

FOUNDATION OF THE GOSPEL

AGENCY IS MORE TO BE TREASURED THAN LIFE ITSELF

The great struggle which now rocks the whole earth more and more takes on the character of a struggle of the individual versus the state. This gigantic world-wide struggle takes on the form of a war to the death. We shall do well and wisely so to face and so to enter it. And we must all take part. Indeed, we all are taking part in that struggle, whether we will or not. Upon its final issue, liberty lives or dies. The plain and simple issue now facing us in America is freedom or slavery. We have largely lost the conflict so far waged. But there is time to win the final victory, if we sense our danger, and FIGHT!

Pres. J. Reuben Clark - Vital Speeches 1938 & Church News 1949
also Ezra Taft Benson CR Apr 65

If we do our duty we can be preserved, and if not, then we shall be destroyed. This means that a good deal of the responsibility lies with the Priesthood of this Church as to what happens to America, and as to how much tragedy can be avoided if we do act now. The Prophet Joseph Smith declared it will be the elders of Israel who will step forward to help save the Constitution, not the Church. Brethren, if we had done our homework and were faithful, we could step forward at this time and help save this country.

Ezra Taft Benson - CR Apr 65

The devil knows that if the elders of Israel should ever wake up, they could step forth and help preserve freedom and extend the gospel. Therefore, the devil has concentrated, and to a large extent successfully, in NEUTRAUZING much of the priesthood. He has reduced them to sleeping giants.

(CR Apr 65)

It is the devil's desire that the Lord's priesthood stay asleep while the strings of tyranny gradually and quietly entangle us until, like Gulliver, we awake too late and find that while we could have broken each string separately as it was put upon us, our sleepiness permitted enough strings to bind us--to make a rope that enslaves us.

Ezra Taft Benson - Oct 66 BYU

The fight for freedom is God's fight. Freedom is a law of God, a permanent law. Men cannot break it with impunity. They can only break themselves upon it. When a man stands for freedom, he stands for God. As long as he stands for freedom, he stands with God. And were he to stand alone, he would still stand with God. Any man will be eternally vindicated and rewarded for his stand for freedom. The Lord has so endowed this matter of freedom with such everlasting repercussions that it sifted the spirits of men before this world in the Great War in heaven. and it seems today to be THE CENTRAL ISSUE that is sifting those who are left in the world. Life's failures arise when men neither take the time nor find the season to perform their eternal duties.

Ezra Taft Benson - An Enemy Hath Done This Pg. 54-55

He who fears criticism is hopeless. Only those who do things are criticized. To hesitate for fear of criticism is cowardly. To be ashamed of patriotism is to be ashamed of God. There is NO EXCUSE that can compensate for the loss of liberty.

Ezra Taft Benson - An Enemy Hath Done This – Preface

The function of government is to protect life, liberty, and property, and anything more or less than this is usurpation and oppression.

Ezra Taft Benson - CR Apr 68

If American freedom is lost--if America is destroyed--it will be because of Americans. What is more, it will probably not be only the work of subversive and criminal Americans.

Ezra Taft Benson - CR Apr 68

If we will not be governed by God, we will be governed by tyrants.

Ezra Taft Benson quoting William Penn - An Enemy pg. 118

I have been preaching against Communism for twenty years. I still warn you against it, and I tell you that we are drifting toward it more rapidly than some of us understand, and I tell you that when Communism comes, the ownership of the things which are necessary to feed your families is going to be taken away from us. I tell you freedom of speech will go, freedom of the press will go, and freedom of religion will go. I have warned you against propaganda and hate. We are in the midst of the greatest exhibition of propaganda that the world has ever seen. Just do not believe all you read or hear. **THE ELECT ARE BEING DECEIVED.**

Pres. J. Reuben Clark - CR Oct 41

There was a time when the American people roared like lions for liberty, now we bleat like sheep for security. (Norman Vincent Peale) In this land, we have exalted security, comfort, and ease above freedom--in the end, we shall lose them all.

Ezra Taft Benson - CR Apr 68 & Oct 66 BYU

Freedom is easily replaced by benevolent social programs designed to take care of everyone.

Ezra Taft Benson

Besides the preaching of the gospel, we have another mission--that is the perpetuation of the free agency, liberty, freedom and rights of man.

