:4).

5. Value and purpose of individual life

- Men are created in the image of God and thus have great value (Gen. 1:26-28). The lives of all people should be protected since all have equal standing before God and the law.
- God Himself became a man (John 15), and through the person of Christ paid the price to redeem mankind, thus showing how valuable man is (Acts 20:28; Eph. 1:7-14; Titus 2:14; 1 Pet. 1:18-19; 2:9; Rev. 5:9).

- We have a purpose: to glorify God and enjoy Him forever; to fulfill our unique calling; to disciple nations (Matt. 28:18); be salt and light (Matt. 5:13-16); to be ministers of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:20).

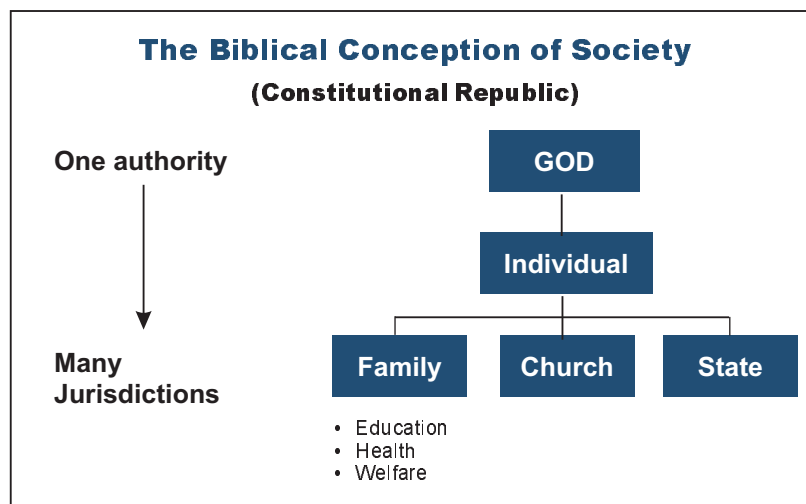
6. Character as foundation of society, business, government

* Matt. 20:25-28; 2 Sam. 23:3-4; Pr. 12:22, 24; 10:4-5; 14:4; 11:11; 27:18; 16:2; 21:7; 29:2,12.

- Honesty
- Self-government
- Diligence
- Industry
- Responsibility
- Equitable dealings

7. Structure of society (Biblical Conception of Society)

- God created individuals and three divine institutions, giving each certain purposes and responsibilities⁷ (see diagram below).
- All are under His authority and should function in accordance with His Word.
- Jesus taught the idea of jurisdictional authority (Matt. 12:17-21).



8. Health, sanitation, and nutrition

We are the temple of God (1 Cor. 3:17; 6:17; 2 Cor. 6:16) and should seek to take care of ourselves and those in our charge. God is concerned with sanitation (Deut. 23:12-13; Num. 19:11-22), with what we eat (1 Cor. 6:12-20; Phil. 3:18-19), and with how we take care of our bodies (1 Tim. 4:7-8 tells us that bodily discipline is of profit, but only for a temporal time, while we are in the body).

The Law gives foods that are healthy (good nutrition):

- Dietary rules — (Lev. 11; 17:10-14; 19:26; Lev. 7; Dt. 14:3-21). Proper eating habits are instilled via the family and should be carried out in the family. Underlying the dietary laws are principles of good health. The dietary laws are not legally binding on us now (Gal. 2:16), but with reference to good health, they are still valid.

Biblical medical principles include:

(1) Cleanliness — cleansing after contact with those who have died (Num. 19:11-22; see also Num. 9:10; and scriptures given below). Aspects of these laws included:

- A person was unclean for 7 days if he touched a dead body, in a field or in a tent.
- The unclean person was to wash in running water twice during the week (Num. 19:7, 12).
- If someone died in a tent, whoever was in the tent or anyone entering the tent was unclean for 7 days, and every open vessel with no cover was unclean (Num. 19:15).⁸
- Clothes were to be washed, as well as things made of wood, leather, etc. (Num. 31:19-20).
- If a person touched a dead animal he was also unclean (Lev. 5:2-3; 11:8).

Thus, separation from death was required of God's people. This was symbolic as well as for practical health reasons.

Failure to adhere to God's cleanliness principles is why 10% of pregnant women who went to hospitals in Europe in the middle 1800s to be examined died. Doctors went from doing autopsies to examining the women without washing.

(2) Sanitation — cover excrement to prohibit spread of germs (Deut. 23:9-14).

