

FOUNDATION OF THE GOSPEL

THE PRICE OF LIBERTY IS ETERNAL VIGILANCE

The Constitution of the United States is the basic law for all of the Americas, of ZION, as it has been defined by the Lord. So Brethren, I wish you to understand that when we begin to tamper with the Constitution we begin to tamper with the law of Zion which God Himself set up, and no one may trifle with the work of God with impunity.

Pres. J. Reuben Clark - CR Oct 42

We wrestle against the rulers of DARKNESS, against spiritual wickedness IN HIGH PLACES.

Ephesians 6:12

The Prophet Joseph Smith SAW the part the elders of Israel would play in this constitutional crisis. Will there be SOME OF US who won't care about saving the constitution, others who will be blinded by the craftiness of men, and some who will KNOWINGLY BE WORKING TO DESTROY IT? He who has ears to hear and eyes to see can discern by the spirit and through the words of God's mouthpiece that OUR LIBERTIES ARE BEING TAKEN! THE ENEMY IS AMONGST AND UPON US! ZION MUST AWAKE AND AROUSE HERSELF! We, the elders of Israel, can be and should be the leaven in the loaf of freedom.

Pres. Ezra Taft Benson - CR Apr 63

What can we do to preserve our constitution and how can we avoid being misled into doing those things that would actually help to destroy it? There are three keys one could use to avoid deception: First, the scriptures; second, the words of the prophets, especially the President of the Church PARTICULARLY THE LIVING ONE; and third, THE HOLY GHOST.

Pres. Ezra Taft Benson - Teachings of pg. 616

Part of the reason we may not have sufficient priesthood bearers to save the constitution, let alone to shake the powers of hell, is because unlike Moroni, I fear, our souls do not joy in keeping our country free, and we are not firm in the faith of Christ, nor have we SWORN WITH AN OATH TO DEFEND OUR RIGHTS AND LIBERTY OF OUR COUNTRY.

Pres. Ezra Taft Benson - CR Oct 66

For years we have heard of the role the elders could play in saving the constitution from TOTAL DESTRUCTION. But how can the elders be expected to save it if they have not studied it and are not sure if it is being destroyed or WHAT IS DESTROYING IT?

Pres. Ezra Taft Benson - Teachings of pg. 619

I have talked face-to-face with the godless communist leaders. As we talked face-to-face, Mr. Khrushchev indicated that my grandchildren would live under communism! He arrogantly declared in substance: "You Americans are so gullible. No, you won't accept communism outright, but we'll keep feeding you small doses of socialism until you'll finally wake up and find YOU ALREADY HAVE COMMUNISM. We won't have to fight you. We'll so weaken your economy until you'll fall like over-ripe fruit into our hands!" They are ahead of schedule in their DEVILISH SCHEME.

I stood in Czechoslovakia in 1946 and witnessed the ebbing away of freedom resulting in the total loss of liberty. I visited among the liberty-loving Polish people and talked with their leaders as the insidious freedom destroying CONSPIRACY moved in, imposing the chains of bondage on a Christian nation. In both of these freedom loving nations were members of the Church, striving to live the gospel. But did they stop the communists? Although their numbers were relatively few, THE DANGER TO FREEDOM SEEMED TO BE FAR AWAY. Now there are, no doubt, Mormons in communist slave-labor camps!

Here in America, we of the priesthood, might well provide the balance of power to SAVE OUR FREEDOM. We might, if we go forward as General Moroni of old, and raise the standard of liberty throughout the land. My brethren, we CAN do the job that MUST BE DONE. We can, as a priesthood, provide the balance of power to preserve our freedom and SAVE THIS NATION FROM BONDAGE.

NOW IS THE TIME to move forward courageously--to become alerted, informed, and active. WE ARE NOT JUST ORDINARY MEN. We bear the priesthood and authority of God. We understand the world and God's divine purpose as no other men.

