



## THE FOUNDATION OF THE CONSTITUTION IS THE BIBLE

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### DAY 1 – THE CONSTITUTION IS A BIBLICAL DOCUMENT

We welcome our guest, David Barton, founder and president of WallBuilders. Elections are a glorious, God-given privilege, and we are accountable to obey Him in our voting choices. Our view of the Constitution is largely based on the Supreme Court's rulings. One proof that the Constitution is not a godless document is the source of its unique ideas.

### STUDY IT

- I. We welcome our guest, David Barton, founder and president of WallBuilders.
  - Midterm elections are held approximately in the middle of the presidential term.
  - For 2022, midterm election day is Nov. 8.
    - All 435 seats of the House are up for election, and 35 of the 100 seats in the Senate are on the ballot.
    - Gubernatorial elections will be held for 39 states and territories.
  - The balance of power in Congress will be affected by these elections, which in turn will affect us.
  - We must pray, vote and stand in faith where our leaders are concerned; and for the spiritual awakening that will save this nation.
  - Pastors need to take what the Bible says and apply it to current issues in the news.
- II. Elections are a glorious, God-given privilege, and we are accountable to obey Him in our voting choices.
  - Our core values should be the centerpiece of our lives and should be taken from The WORD of God.
    - God's WORD was in the beginning (John 1:1).
    - God upholds everything by The WORD of His power (Hebrews 1:3). This nation needs upholding.
    - God's WORD shall not pass away (Matthew 24:35).
    - The WORD of God shall stand forever (Isaiah 40:8). The Church should stand. Believers should stand. Watch the Kenneth Copeland Ministries program *America Stands*.
    - Put your trust in God's WORD (Proverbs 30:5).



- God's WORD is truth (John 17:17).
  - God's WORD discerns the thoughts and intents of the heart (Hebrews 4:12).
  - God's WORD is incorruptible (1 Peter 1:23).
  - The Constitution is in line with the beliefs in God's WORD about current issues.
    - The Bible addresses: minimum wage, capital gains tax, estate tax, progressive income tax, education, gender identity, immigration, free enterprise, self-defense, due process, and rights of conscience.
  - We should judge everything on the basis of God's WORD.
- III. Our view of the Constitution is largely based on the Supreme Court's rulings.
- About 65 years ago, the Supreme Court basically said the government is secular; therefore, the Constitution is secular and the Church doesn't need to get involved in governmental issues.
  - Recent decisions on religious aspects of life by the Supreme Court have opened the door, and the Church needs to walk through it.
    - We have to be willing to contend for the opportunities we have been given by the Supreme Court.
- IV. One proof that the Constitution is a godly document is the source of its unique ideas.
- A book called *The Godless Constitution* is studied in many universities.
    - Be aware, the book states in the back, where research references should be found, that it gives no evidence, proof or research sources. In other words, it's only man's opinion.
  - A study by professors of the University of Houston said, "Let's look at who and what these 55 writers of the Constitution quoted in their speeches and their writings. In that way, we will find where they got their ideas to write the Constitution." They found 3,154 quotes.
    - The single most cited source (34%) was the Bible. A total of 94% of the quotes came directly from the Bible or were related to the Bible.
      - John Adams wrote about the separation of governmental powers which is a biblical principle.
      - The three branches of government: executive, legislative and judicial came from Isaiah 33:22.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Plan now to vote in the midterm elections. It's your responsibility to God and to the government where you live. If you haven't registered to vote, do it now!



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### DAY 2 – THE UNIQUE LANGUAGE OF THE CONSTITUTION AND THE BIBLE

In this dark time of corruption, the entrance of God's WORD brings light. The logic of the Founding Fathers was that we stand before God and give an account concerning everything we think, say and do. Stewardship is important to God in giving and voting. The Constitution is a godly document based on the uniqueness of its language. There are many places in the Constitution that contain biblical truths.

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- I. In this dark time of corruption, the entrance of God's WORD brings light (Psalm 119:130).
  - We have to judge political platforms and politicians by The WORD of God.
  - We must not separate things into secular and spiritual.
  - In the 1800s, Charles Finney wrote how to have revival in America.
    - His basic text was 2 Chronicles 7:14 which is a promise of revival based on an "if-then" format.
    - See Charles Finney's quotes in the Appendix.
    - Finney realized that if you want to *prevent* revival in your nation, stay out of politics. In Finney's time, voting was a duty, not an option.
- II. The logic of the Founding Fathers was that we stand before God and give an account concerning everything we think, say and do.
  - We will give an account for our thoughts (2 Corinthians 10:5).
  - We will give an account for every idle word (Matthew 12:36).
  - We will give an account for everything we've done (Hebrews 4:13).
  - One day we will stand before God, and He will say, "I gave you life, what did you do with it?" "Family?" "Possessions?" "I gave you your country; what did you do with it?"
  - People with biblical values must vote.
- III. Stewardship is important to God in giving and voting.
  - Stewardship is a biblical concept. We have to understand it and get engaged with the process of government.