- Failure to adhere to this precept led to the Black Death spreading throughout Europe and killing tens of millions in 1348 and the few years following.

(3) Quarantine — (Deut. 24:8; Lev. 13-15 [leprosy in the Bible included a variety of infectious diseases])

The laws of quarantine are an application of the sixth commandment, “you shall not murder,” with its positive corollary to preserve and further life. Some aspects of these laws included:

- Isolation of the infected person occurs as the disease is evaluated to see if it is contagious (Lev. 13:4, 5, 21, 26, 31, 33).
- If disease is seen not to be contagious, he shall wash his clothes and be clean (Lev. 13:6, 34).
- If it is contagious, then the person was to live in isolation outside the camp (Lev. 13:46).

9. Work and rest

* Ex. 20:8-12; John 5:17; 1 Cor. 15:10

- Labor hard. Work 6 days and rest one (Ex. 23:12). The Christian Sabbath supercedes the Hebrew Sabbath, though the principles of the Creation Sabbath should be observed for your good.
- Sabbath rest (for men, but also land and animals)
- Work is a holy calling.
- How to treat the land and animals: let the land rest every 7 years (Ex. 23:10-13); do not muzzle the ox (Dt. 25:4).

10. Social needs and justice

Poor laws — Dt. 23:24-25; 24:19-21

- Gleaning (Lev. 19:9-18)
- Caring for the poor, orphans, and widows (God gives means that work: gleaning, poor laws; the Bible defines widows and orphans, see 1 Tim. 5).
- No interest loans to poor brothers (Ex. 22:25); do not take cloak as pledge overnight (Ex. 22:26-27).
- Do not afflict a widow or orphan (Ex. 22:22-24).
- Produce from the field in the seventh year was for the poor and animals (Ex. 23:10-11).

Failure to follow the blueprint: Failure to meet needs in a Biblical manner does not liberate, but brings bondage and keeps people in poverty. Consider these examples: Africa in the 20th Century received an immense amount of aid, but with little or no effect as poverty has only increased — traditional mission agencies that have used nonbiblical methods are now recognizing that “Africa needs trade not aid”; inner cities of the United States — trillions of dollars have been spent fighting poverty in the past number of decades, but

with little or no progress as there are more people living in poverty now than when we launched the war against poverty in the 1960s (a recent study concluded that 1/2 of children in the USA, and 90% of black youth, will receive food stamps at some point during childhood). President Reagan observed that we launched a war against poverty, and poverty won. Poverty won because we did not use God's blueprint, rather we used humanistic means to attempt to deal with poverty. God's ways work; man's ways do not.

Charity

- Love your neighbor (Luke 10:27; Matt. 25:35-36).
- Take care of the sick, elderly, orphan, widow (1 Tim. 5:3-16; Deut. 15:7-8, 11; 14:28-29)
- Help those in need by the road (Dt. 22:4; 23:5).
- Find the owner of lost possessions, including those of your enemy (Dt. 22:1-3; 23:4).
- Do not wrong or oppress a stranger (Ex. 22:21; 23:9).
- Do not afflict a widow or orphan (Ex. 22:22-24).

Social Justice

- Treat poor and rich equally (Ex. 23:3; 6).
- All people have equal standing before the law.
- All people should have equal opportunity to labor and benefit from the fruit of that labor.
- Women's rights (regarding inheritance – Num. 27:1-8).

Safe buildings/homes

- Building a rail around your roof (Dt. 22:8) — This is an example of applying the principle of a case law instead of the specifics. Since we generally do not use our roofs as a room as was done in ancient Israel, we have no need to build a rail around them. But the principle of building safe buildings, where the owner is liable for injury from his neglect, is still applicable to us today.

11. Government and law

General concepts

- Civil government is a divine institution whose purpose is to protect the righteous and punish the evil doer (Rom, 13:3-4; 1 Pet. 2:13-14; Ex. 20:13; 21:12; 22:2).
- Jurisdictional authority (Matt. 22:17-21)
- Power and form of free nations
- Election of representatives (Ex. 18:21-26; Dt. 1:13-17)

- Constitutionalism (Ex. 19:5-8; 20:2-17; Deut. 17:14-20)
- Separation of powers (Isa. 33:22)
- God's law as foundation for civil law
- People are to respect rulers (Ex. 22:28; Lev. 19:32; Deut. 16:18, 20:9).
- Trial by jury (Num. 35:12, 24; Jos. 20:6)
- Consent of the governed (1 Chron. 11:3)