The gospel can prosper only in an atmosphere of freedom. And now, in this CRITICAL PERIOD when many pulpits are being turned into pipelines of collectivist propaganda--preaching the SOCIAL GOSPEL and denying basic principles of salvation (like freedom) --is the time for action. We know, as do no other people, that the Constitution is inspired. WE CANNOT--WE MUST NOT--SHIRK OUR SACRED RESPONSIBILITY TO RISE UP IN DEFENSE OF OUR GOD-GIVEN FREEDOM.

Pres. Ezra Taft Benson - Oct 66 BYU

We are rearing a generation which does not seem to understand the fundamentals of our American way of life, a generation which is no longer dedicated to its preservation. Our people, both before and after they arrive at the age of the ballot, should understand what it is that has made America great. We can only appreciate freedom if we understand the comparative fruits thereof. It is one thing to win freedom, but its preservation is equally important. If reference is made continually to weaknesses of the private enterprise system without any effort to point out its virtues and the comparative fruits of this and other systems, the tendency in this country will be, as it has been in other countries, to demand that the government take over more and more of the economic and social responsibilities and make more and more of the decisions for the people. This can result in but one thing, SLAVERY OF THE INDIVIDUAL TO THE STATE. That seems to be the trend of the world today.

Ezra Taft Benson - The Red Carpet pg. 219

We have to a great extent accommodated ourselves to Communism--and we have permitted ourselves to become encircled by its tentacles. Though we give lip service to the Monroe Doctrine, this has not prevented Cuba from becoming a Soviet military base, ninety miles off our coastline, nor has it prevented the takeover of Nicaragua in Central America, the surrender of the Panama Canal, or the INFILTRATION OF ENEMY AGENTS WITHIN OUR AMERICAN BORDERS.

NEVER before has the land of Zion appeared so vulnerable to so powerful an enemy as the Americas do at present. And our vulnerability is directly attributable to our loss of active faith in the God of this land, who has decreed that we must worship Him or be swept off. Too many Americans have lost sight of the truth that God is our source of freedom - the Lawgiver - and that personal righteousness is the most important essential to preserving our freedom. Unless we as citizens of this nation forsake our sins, political and otherwise, WE WILL LOSE OUR POLITICAL LIBERTIES, OUR FREE

INSTITUTIONS, AND WILL STAND IN JEOPARDY BEFORE GOD! Once freedom is lost, only blood - human blood - will win it back. There are some things we can AND MUST DO AT ONCE if we are to stave off a holocaust of destruction.

I have seen the Soviet Union, under its godless leaders, spread its ideology throughout the world. Every stratagem is used - TRADE, WAR, revolution, violence, hate, DETENTE, and IMMORALITY - to accomplish its purposes. Many nations are now under its oppressive control. Over one billion people - 1/4 of the population of the world - have now lost their freedom and are under Communist domination. We seem to forget that the great objective of Communism is still WORLD DOMINATION AND CONTROL, which means THE SURRENDER OF OUR FREEDOM - your freedom - our sovereignty.

FREEDOM AS WE KNOW IT TODAY IS BEING THREATENED AS NEVER BEFORE IN OUR HISTORY.

Pres. Ezra Taft Benson - CR Oct 79

The Lord's priesthood has a mission to perform for liberty-loving people everywhere. Our responsibility, as in Jonah's case, is to see to it that the people have a chance to choose decisively after they have been SHOWN CLEARLY the Lord's way and what the Lord expects of them.

Pres. Ezra Taft Benson - CR Oct 54

Yes, there is a conspiracy of evil. The source of it all is Satan and his hosts. He has a great power over men to "lead them captive at his will, even as many as would not hearken to the voice of the Lord." (Moses 4:4) His evil influence may be manifest THROUGH GOVERNMENTS; through FALSE EDUCATIONAL, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, RELIGIOUS, AND SOCIAL PHILOSOPHIES; through SECRET SOCIETIES and organizations; and through myriads of other forms. His power and influence are so great that, if possible, he would deceive the very elect. As THE SECOND COMING OF THE LORD APPROACHES, Satan's work will intensify through numerous INSIDIOUS DECEPTIONS.

Pres. Ezra Taft Benson - CR Apr 78

The Soviet Union has military superiority over the United States. Henceforth the United States will be threatened. It had better get used to it.

