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WHY I AM THANKFUL FOR THANKSGIVING DAY!

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Segment.01 Hello. I'm Dr. Jerry Scheidbach, pastor of the Lighthouse Baptist Church in Santa Maria, CA, and your brain masseur. Get ready for your brain massage.

Happy Thanksgiving! — I know-it was this past Thursday! But this year, I decided to do the Thanksgiving special the weekend following the Day.

Becky and I are adjusting to an “empty nest.” Our son has settled in W. Virginia. So we resumed our Afghanistan Holiday regimen! During his deployment, we enjoyed Thanksgiving in Monterey. A nice walk along Cannery Row, maybe a lite lunch at Bubba's, check in to our “Mansion suite” in nearby Salinas, Dinner at the Grotto, a visit to the Aquarium, and a nice drive together home. It doesn't quite replace hearing my son and Becky chatting it up while preparing our dinner, he made the pumpkin pies using the “family recipe,” my contribution was peeling, splitting, and disembowelling the yokes for deviled eggs—I would get the devilish part of our preparations — and afterwards Zach might regale us with a piano concert of various movie music tunes, we'd catch a game of all American Football, and later I'd watch It's A Wonderful Life—with pumpkin pie!

Today, I want to help you see what an amazing time in history it was when God stirred the hearts of Pastor Bradford and the Pilgrims to forsake the land of their nativity and sail to the strange new world we today call America. No one considering this history can fail to see the hand of DIVINE PROVIDENCE preparing to raise up this “One nation, under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for ALL.”

Let's talk about the significance of this All-American Holiday, Thanksgiving Day.

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On Thanksgiving, we remember the early pilgrims, separatists, who came to Plymouth Rock carrying with them in their hearts the seeds of freedom. The queen of liberty is freedom of conscience, and religious liberty was the prize they sought at the Rock in Plymouth.

It was July 1620, when the Mayflower left Southampton port, the wind filled the sails on which was emblazoned their motto: In God We Trust! This became our national motto.

It was 1620, only nine years after the KJV had been printed (1611), and about five years before King James passed (1625), and his son, Charles I of England, took the throne. So the Pilgrims carried the 1592 Geneva Bible with them across the sea. While the Pilgrims were establishing their colony at Plymouth Rock and getting settled in, King James died. His son, Charles, became king (1625). Intense controversy over the false doctrine known as the Divine Right of Kings developed, with Cromwell leading the charge against the presumption of any man to call himself King and assume a "Divine Right" to rule at his pleasure.

Charles sought support from Rome, at the encouragement of his Roman Catholic wife, Henrietta Maria of France. This crossed a line for the Reformation Puritans' and exacerbated their distrust of him. Cromwell was especially enraged by this betrayal of the Faith. He became a leader of the resistance to the hideous doctrines of the Catholic Church: The Divine Right of Kings, and the encroachment of idolatry into Protestant churches.

These twin controversies led to the execution of Charles and the rise of Cromwell to power. The wretched false teaching that God

appoints every king with a Divine Right from God to rule was brought to its knees. Oh, you believe that? Well, the Bible doesn't. Hehe.

Look at Hosea 8:4, God does not appoint every person Who becomes a national ruler, sometimes we put people in that office that God refuses to recognize: Hosea 8:4 “They have set up kings, but not by me: they have made princes, and I knew it not: of their silver and their gold have they made them idols, that they may be cut off.” We put some people in power that GOD never recognizes.

Pay attention to Romans 13:1-6—The “powers” are ordained of GOD, not necessarily the persons holding the office. These rulers are “ministers of GOD.” The ordaining authority is Christ, to Whom has been given “all power” (the word *power* translates ex-oo-see-ah—authority, right to rule) in “Heaven” and “IN EARTH” (Matthew 28:18). He appointed the sword of civil justice mentioned in Romans 13 to execute wrath against the “evil doer,” not J6 protesters falsely accused of “trespassing” after being waived in by those wicked Capitol Police, who said nothing when these peaceful protesters were sentenced to multiple months in prison, cut off from their families and friends unjustly, indeed, criminally. That judgment came from Hell, not Heaven. But the judgment of all complicit in that hellish business will receive their judgment from GOD, and if we get this government out of the hands of these oppressors, the sword of civil justice will cut through the lies, expose the truth, and bring judgment upon their wicked heads.

When Cromwell signed the execution warrant against Charles I, the message circled the globe: no man, not even a king, is above the Law. Christ was confessed to be God's appointed PRINCE over all the kings of this earth (Revelation 1:5), the only absolute ruler of the world.

But Cromwell took it another step further. His motto was NO KING BUT CHRIST.