- Voting is a serious thing with The LORD. It's our responsibility.
  - Vote for men who are incorruptible (Exodus 18:21, *MSG*).
  - If the 40 million unregistered evangelical Christians would register and vote biblically, it would change the look of the nation.
  - The Scripture says we are to rightly divide The WORD of God (2 Timothy 2:15). That means it can be wrongly divided.
    - The Scripture must be understood in context of what it says about itself.
    - Likewise, the Constitution has to be understood in context.
- IV. The Constitution is a godly document based on the uniqueness of its language.
- At the Constitutional Convention in 1787, there were many factions trying to get their agendas followed.
  - It was an occasion of combining 13 nations into one. There was much dissension.
  - Benjamin Franklin, the least religious man at the convention, gave an off-the-cuff speech with no notes. He quoted 14 Bible verses in his speech. See Appendix.
    - "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh" (Matthew 12:34).
- V. There are many places in the Constitution that contain biblical truths. Here are a few.
- Capital punishment cannot be administered except on the testimony of two eye-witnesses (Deuteronomy 17:6).
  - "No person shall be convicted of treason—unless on the testimony of two witnesses of the same overt act" Article III, Section 3 of the Constitution.
  - One of the requirements for president came from the Bible. "[Choose] one from among your brethren you shall set as king over you; you may not set a foreigner over you who is not your brother" (Deuteronomy 17:15).

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

The members of the Constitutional Convention were men who knew the Bible; most of them were Christians. Many of the concepts in the Constitution are based on biblical values.

Therefore, it is our duty to know the platforms of the political parties and the values of the men and women who are on the ballot. What they believe, they will support in their official positions.

Pray with us:

"Heavenly Father, give me wisdom, knowledge and understanding as I consider how to cast my vote. I depend on You and want to obey You in these decisions. Thank You, Sir. In Jesus' Name. Amen."



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- I. We need to see political issues as biblical issues. Vote in line with The WORD of God.
  - John Quincy Adams was an amazing person.
  - After his presidential term ended, he was elected to the House of Representatives with the objective of ending slavery. At that time, only 20% of the members were anti-slavery.
    - He was asked, "Why do you speak out so strongly?"
    - His response was, "Duty is ours; results are God's." In other words, "I'm not responsible for how it turns out, I'm responsible for doing my job."
  - John Quincy Adams didn't see the end of slavery, but he mentored a man in the House who did—Abraham Lincoln.
- II. The Bible says you can't be crowned unless you run according to the rules (2 Timothy 2:5).
  - Recently in Virginia, out of 312 churches, 7700 people registered to vote.
  - Out of these 312 churches, 1,343 determined to learn the election rules, and people got involved as election officials and poll watchers. They found that 5.2% of the votes were fraudulent. That could be enough to change the outcome of an election.
  - Cast your educated vote for righteousness.
- III. The Church needs to be taught the fear of God.
  - We will answer to God for what we do, think and say. You will stand before God.
    - "The fear of The LORD is a fountain of life" (Proverbs 14:27).
  - You must understand that He is God and you are not.
  - The fear of The LORD will make a difference in how you think about voting, whether you vote or not, how you vote and who you vote for.



- “Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God” (Exodus 18:21).
  - We need people in government who are able and qualified, *and* are godly men and women.
- The fear of God keeps you straight and incorruptible. Integrity is driven by the fear of The LORD.
- In John Adam’s diary, he addressed the difference between politicians and statesmen.
  - Politicians are in government to get what they can for themselves.
  - Statesmen operate with integrity in public and private because they fear God.

IV. There are five “oath” clauses in the Constitution.

- An oath in the legal sense is perjury.
  - When we are talking to one another, we shouldn’t lie or break our word.
  - When we’re in a governmental situation, we take an oath because that gives a legal level of punishment if we break that word.
- Every person in Congress has to take an oath as they enter office. If they fear God, they will keep the oath. If they don’t fear God, they might not.
- George Washington, in his final speech as president, closed it out by saying, “Where is the security for property, for reputation, for life, if the sense of religious obligation desert the oaths?”
- Federal law requires that any witness sworn to give testimony has to take an oath and say, “So help me God” to affirm that their testimony is before God.
  - In the 2022 session of Congress, the Democrats dropped the use of “so help me God,” even though it is required by federal law.
- We need God-conscious people in Congress who will keep their oath and do the right thing.
  - That only happens if we have God-conscious voters who will vote in godly men and women.

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Write down qualities that are important to you in a person who holds a governmental position.

