

The Message • Pastor Ron Smith

## *Lest You Forget*

Deuteronomy 4:23 “Take heed to yourselves, lest you forget the covenant of the LORD your God which He made with you.”



**The Truth**

Deuteronomy 8:19-20 Then it shall be, **if you by any means forget** the LORD your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish. As the nations which the LORD destroys before you, so you shall perish, because you would not be obedient to the voice of the LORD your God



The Truth

Deuteronomy 28:28 The LORD will strike you with madness and blindness and confusion of heart. <sup>29</sup>And you shall grope at noonday, as a blind man gropes in darkness; you shall not **prosper** in your ways; you shall be only oppressed and plundered continually, and no one shall save you.



The Truth

Deuteronomy 29:9 Therefore keep the words of this covenant, and do them, that you may **prosper** in all that you do.



**The Truth**

# Words of a Liberal

(An example of groping at noonday)



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Deuteronomy 8:10 When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land in which He has given you.



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# The Beginnings of the American Colonies

- The first pilgrims arrived in Massachusetts in 1620.
- But the first large settlement in America was in 1630.
- John Winthrop's fleet landed that year in Salem, Massachusetts.



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# Why Did They Come?

King James I detested the Scottish Presbyterians and Puritans. He tried to force them to conform to the Anglican Church or he would “harry them out of the land.”



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# 1620

The Pilgrims, a Separatist sect, establish a settlement at Plymouth Rock.



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# Mayflower Compact (1620)

*In the name of God, Amen. We, whose names are underwritten . . . do . . . covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body Politick . . . unto which we promise all due submission and obedience.*

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# John Adams . . .

. . . considered the Mayflower Compact as the foundation of the U.S. Constitution.



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# Edmund Burke (1729-1794)

*“There is but one law for all, namely, that law which governs all law, the law of our Creator.”*



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# Patrick Henry (1736-1799)

*“It cannot be emphasized too strongly, nor too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ”*



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# Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826)

*“I have little doubt that the whole country will soon be rallied to the unity of our Creator, and, I hope, to the pure doctrines of Jesus also.”*

He proclaimed that it was the God of the Bible who founded America in his 1805 inaugural address: *“I shall need, too, the favor of that Being in whose hands we are, who led our forefathers, as Israel of old, from their native land and planted them in this country.”*



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# 1625

In 1625, James I died and Charles I inherited his throne.

Charles I was also a great persecutor of the Puritans.



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# 1630

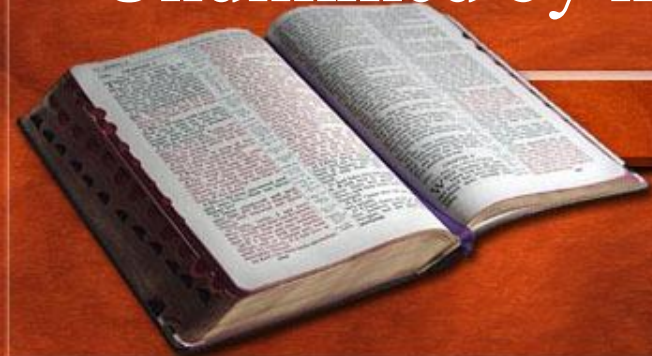
John Winthrop's fleet, with 1,000 passengers, and a whole new chapter in world history resulted.



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O beautiful for pilgrim feet  
Whose stern impassion'd stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat  
Across the wilderness,

O beautiful for patriot dream  
That sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster [pure white] cities gleam  
Undimmed by human tears.



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