Specific concepts

- No malicious or false witness, or false charges (Ex. 23:1-2, 7)
- No partiality to poor or against poor in disputes (Ex. 23:3; 6)
- Do not kill innocent or righteous (Ex. 23:7).
- Do not take a bribe (Ex. 23:8).
- 2-3 witnesses necessary (Dt. 19:15-19; Num. 35:30)
- Murder, premeditated and accidental (Ex. 21:12 ff)
- The punishment must fit the crime (Deut. 19:21).
- Standards for the behavior of judges and officers (Deut. 16:18-20; see also Dt. 1; Ex. 18)

12. Economics

- Private property (Ex. 20:15; 17; 19:14; 27:17; Jer. 32:1-16; Ex. 22:1 ff; Prov. 6:30-31; Matt. 20:1-16; Acts 5:4)
- Individual enterprise; benefit from the fruit of your labor (1 Cor. 9:9 ff; 2 Thess. 3:10b; Prov. 13:11; 14:23; 13:4).
- Honest money and banking: Just weights and measures (Lev. 19:35-37; Dt. 25:13-15); no multiple indebtedness by banks — no fractional reserve banking (Ex. 22:26-27).
- Loans (business loans with interest are okay; usury to poor brother is not). Earning interest from banks is a way for minimal return (Matt. 25:27; Luke 19:11 ff).
- We should produce increase through trade (Luke 19:11 ff) or other productive means.
- Practical agricultural advice (Dt. 22:9-10)
- Do not muzzle the ox (Dt. 25:4).
- Let the land rest every 7 years (Ex. 23:10-13).
- Taxation — two types: 1. Poll tax (Ex. 30:11-16) to support government. 2. Tithe to support Levites and priests, for religious, educational, and social functions.

13. Business and the marketplace

- Hard work brings success (Prov. 12:24; 10:4, 5; 14:4).

- Conduct your life and business on Godly morality (Prov. 11:11; 29:18; 28:13; 12:22).
- Self-control is essential (Prov. 16:32; 13:3; 23:7).
- Motivate people with truth (Col. 3:23; Mk. 14:38; Mk. 1:17).
- Act financially responsible: save (Prov. 21:20); be careful of borrowing and lending money (Prov. 3:27; 17:18; 22:7).
- Receive and give correction in a proper way (Prov. 15:31; 18:19; 15:32; 2 Tim. 4:2).
- Give to God and others (Prov. 28:27; 11:24-25; 3:9-10; Gal. 6:7).
- Be equitable and just in all your dealings (Prov. 27:18; 16:2; 21:7; 14:35).
- Plan effectively (Prov. 24:3).
- Display quality leadership: be open to new ideas (Prov. 18:15); be patient (Prov. 24:10); stand up to pressure (Prov. 24:10); consider all sides of issues (Prov. 18:17).

14. View of liberty

- * Luke 4:17-18; Gal. 5:1, 3; 2 Cor. 3:17
- His Spirit and Law are the source of all liberty — personal, religious, civil, economic, political.
- Limited government and taxes
- Individual responsibility
- More liberty produces more prosperity.

15. Education

- * Deut. 6:4-7; Eph.6:1-4
- Family's responsibility primarily
- Philosophy, methodology, and content are to be Biblical.
- Biblical education advances God's Kingdom.

The Bible teaches that parents have the right and responsibility to govern the education of their children. Whoever controls the children within a nation, controls the future of that nation. God wants the families to be the primary governor of society. Surrendering this right to civil government is a major factor in the rise of secularism and loss of liberty. J. Gesham Machen said: "If liberty is not maintained with regard to education, there is no use trying to maintain it in any other sphere. If you give the bureaucrats the children, you might just as well give them everything else."

16. Crime and punishment

- * Ex. 20:13, 15; Ex. 22:1 ff; Num. 35:29-34

Biblical means of dealing with crime:

Preventative — Teach truth and Biblical morality.

- Wickedness and sin in the heart of man is the source of crime. Thus, transformation of the heart is the ultimate preventative measure. God has made provision for sin; only He can transform man and pay the penalty for man's sin.

Corrective — Biblical means of dealing with those who break the law.

Penalty for violating the law.

The emphasis of God's law in dealing with violations is restitution to the victim and restoration of Godly order. The Roman idea of punishing the criminal is what is predominant in criminal systems today. The penalties in Biblical law for stealing have the goal of establishing Godly order, of cleansing and healing man to live in God's order.