Pres. John Taylor - JD 23:63

NO GREATER IMMEDIATE responsibility rests upon members of the Church, than to protect the freedom vouchsafed by the Constitution of the United States.

Pres. David O. McKay - CR Apr 50

The longer we wait, the heavier the chains, the deeper the blood, the more the persecution, and the less we can carry out our God-given mandate and worldwide mission. The war fought in heaven still RAGES on earth today.

Ezra Taft Benson - CR Apr 65

In God's name, let us speak while there is time. Now, when the padlocks for our lips are forging--Silence is a crime.

J. Greenleaf Whittier quoted by Ezra Taft Benson - CR Apr 68

We must determine NOW to be enslaved or free. If we make freedom our choice, we must obtain it by united and vigorous efforts.

George Washington quoted by Ezra Taft Benson

I say to you with all the fervor of my soul, that we have sown the seeds of our own destruction in America. It is my sober warning to you, that if the trends of the last 50 years continue, we WILL lose that which is more priceless than life itself. It can happen here, IT IS HAPPENING HERE.

Ezra Taft Benson - An Enemy Hath Done This pg. 90

No people can maintain freedom, unless their political institutions are founded on faith in God and belief in the existence of moral laws. God has endowed all people with inalienable rights, and no government may morally limit or destroy these rights.

Pres. Ezra Taft Benson - This Nation Shall Endure pg. 68-69

To me the Constitution is divine. It embodies eternal principles. If we believe that our rights were given us by God, and man created governments to maintain those rights, it follows that men are superior to governments and should remain master over them, NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND!

Ezra Taft Benson - Four Pillars of a Moral Nation

Though the people support the Government, the government should not support the people.

Grover Cleveland quoted by Ezra Taft Benson - An Enemy pg. 135

Our struggle is freedom vs. socialism. The amount of freedom depends on the amount of socialism. America was built on the principles of self-reliance, individual action, voluntary charity, faith in God, and in themselves. Today these principles are not dominant in the lives of the people. Too many Americans believe it is the responsibility of the government to take care of their every need. The government cannot give anything to the people, that it does not first take from the people. .

Ezra Taft Benson - Four Pillars of a Moral Nation

And that law of the land WHICH IS CONSTITUTIONAL, supporting that principle of freedom in maintaining rights and privileges, belongs to all mankind, and is justifiable before me. Therefore, I, the Lord, justify you, and your brethren of my church, in befriending that law which is the constitutional law of the land; and as pertaining to law of man, whatsoever is more or less than this COMETH OF EVIL.

D & C 98:5-7

It is the duty of freedom loving people to oppose and resist this evil with all the strength God has given us. If we do not, we stand to lose all we and our forefathers have gained through the centuries.

First· Presidency Home Teaching Message

Today, freedom-political, economic, and individual freedom - lies destroyed or is in the course of being destroyed over great areas of the globe. And it has been destroyed and is being destroyed in the name of freedom...a ruthless dialectical battle is being waged against individual freedom, and it is being waged in the name of Freedom. Black becomes White; Tyranny becomes Freedom; The Forced Labor Camp stands for Liberty; The Slave State is represented as Democracy. This is the deadly challenge of Communism (socialism).

Pres. David O. McKay - CR Oct 62

By a careful perusal of the scriptures, we find that God in ancient days had as much to do with governments, kings, and kingdoms, as he ever had to do with religion.

Pres. John Taylor - Millennial Star. 5:8-9

The aim of the Communist party has not been abandoned. It has been renewed with more intense vigor than at any time in history. These Satanic forces are working to destroy all Christian principles. We must embark upon a campaign to war against these insidious efforts. Communism takes out of life everything that is sweet, noble, and edifying. This is because it is an ENEMY TO ALL RIGHTEOUSNESS. It despises and hates God and his Son Jesus Christ. (Socialism is no different than Communism)

Ward Teaching Lesson - Improvement Era June 61

We should, in the tradition of the Founding Fathers, learn the principles of the Constitution and abide by its precepts. We encourage Latter-day Saints throughout the nation to familiarize themselves with the Constitution. They should focus attention on it by reading it and studying it. They should recommit themselves to its principles and be prepared to defend it and the freedom it provides. Citizens of this nation are free to participate in efforts designed to WARN of the THREAT of any force or power, theory or principle, that would deprive them of their freedom or the individual liberties vouchsafed by the Constitution. Because some Americans have not kept faith with our Founding Fathers, the Constitution faces severe challenges. Those who do not prize individual freedom are trying to erode its great principles. We, as Latter-Day Saints MUST BE VIGILANT in doing our part to preserve the Constitution and safeguard the way of life it makes possible. Learn more about this divinely inspired charter of our liberty, speak in its defense, and preserve and protect it against evil or DESTRUCTION. We encourage your participation and involvement in this worthy endeavor.

