

Truth and Society

Isaiah 59:15 (KJV) ¹⁵ Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey

1 Timothy 3:15

¹⁵ but in case I am delayed, *I write* so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.

When truth fails to present for battle and to overcome evil in a society, we can know that there has been some failure of the church to uphold truth within that culture.

When the church fails to uphold the truth, it collapses, exposing the foundations of the house to those who would destroy it.

Psalm 11:3 ³ If the foundations are destroyed, What can the righteous do?"

We have a country that is unique on the world stage because its foundations are Judeo-Christian.

We were given our particular founding so that we would prosper as a nation and be given as a gift to the world.

This foundation is worth defending, and responsibility for the defense of that foundation lies with the church.

Jeremiah 29:7 ⁷ Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf; for in its welfare you will have welfare.'

Matthew 6:10 ¹⁰ 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

"Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." -John Adams

"The experiment is made and has completely succeeded – it can no longer be called in question whether authority in magistrates [civil leaders] and obedience of citizens can be grounded on reason, morality, and the Christian religion. The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were. . . the general principles of Christianity."

-President John Adams

May every citizen in the army and in the country have a proper sense of the Deity upon his mind and an impression of that declaration recorded in the Bible: "Him that honoreth Me I will honor, but he that despiseth Me shall be lightly esteemed" [1 Samuel 2:30] - Samuel Adams

"The Bible is the cornerstone of liberty...Students' perusal of the sacred volume will make us better citizens, better fathers, and better husbands." -Thomas Jefferson

...I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should 'make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,' thus building a wall of separation between Church & State. - Thomas Jefferson, *Letter in response to the Danbury Baptists*

The "wall of separation" was to wall in the government, keeping it from inhibiting the free exercise of religion in America.

...that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions... to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed

and obeyed—to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord—To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue...

-George Washington, Thanksgiving address, October 3, 1789

Summary of De Toqueville's 4 points, 2 volumes, 1835 and 1840 (politically liberal, center-left)

"For their happiness such a government willingly labors, but it chooses to be the sole agent and the only arbiter of that happiness; it provides for their security, foresees and supplies their necessities, facilitates their pleasures, manages their principal concerns, directs their industry, regulates the descent of property, and subdivides their inheritances — what remains, to spare them all the care of thinking and the trouble of living." -Alexis de Tocqueville

Rome Fire in 1st Century

While the city burned, what did the preachers preach?

No doubt, some of them preached on the cleansing quality of fire: There is impurity in the "city" and the fire will purge it away.

The preacher must preach on the quenching quality of water! We must employ whatever means God has given us to help put out the fire!

Ezekiel 9:3-5

³ Then the glory of the God of Israel went up from the cherub on which it had been, to the threshold of the temple. And He called to the man clothed in linen at whose loins was the writing case. ⁴ The Lord said to him, "Go through the midst of the city, *even* through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the abominations which are being committed in its midst." ⁵ But to the others He said in my hearing, "Go through the city after him and strike; do not let your eye have pity and do not spare.

Judges 19:30

³⁰ All who saw *it* said, "Nothing like this has *ever* happened or been seen from the day when the sons of Israel came up from the land of Egypt to this day. Consider it, take counsel and speak up!"

Prayerfully Consider: God has given you a mind!

Armed with a thoughtful consideration of the events at hand (reading, study, etc), you will serve God better!

Prayerfully Take Counsel: God has given you two ears!

Listen to learn: take counsel with fair-minded people to check your heart for biases and sharpen your discernment.

Prayerfully Speak Up: God has given you a mouth!

Once you know the truth, speak the truth you know.

Truth in your heart is a blessing to you. Truth spoken out loud sets people free!

[Because of their freedom and morality, De Tocqueville envisioned the American people becoming extremely prosperous. But he too understood human nature. He then described what he thought would happen as Americans passed through several distinct stages.

First of all, he saw the strength of character and moral integrity that would make them prosperous. Secondly, as they became self-sufficient in their prosperity, he saw that they would cease caring for one another and become much less concerned about the principles that brought them this incredible freedom, prosperity, and peace. Third, they would then become more susceptible to the manipulation of clever politicians who would begin to promise them cradle-to-grave security if they accepted certain schemes contrived by some of their leaders. Fourth, he then predicted that the people would actually vote for people who would give them more and more. They would take from those who have and give to those who have-not in exchange for votes to keep them in power.]

[America's Founders Warned Against Departure From Basic Principles \(nccs.net\)](#)