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### DAY 4 – THE NATURE OF OUR FOUNDING FATHERS

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- I. We can know what the Founding Fathers wanted for this nation because they wrote it down.
  - They believed abortion is wrong and should be illegal.
  - In 1779, Thomas Jefferson was elected as governor of Virginia.
    - He introduced a new code of laws in Virginia to replace the British code and included laws against abortion.
  - James Wilson signed both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.
    - He was one of the original justices on the Supreme Court.
    - He started the first law school in America and taught against abortion.
  - The Bible also says in the Mosaic Law that abortion is wrong.
- II. The average lifespan of any constitution in the world is 17 years.
  - In 2022, we have had 235 years using this Constitution.
  - We shouldn't throw out something that has worked. It was written on the foundation of core principles, not current issues.
  - If we separate ourselves from history, we won't know this nation has been the most successful and righteous nation in the world.
    - Without a knowledge of history, we forget who we are as a nation.
- III. The American Constitution is not godless. Look at the nature of the convention delegates and their belief in God:
  - Alexander Baldwin founded the University of Georgia as a school to train ministers of the gospel. He didn't write a godless document.
  - Rufus King was one of the founders of the American Bible Society in 1816. It's still active today. They distribute millions of Bibles throughout the world.





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- He founded the New York Common Prayer Book Society. He wanted everyone in New York to have a Bible and a prayer book. He was not godless.
- Charles Cotesworth Pinckney was another founder of the Maryland Bible Society. He was not godless.
- Roger Sherman was a theologian who signed inaugural documents. He wrote the doctrinal creed for his denomination.
- William Livingston at the age of 14 was living among the Mohawk Indians as a missionary.
- Gouverneur Morris actually took all the ideas at the convention and wrote them down on paper. He's the one who was responsible for the language of the Constitution.
  - Officials in France asked Morris how to have a strong government. His answer was: Teaching the Bible in schools produces a strong nation.
- Alexander Hamilton founded the Christian Bible Society. He established local chapters in every state.
- Gunning Bedford closed his public speech with, "Now to the triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be ascribed all honor and dominion for evermore. Amen."

IV. Elections are important.

- Christians were involved in government back then, and we believers need to be involved today.
- Even the Mayflower Compact was based on the Bible. The new arrivals dedicated themselves and their journey to the glory of God.
- In the 1700s, for the first time in 1,000 years, the people elected civil leaders separate from church leaders.
- That concept was from the Bible. At that time, separate voting was not happening in any other part of the world.

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The men who formed the Constitution were educated, capable, godly men who were willing to seek God's plan for the future of this nation.

In your life, follow their example to seek God for His perfect plan for you.





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- I. Based on the testimony of the delegates themselves, the Constitution is not a godless document. They were all very biblically oriented.
  - Consider Founding Father Benjamin Rush. He was a Christian who started several key organizations in America. He established the first Bible society and Sunday School movement, began the first abolition society, trained the first black physicians, started five universities, began academic education and a medical school for women, and was America's most famous physician.
    - He was called the father of American medicine and wrote a number of our early textbooks, including the first chemistry textbooks.
    - He signed the Declaration of Independence, ratified the Constitution, served in three different presidential administrations, and was known as the father of public schools under the Constitution.
  - Rush said that we used to be 13 nations; now we are one nation.
  - We need to be mindful of the purpose of education so that what we teach in our public schools will support our continuance of being one nation.
    1. Teach students to love and serve God;
    2. Teach students to love and serve their country;
    3. Teach students to love and serve their family.
  - Rush put "Love and serve their country" as No. 2 because if you ever lose control of your country, you will become the great enemy to your family.
- II. The finger of God represents His power and authority—not human power.
  - God wrote the 10 Commandments with His finger (Exodus 31:18).
    - Moses didn't come up with the 10 Commandments; God did, from His power alone.
  - God sent a handwritten message on the wall to King Belshazzar (Daniel 5:5).



- Jesus said, “If I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you” (Luke 11:20).
- III. Read specific quotes from Convention delegates:
- Alexander Hamilton was part of the Constitutional Convention but he left early because of the constant bickering. Later, he came back (see Appendix).
  - James Madison, the father of the Constitution, wrote his gratitude for the agreement of the convention (see Appendix).
  - George Washington wrote his adopted son, General Marquis de Lafayette, telling him how things were going (see Appendix).
  - Benjamin Franklin was the first man to ask for the 13 nations to become one nation called the United States (see Appendix).
  - Quotes from Dr. Benjamin Rush can be found in the Appendix.
  - Fisher Ames advocated to keep the Bible as the No. 1 textbook in the classroom (see Appendix).
- IV. Two Supreme Court decisions about allowing the Bible in the classroom.
- In 1844, *Engel v. Vitale*, the Supreme Court unanimously said, “We will not fund any government school that will not teach the Bible.”
  - 1963, *Abington v. Schempp*, the Supreme Court took the Bible out of public schools. They acknowledged their decision was without historical or legal precedent. They quoted a psychologist, Dr. Solomon Grayzel: “If portions of the New Testament were read to children it might be harmful to the child.” That’s not a legal basis.
  - In the 70s, Brother Copeland asked The LORD what would it take to fix this nation.
    - The LORD answered, *A mild revolution. It’s one in which the people return to the Constitution instead of throwing it out.* That doesn’t mean use violence.
  - Your first step is to vote.