First Presidency Message (to be read in sacrament meeting) - Jan. 87

In this great struggle for free agency, think what a power for good we could be in this world if we were united. God will hold us responsible. Let us not be deceived in the sifting days ahead. Let us rally together on principle behind the prophet as guided by the promptings of the Spirit. We should continue to speak out for freedom and against SOCIALISM and communism. We should continue to come to the aid of patriots, programs, and organizations that are trying to save our Constitution through every legal and moral means possible. God has not left us in darkness regarding these matters. We have the scriptures ancient and modern. We have a living prophet, and we may obtain the Spirit. The time is fast approaching when it will require great courage for Latter Day Saints to stand up for their peculiar standards and doctrine--ALL their doctrine, including the more WEIGHTY PRINCIPLES such as the principle of FREEDOM. Opposition to this weighty principle of freedom caused many of our brothers and sisters in the pre-existence to lose their first estate in the War in Heaven.

Ezra Taft Benson - CR Oct 63

I say unto you with all the soberness I can, that we stand in danger of losing our liberties, and that once lost, only blood will bring them back; and we of this church will, in order to keep the Church going forward, have more sacrifices to make, and more persecutions to endure than we have yet known. If the conspiracy comes here it will probably come in its full vigor and there will be a lot of vacant places among those who guide and direct, not only this government, but also this Church of ours.

Pres. J. Rueben Oark - CR Apr 44 & 52 & ETB - Cr Apr 72

The scriptures make clear that there was a great war in heaven, a struggle over the principle of freedom, the right of choice. Prophets of God, as watchmen on towers, have proclaimed liberty. Holy men of God have LED THE FIGHT against anarchy and tyranny. Why have prophets of God been commanded to proclaim liberty and lead the battle to preserve freedom? Because FREEDOM IS BASIC to the great plan of the Lord. "I do not know that there was ever a time in the history of mankind when the Evil One seemed so determined to take from man his freedom. Pernicious efforts and sinister schemes are cunningly and stealthily being fostered to deprive man of his individual freedom and have him revert to the life of the jungle." (Pres. David O McKay - CR Oct 65)

Ezra Taft Benson - CR Oct 66

In distinguishing communism (socialism) from the United Order, Pres. David O. McKay said that communism is Satan's counterfeit for the gospel plan, and that it is an avowed enemy of God. Communism is the greatest anti Christ power in the world today and therefore the greatest menace not only to our peace but to our preservation as a free people. To the extent to which we tolerate it, accommodate ourselves to it, permit ourselves to be encircled by its tentacles and drawn to it, to that extent we forfeit the protection of the God of this land.

Pres. Marion G. Romney - Ensign Sept 79

On the flyleaf of the book, *The Naked Communist*, by W. Cleon Skousen, we find this quotation, (and I admonish everybody to read that excellent book): "The conflict between communism and freedom is the problem of our time. It overshadows ALL OTHER PROBLEMS."

Pres. David O. McKay - CR Oct 59

We are placed on this earth to work, to live. It is our duty to STRIVE to make a success of what we possess. It is the Government's duty to see that you are PROTECTED in these efforts, and no man has the right to deprive you of any of your privileges. It is not the Government's duty to support you. That is one reason why I shall raise my voice as long as God gives me ability, against this idea that the Government will take care of us all, and everything belongs to the Government. IT IS WRONG! No wonder, in trying to perpetuate that idea, they become anti-Christ, because that doctrine strikes directly against the doctrine of the Savior. No government owes you a living. You get it yourself by your own acts! - never by trespassing upon the rights of a neighbor.