A brief **summary of the penalties for violating the civil law in the Hebrew Republic** follows:

- 1. Restitution for theft** (Ex. 22:1 ff). Work (via servitude) to make restitution for those unable to pay.

Restitution was required for theft. This was a 2, 4, or 5 fold payback depending upon what was stolen (see Exodus 22:1 ff). Exodus 22:1 states: "If a man steals an ox or a sheep, and slaughters it or sells it, he shall pay five oxen for the ox and four sheep for the sheep." The restitution that thieves must make is based not only upon what was taken, but also the potential production. Oxen were used to plow the fields and sheep produced wool; they were more than just food items.

- 2. Corporal punishment and/or fines for minor offenses** (Lev. 19:14; Dt. 22:13-21; Num. 5:5-10; Lev. 5:14-16; Lev. 6:1-7; Dt. 25:1-3)

For sins of negligence and inadvertence (Num. 5:5-10; Lev. 5:14-16) and minor offenses of a deliberate nature involving property (Lev. 6:1-7), the principal plus 20% was to be restored.

- 3. Death for serious offenses against life or incorrigibility** (Ex. 21:12-16; Ex. 22:19-27; Lev. 20:10-21; Dt. 21:18-21)

- 4. Cities of refuge for accidental death** (Num. 35; Dt. 19:1-13)

If God's law is violated, it should be handled by the appropriate jurisdiction and with an appropriate penalty. We should discern if it is the responsibility of the family, church, or state to administer God's justice. In addition, when executing the penalty we should remember God's mercy and His justice. A thorough knowledge of God's Word (the Bible) is necessary for this. (For many laws, God Himself will execute His justice. Neither the individual, fam-

ily, church, or state are given authority to administer His justice. Violation of some laws brings about a penalty via the principle of sowing and reaping.)

Safeguards for the accused

- Capital punishment is to be enforced impartially, and only after full and proper (swift) legal proceedings.
- Testimony must be corroborated by at least 2 witnesses (Dt. 19:15-21; 17:6; Num. 35:30).
- Witnesses who give false testimony (perjury) are subject to the penalty attached to the crime under consideration (Dt. 19:18-21).
- Capital punishment is not to be enforced in a spirit of maliciousness or revenge (Matt. 5:38-44), but used only as God directed.
- Justice requires good judges and leaders (Dt. 16:18-20).

Other precepts

- The Bible distinguishes between premeditated murder (Ex. 21:12 ff; Ex. 23:7) and accidental murder (Ex. 21:12 ff; Num. 35:22-23).
- Abortion is taking innocent life (Ex. 21:22-25 [see NKJV]).
- Fathers are not to be put to death for crimes of their children (Dt. 24:16).
- Slave/servant laws (Ex. 21:2-11; Ex. 21:20-21; 26-27)⁹
- A man is innocent who kills a thief while breaking in at night (Ex. 22:2). If it is day there is a penalty (Ex. 22:3). (The principle here is self-defense versus aggression.)
- No malicious or false witness, or false charges (Ex. 23:1-2, 7)
- No partiality to poor or against poor in disputes (Ex. 23:3; 6)

17. Warfare

- Just war (Num. 31:1-3; Neh. 4:14; Rom. 13:4)
- Militia for defense is to be comprised of all male adults (Judges 21; 8:4-17; 5:23), with some exceptions (Num. 1:48-49; Deut. 20:5-8; 24:5; Judges 7:3).
- Warfare and military laws (Dt. 20; Num. 1; 31:3-6; Deut. 23:9-14):
 - Continually offer peace through negotiation (Deut. 20:10 ff; Luke 14:31-32).
 - The land and innocent civilians are not to be destroyed (Deut. 20:19-20).
 - Target the leadership — crush the head.
 - Defensive war; no aggression.

18. Philosophy

- Biblical view of law brings liberty (John 8:31-32).

- Biblical view of education brings truth to the masses.
- Worldly philosophy brings captivity; a Christian philosophy liberates (Col. 2:8).

19. Arts, media, and entertainment

* Gen. 1; Ex. 31:3; Eph. 5:19

- As the Creator, God is the source of art and communication.
- Being created in the image of God, mankind is creative. Skill, ability, and knowledge in all kinds of crafts come from God (Ex. 31:3).
- Arts, media, and entertainment are to be a means of expressing and extending God's truth and kingdom.
- Arts and entertainment are to reflect the beauty of the Creator.
- Skilled musicians, artists, & craftsmen reflect God's nature and character.