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It’s your responsibility to prayerfully vote in the midterm elections. Believe God and vote in faith. Send us your testimonies by [clicking here](#), or [contact us on Facebook™](#).

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In the 1800s, Charles Finney expressed the responsibility of the Christian to vote. Read these quotes from Finney.

- “The Church must take right ground in regard to politics. Politics are part of a religion in a country as this, and Christians must do their duty to their country as a part of their duty to God.”
- “God will bless or curse this nation according to course Christians take in politics.”  
From *Revival Lecture #15 “Hinderances to Revival.”*

Read Benjamin Franklin’s speech at the Constitutional Convention in 1787 when the delegates were frustrated at the bickering and lack of agreement in forming the Constitution.

- “In this situation of this Assembly, groping, as it were, in the dark to find political truth, and scarce able to distinguish it when presented to us, how has it happened, Sir, that we have not hitherto once thought of humbly applying to the Father of Lights, to illuminate our understanding? In the beginning of the contest with Great Britain, when we were sensible of danger, we had daily prayer in this room for Divine protection. Our prayers were heard, and they were graciously answered. All of us engaged in the struggle must have observed frequent instances of a superintending Providence in our favor. And now we have forgotten this powerful Friend? Or do we imagine we no longer need His assistance? I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth—that God governs the affairs of men. If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured in the Sacred Writings that ‘except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.’ I firmly believe this; and I firmly believe without His concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel, and we shall become a reproach and a byword down to future ages. I therefore beg leave to move that, henceforth, prayers employing the assistance of Heaven and its blessing on our deliberation be held in this assembly every morning before we proceed to business.”





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Rufus King who helped write the five Oath Clauses in the Constitution said:

- “In the oath that our laws prescribe, we appeal to the Supreme Being to deal with us hereafter to as we observe the obligation of our oaths. The Pagan world were and are without the mighty influence of this principle which is proclaimed in the Christian system.”

John Witherspoon spoke on the importance of taking an oath:

- “An oath is an appeal to God, the Searcher of Hearts, for the truth of what we say and always supposes a calling down of His judgment upon us if we lie. Persons entering on public office are obliged to make oath that they will faithfully execute their trust. In vows, there is no party but God and the person himself who makes the vow. An oath, therefore, implies a belief in God and His Providence and is indeed an act of worship.”



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Alexander Hamilton came back to the Constitution Convention and said:

- “For my own part, I sincerely esteem the Constitution, a system which, without the finger of God, never could have been suggested and agreed upon by such a diversity of interests.”

James Madison, the Father of the Constitution, wrote:

- “The real wonder is that the Constitutional Convention overcame so many difficulties. And to overcome them with so much agreement was an unprecedented as it was unexpected. It is impossible for the pious man not to recognize in it a finger of that Almighty Hand which was so frequently extended to us in the critical stages of the Revolution.”

George Washington wrote to his adopted son, General Marquis de Lafayette:

- “As to my sentiments with respect to the new Constitution, it appears to me little short of a miracle. It demonstrates as visibly the finger of Providence as any possible event in the course of human affairs can ever designate it.”

Benjamin Franklin called the Constitution a work of God:

- “I beg I may not be understood to infer that our general Convention was Divinely inspired when it formed the new federal Constitution, yet I must own I have so much faith in the general government of the world by Providence that I can hardly conceive a transaction of such momentous importance...should be suffered to pass without being...influenced, guided and governed by that omnipotent, omnipresent, and beneficent Ruler, in Whom all inferior spirits live, move, and have their being” (Acts 17:28). He said, “I’m not telling you the Constitution is divinely inspired like the Bible; I’m saying this is a work of God.”





Dr. Benjamin Rush said:

- “I do not believe that the Constitution was the offspring of [Divine] inspiration, but I am as perfectly satisfied that it is as much the work of a Divine Providence as any of the miracles in the Old and New Testament.”
- “If the Bible is taken out of our schools, we will suffer from the explosion of crime, and will be wasting time punishing rather than preventing.”

Fisher Ames said:

- “Keep the Bible as the No. 1 textbook in the classroom. Take the Bible out and you’ll have a morality problem.”