Pres. David O. McKay - Statements on Communism and the Constitution

Satan is making war against all the wisdom that has come to men through their ages of experience. He is seeking to overturn and destroy the very foundations upon which society, government, and religion rest. He aims to have men adopt theories and practices which he induced their forefathers, over the ages, to adopt and try, only to be discarded by them when found unsound, impractical, and ruinous. He plans to destroy liberty and freedom - economic, political, and religious - and set up in place thereof the greatest, most widespread, and most complete tyranny that has ever oppressed men. He is working under such perfect disguise that many do not recognize either him or his methods. There is no crime he would not commit, no debauchery he would not set up, no plague he would not send, no head he would not break, no life he would not take, no soul he would not destroy. He comes as a thief in the night; he is a wolf in sheep's clothing. Without their knowing it, the people are being urged down paths that lead only to destruction. Satan never before had so firm a grip on this generation as he has now.

Pres. David O. McKay - Statements on Communism and the Constitution

Today, we are in danger of actually surrendering our personal and property rights. This development, if it does occur in full form, will be a sad tragedy for our people. We must recognize that property rights are essential to human liberty.

Pres. David O. McKay - CR Oct 62

The Supreme Court of the United States has made it unpatriotic for public schools to teach your children to pray. By making that unconstitutional, the Supreme Court severs the connecting cord between the public schools of the United States and the SOURCE of divine INTELLIGENCE, the Creator himself. Evidently the Supreme Court misinterprets the true meaning of the First Amendment, and are now leading this Christian nation down the road to atheism.

Pres. David O. McKay - RS Magazine Dec 62 & Church News June 22, 1963

Since Communism (socialism), established, would destroy our American Constitutional government, to support Communism is TREASONABLE to our free institutions, and no patriotic American citizen may become either a Communist or supporter of Communism (socialism).

Pres. David O. McKay· Statements on Communism and the Constitution
When the wicked rule, the people mourn. D & C 98:9

During the twentieth century we have traveled far into the soul-destroying land of socialism and made STRANGE alliances through which we have become involved in almost continuous hot and cold wars over the whole of the earth. In this retreat from freedom, the voices of protesting citizens have been drowned by raucous shouts of intolerance and abuse from those who LED the retreat and their millions of gullible youth, who are marching merrily to their doom, carrying banners on which are emblazoned such intriguing and misapplied labels as "social justice, equality, reform, patriotism, social welfare." (and pro-choice?)

Pres. David O. McKay - Gospel Ideals pg. 273 & ETB FEB 66 Assem. Hall

We must ever keep in mind that collectivized socialism is part of the communistic strategy. Communism is fundamentally socialism. When socialism is understood, we will realize that many of the programs advocated, and some of those already adopted in the U.S., fall clearly within the category of socialism. What is socialism? It is simply governmental ownership or MANAGEMENT of the essential means for the production and distribution of goods (or services). The socialistic-communist conspiracy to weaken the U.S. involves attacks on many fronts. Their press and other propaganda media are therefore constantly selling the principles of CENTRALIZED or FEDERAL CONTROL of farms, railroads, electric power, SCHOOLS, steel, shipping (medicine?) and many other aspects of the economy-but always in the name of public welfare.

What can priesthood holders do? We should become informed about communism, socialism and about Americanism. What better way can one become informed than by first STUDYING THE INSPIRED WORDS of the prophets and USING THEM as a foundation against which to test all other material? We should know why collectivism or unnecessary federal supervision will hold our standard of living down and reduce productivity. We should know why the communist leaders consider socialism the high road to communism. We should treat socialistic-communism as the tool of Satan. We should follow the counsel of the President of the Church and resist the influence and policies of the conspiracy wherever they are found-in the schools, in the churches, in

government, in unions, in businesses, in agriculture. We should help those who have been deceived or who are misinformed to find the truth. Unless each person who knows the truth will stand up and speak up, it is difficult for the deceived or confused citizen to find his way back. Thousands of patriotic Americans, including Latter-Day Saints, have helped the communists without realizing it. Each priesthood holder should use his influence in the community to resist the erosion which is taking place in our political and economic life. He should see that his party is working to preserve freedom, not destroy it. He should JOIN RESPONSIBLE LOCAL GROUPS interested in promoting FREEDOM and free competitive enterprise, in STUDYING political issues, promoting good men in public office and scrutinizing local, state, and federal agencies. HE SHOULD NOT WAIT FOR THE LORD'S SERVANTS TO GIVE INSTRUCTION FOR EVERY DETAIL. In doing these things, a member of the Church is not only making himself an opponent of the adversary, but a proponent of the Lord. May God give us the wisdom to recognize the threat to our freedom and strength to meet this danger courageously.