Marshal Nikolai V. Ogarkov, Chief of the Soviet General Staff 1979

To win we shall need the element of surprise. The bourgeois will have to be put to sleep. So we shall begin by launching the most spectacular peace movement on record. There will be electrifying overtures and unheard of- concessions. The capitalist countries, stupid and decadent, will rejoice to cooperate in their own destruction. They will jump at another chance to be friends. AS SOON AS THEIR GUARD IS DOWN, WE SHALL SMASH THEM WITH OUR CLENCHED FIST.

Dimitry Z. Manuilsky 1931

Communism is Satan's counterfeit for the Gospel plan, and it is an avowed enemy of the God of this land. 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. By 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

A lot of us take our rights for granted. We were born in a free country. WE THINK FREEDOM COULD NEVER END. But it could. It is ending today in many countries. WE COULD LOSE IT, TOO.
Pres. Spencer W. Kimball - Rotary Club SLC 8 June 76

Whenever the God of Heaven reveals His gospel to mankind, Satan, the archenemy to Christ, introduces a counterfeit. It is well to ask, what system established secret works of darkness to overthrow nations by violent revolution? Who blasphemously proclaimed the atheistic doctrine that God made us not? Satan works through human agents. We need only look to some of the ignoble characters in human history who were contemporary to the restoration of the gospel to discover fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy. (Isa.29:15-16) I refer to the infamous founders of Communism and others who FOLLOW in their tradition.

Communism introduced into the world a substitute for true religion. It is a counterfeit of the gospel plan. The false prophets of Communism predict a Utopian Society. This, they proclaim, will only be brought about as capitalism and free enterprise are overthrown, private property abolished, the family as a social unit eliminated, all classes abolished, all governments overthrown, and communal ownership of property in a classless, stateless society established.

Since 1917 this godless counterfeit to the gospel has made tremendous progress toward its objective of world domination. Today, we are in a battle for the bodies and souls of man. It is a battle between two opposing systems: freedom and slavery, Christ and anti-Christ. The struggle is more momentous than a decade ago, yet today the conventional wisdom says, "you must learn to live with Communism and to give up your ideas about national sovereignty." (New World Order?)

Pres. Ezra Taft Benson - CR Oct 79

We are grieved when we see or hear men and women, some of whom even profess membership in the Church, looking with favor upon the pernicious teachings of these groups especially Communism: These credulous, misguided persons claim to be advocates of peace, and accuse those who oppose them as advocates of war. They should remember that all of us should ever keep in mind that there are some eternal principles MORE PRECIOUS THAN PEACE, DEARER THAN LIFE ITSELF.

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

There are within the very borders of this great republic those who would change our form of government, and who would force upon us the same type of government that Lucifer advocated in the councils of heaven.

Elder Joseph L. Wirthlin - CR Oct 46

One of the saddest days in all of Utah's history was when the people, including the Latter-Day Saints, rejected the counsel and urging of the Lord's prophet, Heber J. Grant, and repealed Prohibition long years ago--yet many of those voters had sung numerous times, We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet.

Pres. Spencer W. Kimball - Teachings of pg.412

Government is not reason, it is not eloquence--it is force! Like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master!

George Washington quoted by Ezra Taft Benson - The Red Carpet pg. 142

I am not partly for the Constitution, and partly against it; I am wholly for it. I disdain the character of an uncommitted man. I am committed, fully committed to the Constitution. I am committed against everything which, in my judgment, may weaken, endanger, or destroy it, and especially against any attempt to rule the free people of this country by the power of the government itself.

Daniel Webster - see The Elders of Israel & the Const. pg. 199

(One who reads the Book of Mormon) will see people taxed from 50 percent, and then to totalness, to slavery, and to bondage. He will see power-greedy, paternalistic, centralized governments move toward the inevitable revolution which finally impoverishes but frees the people to begin again from ashes.

