

IN GOD WE TRUST?
God and Government – Part 1
Acts 5:29 (NIV)
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“Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than men!”
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“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)

- **Declaration of Independence** (U.S. 1776), paragraph 2 states

“We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

- **Something to Think About**

What would happen if we filtered our politics through our faith instead of filtering our faith through our politics?

- **Solomon Dedicates the Temple**

2 Chronicles 6:12-42

¹² Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in front of the whole assembly of Israel and spread out his hands.

¹⁴ He said: “O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven or on earth--you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way.”

¹⁹ Yet give attention to your servant's prayer and his plea for mercy, O LORD my God. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence.

²⁴ “When your people Israel have been defeated by an enemy because they have sinned against you and when they turn back and confess your name, praying and making supplication before you in this temple,

²⁶ “When the heavens are shut up and there is no rain because your people have sinned against you, and when they pray toward this place and confess your name and turn from their sin because you have afflicted them,

²⁹ and when a prayer or plea is made by any of your people Israel – each one aware of his afflictions and pains, and spreading out his hands toward this temple—

³⁰ then hear from heaven, your dwelling place. Forgive, and deal with each man according to all he does, since you know his heart (for you alone know the hearts of men),

³² *"As for the foreigner who does not belong to your people Israel but has come from a distant land because of your great name and your mighty hand and your outstretched arm--when he comes and prays toward this temple,*

³³ *then hear from heaven, your dwelling place, and do whatever the foreigner asks of you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your own people Israel, and may know that this house I have built bears your Name.*

NEVER FORGET THIS:

Every nation that follows God will be blessed by God, and those nations that feel that God has no right to be a part of the National conversation, will lose the blessings of God.

Those who seek God's input in their political, public, and private life will be blessed; those that don't, won't.

- There are those who will say in the last days "Who is God," and there are those who will say, "God is!"