Pres. Ezra Taft Benson - CR Oct 61

Now I tell you it is time the people of the United States were waking up with the understanding that if they don't save the Constitution from the dangers that threaten it, we will have a change of government.

Pres. Joseph Fielding Smith . CR Apr

SO Is there anyone so naive as to think that things will right themselves without a fight? There has been no more fight in us than there is in a bunch of SHEEP, and we have been much like sheep. Freedom was never brought to people on a silver platter, nor maintained with whisk brooms and lavender sprays. And do not think that these usurpations, intimidations, and impositions are being done to us through inadvertence or mistake; THE WHOLE COURSE IS DELIBERATELY PLANNED AND CARRIED OUT; its purpose is to destroy the Constitution and our constitutional government; then to bring chaos, out of which the new Statism with its slavery, is to arise, with a cruel, relentless, selfish, ambitious crew in the saddle, riding hard with whip and spur, a red-shrouded band of night riders for despotism. If we do not VIGOROUSLY FIGHT for our liberties, we shall go clear through to the end of the road and become another Russia, OR WORSE.

Pres. J. Rueben Oark - Church News PPNS pg. 327

We AGAIN warn our people in America of the constantly increasing threat against our inspired Constitution and our free institutions set up under it....the same political tenets and philosophies that have brought war and terror in other parts of the world are at work amongst us in America. The proponents thereof are seeking to undermine our own form of government and to set up instead one of the forms of dictatorships now flourishing in other lands. These revolutionists are using a technique that is as old as the human race,--- a fervid but false solicitude for the unfortunate over whom they thus gain mastery, and then enslave them.

The First Presidency - CR Apr 42

WE DON'T BELIEVE IN GOVERNMENT WELFARE SYSTEMS! We teach our people to be thrifty, so that if they get into financial trouble they can look to their family, then to the church, but NEVER to the government.

Pres. Spencer W. Kimball - Aug 7 1976 Deseret News

We cannot, WE MUST NOT, be insensible to the evil forces around us, and especially the communistic conspiracy, the avowed object of which is to destroy faith in God, to sow discord and contention among men with the view of undermining, weakening, if not entirely destroying, our constitutional form of government, and to weaken and subvert the ideals of our younger generation.

Pres David O. McKay - CR Oct 68

I come with another theme this morning--Two Contending Forces. Those forces are known and have been designated by different terms throughout the ages! In the beginning they were known as Satan on the one hand, and Christ on the other. In Joshua's time they were called "gods of the Amorites" for one, and "the Lord" on the other. In these days, they are called "domination by the state" on one hand, and free agency on the other. Khrushchev, according to the Salt Lake Tribune, said, "If anyone believes that our smiles involve abandonment of the teachings of Marx, Engels, and Lenin, he deceives himself poorly. Those who wait for that must wait until a shrimp learns to whistle." That was in 1959!

He spoke about a common goal. That communist goal means something different from what you and I have in mind when we speak about the millennium or a universal peace. When you speak of peace, the Communists mean the cessation of all opposition to Communism. Once this is understood, the utter falsity and hypocrisy of Communist reference to peace becomes at once obvious.

I have mentioned these things simply to emphasize one dominant force which has as its ultimate achievement and victory---the destruction of capitalism, the destruction of the free agency of man which God has given him, and that destruction may be brought about--as advocated by Marx himself--in a brutal way.

Pres. David O McKay - May 18, 1960 BYU

There are still those in our land to whom freedom means nothing. There are influences and movements and groups and organizations within the borders of the U.S. which today, if they could, would rob us all of our free agency.

Elder Mark E. Petersen - CR Apr 46

It is the right and OBLIGATION of every citizen, and therefore every member of the Church, to be alert and to be informed about social, educational, communistic, and other political influences that would tend to undermine our free society. But it would defeat its own purposes if it were done in a manner that would toward division in our own membership. It must never be forgotten that converts to the Church come from all nations, representing diverse views on controversial issues. Ours must be the responsibility to teach our members from all nations the TRUE doctrines of Christ with such power that they be fortified against all FALSE ideas, regardless of the label under which they may be presented.

The Melchizedek Priesthood course of study for the coming year will include in the lesson material such subjects as liberty and freedom, religion and the state, the dangers of Communism, and other subjects considered of VITAL IMPORTANCE in the study of the profound truths of the gospel.

