

Restoring Freedom in Times of Trial

This summer thousands of Americans will gather in Plymouth, Massachusetts to celebrate the 225th anniversary of the largest and most important granite monument in America – The Forefathers Monument.

The strategy of freedom engraved on this memorial to the Pilgrims is the same unchanging, biblical plan for restoring any collapsing republic. This plan was employed by our colonial ancestors in their time of trial.

The American colonists, in 1774, found themselves fatally estranged from their own countrymen in England. Just 150 years before, the English had spearheaded the birth of liberty in the English Civil War and the English Bill of Rights. However, by this time the English had strayed from their own “rule of law” traced back to Magna Carta. England invaded the colonies and boarded their troops in colonial homes. They were in the process of inflicting complete religious and political tyranny on the colonies.

What was the colonial response? They believed that they had a responsibility of highest importance to God, their nation, and their children and grandchildren. The Continental Congress in Philadelphia unanimously declared,

“It is an indispensable duty which we owe to God, our Country, ourselves, and posterity, by all lawful ways and

means in our power to maintain, defend and preserve those civil and religious rights and liberties, for which many of our fathers fought, bled and died, and to hand them down entire to future generations.”

What was the source of the strength and character expressed in these words? The following roadmap outlines the essentials that the colonists developed over 150 years which enabled them to create and maintain the world’s most free and prosperous nation.



The Meeting Place of the Patriots – Faneuil Hall, Boston

First, parents, clergy and schools were *united* in **teaching all students to apply their biblical faith to every area of society.** For example, their education included the biblically based

political theory of liberty that had been developing for 700 years. They knew the impact of Magna Carta on the development of English common law and its influences on over 80 colonial constitutions and covenants written by the colonists themselves before 1776. According to a study commissioned by President Thomas Jefferson, the fathers read the Bible and the newspaper to their families for almost an hour every morning. This study and others revealed nearly 100% literacy in the colonies, while the vast majority of Europeans were illiterate and under the deceptions of tyrants.

Second, the colonists were diligent to create a **virtuous, local accountable government** which