



SHIELD OF FAITH

"Take Up the Shield of Faith" - Paul

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For those who in holiness observe holy things will be adjudged holy, and, accepting instruction from them, will find their defence in them. — Wisdom 6:10

Jesus Christ is the Holiest Thing

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A rallying cry of the American revolution was "No King but King Jesus." It was meant, in part, to inspire citizens to take up arms against the King of England, George. It also captured something of the essence of the American founding period. The rabid religious skepticism of the nineteenth century was still decades away. Darwin's enthronement was still half a century away. Mankind had not evolved to an awareness of Nietzsche's dead God.

While Thomas Jefferson was perfectly willing to remove more chunks of the Bible than Martin Luther Jefferson respected what was left, and allowed that the God it revealed actually did exist ... albeit at a distance perhaps.

The American Republic absorbed a version of liberty that is out of proportion to holy things. It was not, however, established in open hostility to King Jesus Christ. His name, in fact, became the calming white noise that accompanied our slumber into this popular moral stupor. Ironically we've arrived at this point in our cultural formation in the name of Jesus Christ.

But His name is nowhere to be found in the documents that created the country. And while we obviously formed a culture rooted in Christian — not Jewish or any other religion's traditions ... we decided to do so without worshipping Him.

We teach school children that ours is a government "of the people, by the people and for the people." In that case the people are the King — the sovereign. Earlier in the chapter of the book Wisdom quoted above the writer says, "For sovereignty is given to you by the Lord and power by the Most High, who will himself probe your acts and scrutinize your intentions."

The Lord is Jesus Christ. He gave us our sovereignty. He will "probe" our acts. He scrutinizes our intentions.

The writer continues, "If therefore, as servants of his kingdom, you have not ruled justly nor observed the law, nor followed the will of God, he will fall on you swiftly and terribly. On the highly placed a ruthless judgement falls; the lowly are pardoned, out of pity, but the mighty will be mightily tormented ... a searching trial awaits those who wield power."

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We threw off the King, George, and made ourselves the sovereign. We've tried to hold on to the religious fundamentals of our founding by adopting in the twentieth century the vague motto, "In God We Trust." In pop culture the preeminent curse word is God's name, Jesus Christ. The preeminent curse in American family life is the unjust fiction called no fault divorce. And the glaring evidence of national judgment is our global push for sodomy.

Paul the Apostle declares in his letter to the Romans, "For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened ... therefore **God gave them over** in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another ... They exchanged the truth about God for a lie ... Because of this, **God gave them over** to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error."

Fathers are stirring from their slumber. One father in particular just showed the way. His son was threatened with torture and mutilation by a woman to whom he was once married. Claiming to be the young boy's mother the woman attempted to project her Freudian derangement on the seven year old boy. The father went to war. Forced into the courts and public humiliation by a culture addicted to feminism he recently, nonetheless, prevailed.

The boy will not be mutilated by the woman.

God is a man. He is our heavenly Father. Jesus Christ, His Son, is our path forward. He is the holiest person. He is our defense, and no other. America must go deeper than her roots. We must make our nation subject to the King of the Universe, Jesus Christ.

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Amen.