The study of these lessons will enable the brethren of the Priesthood to become better acquainted with forces that are opposed to righteousness, as well as with the Lord's plan of salvation for all His children.

Pres. David O. McKay - CR Apr 69

I think it is time we should all awaken! Our concern isn't about the flames of freedom which burn so brightly in our generation. The concern is that in the upcoming generation, the fire has never been

kindled. Our youth have never known anything but criticism of the United States of America. We need some faithful, freedom-loving patriots who will issue forth a clear, LOUD trumpet call.... Freedom ought to ring in the heart of EVERY Latter-day Saint REGARDLESS of his country.

Elder Vaughn J. Featherstone - CR Oct 75

If America is destroyed, it may be by Americans who salute the flag, sing the national anthem, march in patriotic parades, cheer Fourth of July speakers---normally good Americans, but Americans who FAIL TO COMPREHEND what is required to keep our country strong and free--Americans who have been lulled away into a false security.

Ezra Taft Benson· CR Apr 68

I think it is time for every patriotic American to join with neighbors to study the Constitution and THE CONSPIRACY! Subscribe to several good patriotic magazines.

Ezra Taft Benson - Title of Liberty pg. 40

There are those, our Heavenly Father, both within and without our borders, who would destroy the constitutional form of government which thou hast so magnanimously given us, and would replace it with a form that would curtail, if not altogether deprive, man of his free agency. We pray thee, therefore, that in all these matters thou wilt help us to conform our lives to thy desires, and that thou wilt sustain us in our resolve to do so. We pray thee that thou wilt INSPIRE good and just men everywhere to be willing to sacrifice for, support, and uphold the Constitution and the government set up under it and thereby preserve for man his agency. We thank thee that thou hast revealed to us that those who gave us our constitutional form of government were wise men in thy sight and that thou didst raise them up for the very purpose of putting forth that sacred document, (The Constitution) to FULFILL the ancient prophecy of Isaiah and Micah that "out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

Pres. George Albert Smith -Dedicatory Prayer at Idaho Falls Temple-Sept 45

You cannot fully live the gospel without working to save freedom and the Constitution, and to stop Communism.

Ezra Taft Benson . CR Oct 66

Fortunately we have materials to help us fight these threatening dangers in the writings of Pres. David O. McKay and other Church leaders (like our current prophet Ezra Taft Benson). Some other fine sources by LDS authors attempting to awaken and inform us of our DUTY are: Prophets, Principles, and National Survival (Jerre-- Newquist), Many are Called but Few are Chosen (Elder Verlan Andersen) and The Elders of Israel and the Constitution (Jerome Horowitz). **But the greatest handbook for freedom in this fight against evil is the Book of Mormon.**

Now undoubtedly Moroni could have pointed out many factors that led to the destruction of the people, but notice how he singled out the secret combinations, just as the Church today could point out many threats to peace, prosperity, and the spread of God's work, but IT HAS SINGLED OUT the greatest threat as the godless CONSPIRACY. There is no Conspiracy theory in the Book of Mormon--it is a CONSPIRACY FACT!

Pres. Ezra Taft Benson . CR Apr 72

Are you concerned about the increasing subversion in this blessed country, and other countries of the free world and the spread of wickedness by a GIANT CONSPIRACY? Would you be interested in

reading the Book of Mormon, which records the downfall of two great ancient American civilizations as a result of internal secret CONSPIRACIES and contains a warning to us today that when we see these conditions in our midst, the Lord commands us to awake to our awful situation? **With the increasing amount of aid and trade that we are providing the enemy of freedom** you might be interested to know what the Book of Mormon says will happen to a nation that upholds this CONSPIRACY. Would you like to know of the warnings of the prophets about our increasing descent down the soul-destroying road of socialism and what they have told us to do about it?

Pres. Ezra Taft Benson - CR Oct 72

We had better take our small pain now than our greater loss later. There were souls who wished afterwards that they had stood and fought with Washington and the founding fathers, but they waited too long-THEY PASSED UP ETERNAL GLORY. There has never been a greater time than NOW to stand up against entrenched evil. And while the gentiles established the Constitution, WE HAVE A DIVINE MANDATE TO PRESERVE IT But, unfortunately, today in this freedom struggle, many gentiles are showing greater wisdom in their generation than the children of light.