20. Science and technology

- Christian men responding to God's command to subdue the earth and take dominion over creation will pursue scientific and technological discoveries and inventions (Gen. 1:28).
- Christians have understood there is one source of truth, revealed both in the Scriptures and in nature (Ps. 19). Treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in Christ and His creation that we must seek out diligently to find (Col. 2:3).
- God's creation is good (Gen. 1) and any discoveries of man are to be used for God's glory and man's good, in light of God's plan for mankind.
- Man is to be a good steward over God's creation, where he is to seek to preserve the world while being productive and multiplying the skills he has given to man (Gen. 1:28; Luke 19:11 ff).
- Nature reflects the creator God, but nature is not itself divine. Man is not to worship nature nor think science or technology can save us.
- God created the physical universe to operate according to a set of rules that we can discover and utilize in taking dominion and producing advancement (Jer. 27:5; Neh. 9:6).
- The created universe reveals the nature, power, and characteristics of God (Rom. 1:20).
- The Bible speaks to the origin of the universe and of human life, both brought about by the supernatural act of the Creator (Genesis 1:11, 12, 21, 24, 25; 1 Corinthians 15:38, 39; Psalm 104:30; Acts 17:25; Genesis 1:27; 2:7, 22; Acts 17:26; 1 Corinthians 15:45).

- A Biblical view of creation produced great advances in science and technology which led to prosperity and blessing.
- Liberty produced by Christianity provides proper environment for new inventions and discoveries.

21. History and literature

- History is “the autobiography of Him ‘who worketh all things after the counsel of His will’ (Eph. 1:11) and who is graciously timing all events after the counsel of His Christ, and the Kingdom of God on earth. It is His-Story.”
- History is queen of all studies, according to Jonathan Edwards, for it reveals God’s plan, purpose, and interaction with His creation.

United States President James A. Garfield wrote: “No man can understand the history of any nation, or of the world, who does not recognize in it the power of God, and behold His stately goings forth as He walks among the nations. It is His hand that is moving the vast superstructure of human history. . . . The world’s history is a divine poem.”¹⁰

How did God build a nation that was just, free, and prosperous? One, He gave His law to the nation to be a blueprint (the 21 areas above are part of that blueprint). To the degree that Israel learned God’s precepts and obeyed them is the degree to which they advanced, prospered and became free and great. They came short in adhering to all His law, but still advanced in proportion to obedience. They fell short but still became great.

This is true for America as well. This is the key to her success and greatness. To restore America and assure her greatness we must re-establish God’s law-word as the template. America’s founders, as well as outside observers, recognized the source of her liberty, justice, and prosperity. Signer of the Declaration and father of American medicine, Benjamin Rush, wrote in 1806:

“Christianity is the only true and perfect religion, and that in proportion as mankind **adopt its principles** and **obeys its precepts**, they will be wise and happy.”¹¹

Notice that Rush said a people must not just claim to be Christian nor attend a Christian church but they must adopt and obey the principles and precepts of the Christian faith if they want to be wise and happy. The degree to which a people have applied God’s Word to all of life, is the degree to which that people has been free and prosperous.

French political philosopher, Alexis de Tocqueville, observed: “In America, religion [Christianity] is the road to knowledge, and the observance of the divine laws leads men to civil freedom.”¹² Observing God’s laws, that

is, following His blueprint, produces liberty — personal, religious, civil, economic, and political liberty.

Possibly the most often repeated message in the Bible is that if we obey God's Word we will be blessed, but if we disobey His commands we will have problems. Fundamentally, we have only two options for us personally and the nation as a whole: 1) Look to God as the source of truth (and law) and how to live our lives and build our nation, obey what He commanded, and it will be well. 2) Look to ourselves (to man), or the state, as the source law and how to live, and walk accordingly; the result is that man will go backward. We can either follow God's blueprint or man's blueprint, and receive the corresponding fruit.

God's blueprint is available to all nations. Building according to His pattern has brought great blessing and freedom in the past and will continue to do so in the future. However, we must use all of the blueprint if we desire the best results. Building only part of the structure will leave injustice in many spheres.

Justice and liberty come as people adopt and obey the principles of Christianity in every area of life.

