

May 29, 2022 Memorial Weekend

## Declaring God's Authority: The Declaration of Independence

This is Memorial Day weekend. A time we remember those who died for our freedom. Once America is no longer willing to die for freedom, we will lose it. Freedom isn't free. It cost the blood of Jesus and those willing to keep it; our military, police, and first responders. The document that declared our freedom from Great Britain was the Declaration of Independence. It was signed July 4<sup>th</sup> 1776 and sent to King George III.

The **Declaration of Independence** is a written **decree**. This was signed by 39 delegates; men with authority. They had the **authority** to sign, but the "**power**" to carry it out came from those willing to fight, even give their lives. The more people willing to fight and the more zealous those people are, the **greater the power**. Since their reliance was upon the protection of God, I believe it was the **zeal of the Lord of Hosts** who motivated and empowered the people. Decrees need **authority** to be initiated and **power** to be enforced. Decrees and declarations are very similar and are an important aspect as to how governments operate. God is in control of all governments, and we partner with God.

**Isa 9:6-7** *For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the **government** will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of **His government** and peace There will be no end. Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The **zeal of the Lord of hosts** will perform this.*

### Decrees are very common in the Bible

**Ezra 5:13** *However, in the first year of Cyrus king of Babylon, King Cyrus **issued a decree** to build this house of God.*

**Ezra 6:1** *Then King Darius **issued a decree**, and a search was made in the archives, where the treasures were stored in Babylon.*

**Ezra 7:21** *And I, even I, Artaxerxes the king, **issue a decree** to all the treasurers who are in the region beyond the River,*

**Est 8:7-8** *Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther and Mordecai the Jew, "Indeed, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and they have hanged him on the gallows because he tried to lay his hand on the Jews. 8 **You yourselves write a decree** concerning the Jews, as you please, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's signet ring; for whatever is written in the king's name and sealed with the king's signet ring no one can revoke."*

### Unrighteous decrees

**Isa 10:1-2** *"Woe to those who **decree unrighteous decrees**, Who write misfortune, Which they have prescribed 2 To rob the needy of justice, And to take what is right from the poor of My people, That widows may be their prey, And that they may rob the fatherless.*

### The Lord God made a decree to Jesus

**Ps 2:7-11** *"I will **declare the decree**: The Lord has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. 8 Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession. 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.'" 10 Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth. 11 Serve the Lord with fear, And rejoice with trembling.*

### Jesus gave us this same authority

**Rev 2:26-28** *And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations — 27 'He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels' — as I also have received from My Father; 28 and I will give him the morning star.*

The Declaration of Independence declared God's authority 4 times!

In order for a decree to have power, it has to be issued by a **legal authority**. The legal authority in the Declaration came from God and men in positions of authority in their communities. Our Founding Fathers assembled together, wrote down their concerns about King George III being a tyrannical despot imposing unjust laws which violated the laws of God. They declared **God's authority** four times as their source.

1. God of Nature
2. Creator of mankind, giver of our unalienable rights
3. Supreme Judge of the World
4. Divine Providence (God's divine governments)

The **Original Intent** of the Declaration of Independence was to **declare God's authority** into our Civil Government, and our way of life, thus breaking the bonds of tyranny from Great Britain. The Church is to be involved in Government.

**First, they declared God's authority** as the God of this earth, and of our physical/natural realm.

*"...and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the **Laws of Nature** and of **Nature's God** entitle them..."* People have the right to protect themselves and their families.

**Second, they declared God's authority** as man's Creator and the source of our Rights.

*"All men are created equal, that they are **endowed by their Creator** with certain **unalienable Rights**."*

**Third, they declared God's authority** as the Supreme Judge of the world as to their source of righteousness (rectitude) as they honor the Authority of the good people they protect.

*"...Assembled, appealing to the **Supreme Judge of the world** for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by **Authority of the good People** of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare..."*

**Forth, they declared God's authority** in their protection, as His divine Providence (government) will prevail. The last words written down, were their pledge/commitment to one another.

*"And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the **protection of divine Providence**, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."*

**Summary of God's authority-governments:** God created everything and gave us rights as humans. He created the governments to protect those rights. He is the Supreme Judge of the world to which we can appeal knowing our intentions are righteous. God protects those who stand in His righteous governments.

**Ps 55:22** *Cast your burden on the Lord, And He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the **righteous** to be moved.*

**The righteousness of His governments before America was born**

The **Declaration of Independence** was based on the **Magna Carta** and the **doctrine to the lesser magistrates**.

Magna Carta Leaders interpose for their people. They stand in between the unjust laws, defying the tyrants and protecting the people. They choose to obey God's laws/authority, over man's unjust laws. This will bring people to make a decision; obey this corrupt Babylonian system, or obey the laws of God?

In his book "**The Doctrine of the Lesser Magistrates**" Matthew Trewhella explains about this doctrine and how it relates to the Magna Carta. The doctrine of the lesser magistrates has been in existence for hundreds of years. The doctrine of the lesser magistrates was formalized in the Magna Carta. In the year 1215, Christian nobles stood on the field of Runnymede, England to defy King John's tyranny towards the people. It was their combined efforts that forced the King to sign the document which gave the people of England their rights.

**The Marxist-Socialist hate God.** They know the only thing that will stop them is the authority of God being released by and through His people. That is why they try so hard to convince everyone God does not belong in our government, our schools, our culture and our way of life. If we agree with them, we let go of God's authority and darkness reigns. God put His authority into our Constitution.

The year is 2022 and we are at a point in history where our actions will determine who will rule: the elite through communistic control, or We The People through our Constitutional Republic? The darkness or the light? Deception or the Truth? **This is our decree:** The Truth Will Prevail! (**Jn 8:31-33** **Matt 10:26**)