Pres. Ezra Taft Benson - CR Apr 65

When the people shall have torn to shreds the Constitution of the United States, the elders of Israel will be found holding it up to the nations of the earth and proclaiming liberty.

Pres. John Taylor - JD 21:8

If Americans should ever come to believe that their rights and freedoms are instituted among men by politicians and bureaucrats, they will no longer carry the proud inheritance of their forefathers, but will grovel before their masters seeking favors and dispensations--a throwback to the feudal system of the Dark Ages.

Pres. Ezra Taft Benson· Teachings of pg. 609

Let the Constitution be taught in schools, IN SEMINARIES, and in colleges, let it be written in primers, in spelling books, and in almanacs, let it be preached FROM THE PULPIT, proclaimed in legislative halls, and enforced in courts of justice. And, in short, let it become the political religion of the nation. Pres. Ezra Taft Benson quoting Lincoln· Constitution, A Heavenly Banner Brethren of the priesthood, if we will be united and let our light shine, and not hide our light under a bushel, and let our priesthood callings be an eternal revolution against the norms of society or against any proposals that fall below the standards as set forth in the gospel or as laid down by the Constitution of the United States written by inspired men, then we will be a force in the world that will be "THE MARVELOUS WORK AND WONDER" which the Lord said the KINGDOM OF GOD was to be.

Pres. Harold B. Lee - Oct 70

The only way we can keep our freedom is to work at it. NOT SOME OF US. ALL OF US. Not some of the time, but ALL OF THE TIME. So if you value your citizenship and you want to keep it for yourself and your children and their children, give it your faith, your belief, and give it your ACTIVE support.

Pres. Spencer W. Kimball - Teachings of pg. 405

We encourage ALL members, as citizens of the nation, to be actively involved in the political process, and to support those measures which will strengthen the community, state, and nation - morally, economically, and culturally.

Pres. Spencer W. Kimball· A letter from the First Presidency, 29 Jun 79

Having an opportunity of speaking to General Wilson, I inquired of him why I was thus treated. I told him I was not aware of having done anything worthy of such treatment; that I had always been a supporter of the Constitution and of democracy. His answer was, "I know it, and that is the reason why I want to kill you, or have you killed."

Prophet Joseph Smith - History of the Church 3:191

The foreign saints shall come to fight for the land of my vineyard, for in this thing shall be their safety and they will have no power to choose, but will come as a man fleeth from a sudden destruction. I know these things by the visions of the Almighty.

Prophet Joseph Smith - Collection 19 July 1840

I heard the prophet Joseph Smith say the time would come when this nation would so far depart from its original purity, its glory, and its love for freedom and its protection of civil rights and religious rights, that the Constitution of our country would hang as it were by a thread. He said, also, that this people, the sons of Zion, would rise up and save the Constitution and bear it off triumphantly.

Eliza R. Snow pg. 556

An ounce of energy in the preservation of freedom is worth a ton of effort to get it back once it is lost. Today you cannot effectively fight for freedom and not be attacked, and those who think they can are deceiving themselves. While I do not believe in stepping out of the path of duty to pick up a cross I do not need, a man is A COWARD who refuses to pick up a cross that clearly lies within his path. A man must not only stand for the right principles, but he must also FIGHT FOR THEM. Those who fight for principle can be proud of the friends they've gained AND THE ENEMIES THEY'VE EARNED. We face days ahead that will test the moral and physical sinews of all of us. Those who hesitate to get into this fight because it is controversial fail to realize that life's decisions should be based on principles, not on POLLS. The basic purpose of life is to prove ourselves, not to be with the majority when it is wrong. In due time, when each of us has had a chance to prove himself, INCLUDING WHETHER OF NOT WE ARE GOING TO STAND UP FOR FREEDOM, God will interject himself, and the final and eternal victory shall be for free agency. And then shall those WEAK-WILLED SOULS ON THE SIDELINES and those who took the popular course lament their decisions. (ANYONE) WHO RETREATS FROM THIS BATTLE JEOPARDIZES HIS LIFE HERE AND HEREAFTER. Seldom has so much responsibility hung on so few, so heavily; but our numbers are increasing, and WE WHO HAVE BEEN WARNED HAVE A RESPONSIBIUTY TO WARN OUR NEIGHBOR. THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM CANNOT BE DIVORCED FROM THE GOSPEL.

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