To advance liberty, justice, and prosperity in any nation, we must follow the template or blueprint that God used when He directed the building of a nation. However, we also must remember that **God's presence** is needed in a people if they are to be transformed. **We need to infuse His presence and His law in the life of the nations.** Only then will a nation experience equal justice under law. *SP*

End Notes

1. The code of Hammurabi was harsh; for example, it required death for stealing in some cases: "If any one steal cattle or sheep, or an ass, or a pig or a goat, if it belong to a god or to the court, the thief shall pay thirtyfold; if they belonged to a freed man of the king he shall pay tenfold; if the thief has nothing with which to pay he shall be put to death." "If anyone commits a robbery and is caught, he shall be put to death." There are many other penalties like these that are not commensurate with the crime. Also, it did not provide liberty or justice for all. The code emanated from the king, who was the highest authority. The flow of power in this society was from the top down.

2. Seumas MacManus, *The Story of the Irish Race*, New York: The Devin-Adair Co., 1967, 126.

3. MacManus, 126.

4. *Ibid.*, p. 232.

5. Jedidiah Morse, Election Sermon given at Charleston, Mass., on April 25, 1799. The Providence Foundation has published many books and resources that explore how America was

founded upon Biblical principles and how this is the source of our great liberty and prosperity. See for example: *America's Providential History*, *America a Christian Nation*, *Building Godly Nations*, *Defending the Declaration*, *Contending for the Constitution*, and *The American Dream*.

6. As I write this Haiti has just experienced a devastating earthquake that has killed over two hundred thousand and exposed the great poverty of the people and utter failure of the existing government. Haiti is an example of a foolish man who built his house upon the sand. There are many Christians in Haiti, but they have not built their nation upon the blueprint of God's word — no Biblical government, no liberty, no Biblical economy, little self-government, no Biblical education, etc. Under the anti-christian worldview that has governed the nation, the creativity of individual man was suppressed and poverty was prevalent. They had no vision for building safe buildings, and no money to do so (since their economy was not built upon Biblical ideas). Thus, an earthquake brought great destruction to poorly constructed homes and buildings. After we give aid and comfort to the Haitian people, we must give them truth if we truly love them, for without this, the future "house" or nation they build will be no better than what they have had.

7. See Stephen McDowell and Mark Beliles, *Liberating the Nations*, pp. 89-92, and Stephen McDowell, *Building Godly Nations*, pp. 41 ff.

8. In the mid-1800s, Joseph Lister did experiments showing that germs travel on dust in the air. God of course knew this, which is reflected in the Mosaic laws given to man thousands of years earlier. See Stephen McDowell, *Foundations of Biblical Economics, Business, and the Marketplace*, a Biblical Worldview University Course.

9. See *Building Godly Nations*, Chapter 12.

10. William Ralston Balch, *The Life of James Abram Garfield*, Philadelphia: J.C. McCurdy & Co., 1881, p. 84.

11. Benjamin Rush, *Essays, Literary, Moral and Philosophical*, Philadelphia: printed by Thomas and William Bradford, 1806, p. 93.

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Resources

For further understanding of how to build nations using God's Word as a blueprint, see the following Providence Foundation resources:

1. *Liberating the Nations* by Stephen McDowell and Mark Beliles
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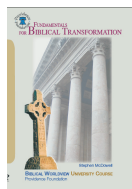
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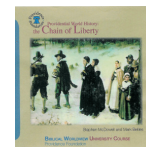


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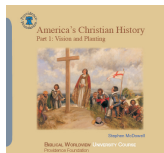
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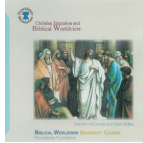
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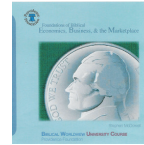


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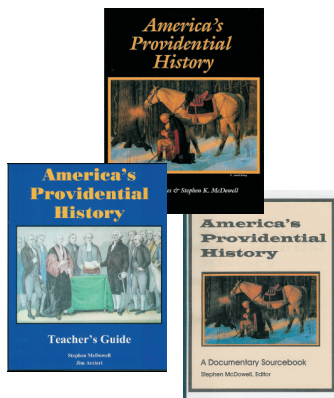
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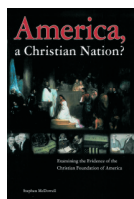
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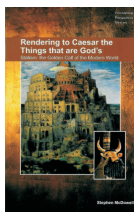
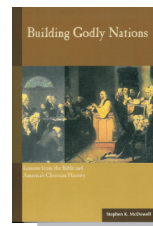
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