"I will not be silent".

God & Government: Part 4 - The wisdom of the Founders

Founding Fathers

- 1. Almost all of them where protestant Christians.
- 2. They believed that political freedoms and liberties were God given.
- 3. They warned of the dangers of straying from religions foundations for life and society.

Civic Foundations

- 1. Congress opens in prayer and employs a Chaplain.
- 2. Our military employs Chaplains.
- 3. Swearing in of Presidents and Court Officials.
- 4. Many of our national holidays have their origins in the faith of our founders.

Public Foundations

- 1. The first schools started in churches.
- 2. Bible and basic doctrine was part of the curriculum.
- 3. Higher Education was almost exclusively religious.

Original Intent and Practice

The founders both encourage and relied on the foundation of Christianity and its principals in civic and private life.

Take Away:

- 1. We should give thanks.
- 2. We should ask forgiveness.
- 3. The Bible is our basic road map for navigating life.
- 4. There are no "walls" that divide our faith, it shapes all that we do and say.

"Universities that had been founded as Christian schools, like Harvard, Princeton, and Yale began pushing theology off into a separate department instead of allowing it to permeate the curriculum as a whole. Religion became an extracurricular activity that students pursued in their private time..." - Nancy Pearcey - <u>Total Truth</u> pg.310

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