

Series: Topical (Fourth of July)
Scripture: Deuteronomy 28:1-2
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AMERICA'S FOUNDATION: ONE NATION UNDER GOD

There are two main principles underlying America's greatness...

Principle #1 - Acknowledging the _____ and _____ of the Almighty God over this nation.

This was demonstrated by our founding fathers in the following ways...

By their _____!

- In 1606, the Virginia Charter
- Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower
- Governor Bradford
- The Rhode Island Charter of 1683
- Office holders must be believers

By their _____!

- Samuel Adams
 - Benjamin Franklin
 - George Washington
 - John Adams
- By their _____!
- Founding the American Bible Society
 - Importing Bibles from overseas
 - Writing our founding documents
 - Establishing a national day of prayer

Principle #2 - Recognizing that the _____ of God are to _____ the _____ of man!

Deuteronomy 28:1-2 *If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. [2] All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God:*

James Madison, one of the framers of the Constitution as well as a signer, said, "We have staked the whole future of American civilization, not upon the power of government, far from it. We have staked the future of all of our political institutions... upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God."

Judges 2:10-14 *After that whole generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation grew up, who knew neither the LORD nor what he had done for Israel. Judges 21:25 In those days Israel had no king, everyone did as he saw fit.*

God's place in society at the time of our forefathers!

1. He was in the _____ of our _____.
2. He was in our _____.
3. He was in our _____.

How can I help America retain it's spiritual heritage?

1. _____ yourself and your family to the Lord! *Joshua 24:15*
2. We must _____ for our nation and leaders! *1 Tim. 2:1-3*
3. _____ with boldness about your Christian beliefs! *Acts 4:18-20*
4. Be _____ in our government! *Matthew 5:16*