

PRAYER

THE KEY TO HEAVEN

ON KEEPING THE REPUBLIC John 8:31-38

Dr. James McHenry was the youngest delegate at the 1787 Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia. He recorded in his notes that a certain Mrs. Powell asked Benjamin Franklin very directly, "Well, Dr. Franklin," she asked, "what have we got? A republic or a monarchy?" Franklin shot back, "A republic, madam - if you can keep it." In a republic the people themselves must do a lot to make it work. A government in which the people govern themselves requires the people's attention in a way no other government does. The message today looks at the things we MUST do in order to keep the republic.

- I. The American Experiment - a totally new concept
 1. A self governing people - the Greeks tried and failed
 2. A people free from excessive government and religious controls - as in a monarchy
 3. A government that assumed that all humanity had fallen so some government was necessary
- II. Essentials for Success
 1. A people (citizens) of virtue
 2. Unified as citizens of AMERICA
 3. A church free from governmental interference (No state supported churches)
 4. Unity that came from "The Great Awakening" - George Whitefield, Preacher
- III. "The Golden Triangle of Freedom" - Os Guinness
 1. Freedom requires _____
 2. Virtue requires _____
 3. Faith requires _____

(If any of the legs is removed - the entire structure ceases to exist)
- IV. Enemies of the Republic
 1. _____ - one man rule
 2. _____ - one world government
 3. _____ - no government
 4. Elimination of _____ and _____

Conclusion:
The only hope for keeping the Republic may be another "Great Awakening".

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QUESTIONS - Wk. 40

1. Why were America's founding fathers so friendly and encouraging to the church?
2. Why have recent Presidents been less supporting and sometimes adversarial to the church and the Christian religion?
3. What is the Number One "Dirty" word to the globalists and why?
4. What does the Bible say about a "One World Government" (Globalism) and why is it so attractive to the very wealthy?