Pres. Spencer W. Kimball - CR Apr 63

The Mormon people who are citizens of America today are intensely loyal to its Constitution and desire IN EVERY WAY to promote the God-given freedoms it was designed to protect. They have had experience with the tragedy that results when those freedoms are not protected, but this only feeds their determination to DO ALL WITHIN THEIR POWER to protect these freedoms, both for themselves and others, EVERYWHERE.

Pres. Spencer W. Kimball - April 21, 1979

Please avoid, even by implication, involving the Church in political issues. It is so easy, if we are not careful, to project our personal preferences as the position of the Church on an issue.

Pres. Spencer W. Kimball - CR Apr 76

Whether from inadvertence, ignorance, or other causes, the efforts governments often make (ostensibly to help the family) sometimes only hurt the family more. There are those who would define the family in such a nontraditional way that they would define it out of existence. The more governments try in vain to take the place of the family, the less effective governments will be in performing the basic roles for which governments are formed (by the people) in the first place.

Pres. Spencer W. Kimball - CR Oct 80

It is a real travesty today when we hear the voices of the atheist, the godless, and THE ANTI-CHRIST who would deny us the right of public expression of our worship of the Master. First they moved against prayer in our public schools. They would remove any vestige of Christianity or worship of the Savior in our public gatherings, remove the "In God We Trust" from our nation's emblems and seals and from our national coins. The latest move of THESE ANTI-CHRISTS would prohibit our own children from singing Christmas carols in our public schools.

Pres. Spencer W. Kimball - San Diego 12/22/78

For as the Lord liveth, if a prophet come among you and declareth unto you the word of the Lord, which testifieth of your sins and iniquities, ye are angry with him and cast him out and seek all manner of ways to destroy him; yea, you will say that he is a false prophet, and that he is a sinner, and of the devil, because he testifieth that your deeds are evil.

Hel. 13:26

Hypocrisy... there never was a nation that lived upon the earth that was fuller of it than this nation.

Heber C. Kimball - JD 5:7

(This) Gadianton did flatter them, that if they would place him in the judgment seat, he would grant unto those who belonged to his band that they should be placed in power and authority among the people, TO GAIN POWER. Ye shall see that this Gadianton did prove the overthrow, yea, almost the entire destruction of the people of Nephi.

Hel. 2:5,13

The Nephites did build them up and support them until they had overspread all the land of the Nephites, and had seduced THE MORE PART OF THE RIGHTEOUS until they had come to believe in their works and PARTAKE OF THEIR SPOILS, and join with them in their secret murders and combinations. And thus they did obtain the sole management of the government.

Hel. 6:38-39

I have seen this great nation decline spiritually. What happens to a nation collectively is but the result of its citizenry departing from the fundamental spiritual and economic laws of God: making the Sabbath day a day of pleasure; individuals and businesses giving license to immorality; and politicians dignifying the coveting of others' possessions and property by stating, "We will take from the haves and give to the have nots." At first we resisted this philosophy; then consented; next, demanded; and now have legislated. POLITICALLY, WE LICENSED COVETING WHAT OTHERS HAD EARNED!

Pres. Ezra Taft Benson - Logan Utah 26 June 79

This land is reserved only for a righteous people, and we remain here as tenants only as we remain in the favor of the Lord. If we are to remain under heaven's benign protection and care, we must return to those principles which have brought us our peace, liberty, and prosperity. The solution is not more wealth, more food, more technology, more government, more instruments of destruction. The solution is personal and national reformation. REPENTANCE IS THE SOVEREIGN REMEDY TO OUR PROBLEMS.

Pres. Ezra Taft Benson - Wichita, KS. 11 Nov 76

The business of the Latter-Day Saints is to bring forth the Kingdom of God in the last days, MORALLY, RELIGIOUSLY, AND POLITICALLY.

Pres. Brigham Young - J.D. 9:316

At this bicentennial celebration we must, with sadness, say that we have not been wise in keeping the trust of our Founding Fathers. For the past two centuries, those who do not prize freedom have chipped away at EVERY MAJOR CLAUSE of our Constitution until TODAY WE FACE A CRISIS OF GREAT DIMENSIONS.

Pres. Ezra Taft Benson - The Constitution, A Heavenly Banner 1986