The principle that all kings are under CHRIST became firmly planted in America at Plymouth, when the Pilgrim Separatists established the famous Mayflower Compact, establishing rule by THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED.¹

The invisible hand of Providence sent the Pilgrims ahead to establish their colony at Plymouth, and while they were being forged in the fires of trial and their mettle tested, Cromwell was setting the stage for the rise of the American dream: “Liberty and Justice for ALL.”

Cromwell was the principal leader of the Commonwealth after the execution of Charles I in 1649. He ruled in this capacity for four years, until 1653, when he took the title Lord Protector of England, and ruled until his passing in 1658.

So, “In God We Trust,” No King but Christ, and rule by the consent of the governed from the faith of Christians, a faith shaped and instructed by the Scriptures.

The next major move of Providence was to establish an English version of the Scriptures that would become the Bible for the English-speaking people of England and America.

A Bible for the New World: Another foundation stone of the American experience in self-governance was the King James Version. At the time our Plymouth Pilgrims sailed, it was still new—only nine years in circulation. They came across with the 1592 Geneva Bible. The KJV rose to near universal use in the English-speaking world beginning in 1675. By 1730, God used George Whitefield, the Tennent family, the Wesley’s and the famous Jonathan Edwards to light the fires of revival in the Colonies with the King James Version.

¹ At that time, King James I of England (VI of Scotland) reigned in opposition to the hellish doctrines of the Catholic Papacy, and the Pilgrims were content to acknowledge his divine appointment. They pledged their loyalty to King James, but did so by “consent.”

The first Great Awakening established the KJV's dominance among believers in the early to mid-1700s. By the time of the War for Independence and the establishment of the Republic of the United States, the King James Bible was so widely used that it was virtually the official Bible of the United States. All citations of Scripture used in any legal or commercial text were from the KJV; it was preached from every pulpit, except a Catholic one, and it was the Bible recognized by our Congress, Judiciary, and every Executive from our founding, and continues to be so today.

Although our Pilgrims did not carry it with them to these shores, GOD sent it across from England to America in boatloads and used it to consolidate the foundation principles of America:

IN GOD WE TRUST — emblazoned on the sails of the Mayflower, today you see it on every coin minted and dollar printed, and declared at every recitation of our pledge: “One Nation, UNDER GOD.”

NO KING BUT CHRIST: You saw Cromwell's motto confirmed in our Constitution, and reaffirmed almost 250 years after our Declaration breaking from the rule of Monarchy during the last election, when GOD made it a referendum on this question: CHRIST IS KING versus man is King, or government is King. The side that declared CHRIST IS KING won!

CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED: It's a biblical principle. Many examples can be presented. The idea of a man ruling out from under GOD began with Nimrod (Genesis 10-11). God raised up a nation under His rule, called Israel, and firmly established the Law governing Kings in Deuteronomy 17:14-20.

You should know that God did not approve of kings ruling His people. Nimrod got that started, and God destroyed his kingdom, divided the people, and scattered them all over the earth (Genesis 10-11). The people went everywhere following the pattern Nimrod set, separating themselves into kingdoms ruled by kings. God knew

His people would finally succumb to this and want to have a king like the nations around them. God accommodated this, but left strict rules governing who should be made king over His nation and how they were to behave. He gave them “the Law of Kings.”

In the law of kings, written about 1400 BC, GOD required the king to acknowledge that he was under GOD and under the LAW, not above it. The king was an executive of GOD (a minister of God) and served under the LAW.

God’s law also stipulates that the king would receive his office by the consent of those he governed. In verses 14-15, He commanded the people: “Thou shalt in any wise set him king over thee, whom the LORD thy God shall choose: one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which is not thy brother.” It was the violation of this rule that brought the nation of Israel to its ruin: “They have set up kings, but not by me: they have made princes, and I knew it not: of their silver and their gold have they made them idols, that they may be cut off” (Hosea 8:4—between c755 BC and c722 BC).

One more major plank had to be put down to complete the platform upon which America would rise to the status of that nation under God, increased by Him to be made the head of all nations: “All men are created equal, and endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights.” John Locke and Montesquieu agreed in the essentials of good biblical governing principles, but Locke won the day on this: the concept that all men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights.

When we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, it should be understood in the context of the broader work of DIVINE PROVIDENCE to raise a Christian Nation Under GOD, guided by TRUTH, with LIBERTY and JUSTICE for ALL.

The Pilgrims left England to find freedom of religion — freedom of conscience, which is the mother of freedom of speech, and faith.

While God was carving out a home for Liberty here in America, He was preparing the people who would occupy that home: Americans! A people who professed “In God We Trust,” “Christ is King,” repudiate the doctrine of oppression called the “Divine Right of Kings,” and embrace the fundamental biblical principle of the right of CONSENT of the GOVERNED, and the self evident TRUTH that “all men are created equal, and endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights.”

I hope you see the important connection between the settlement at Plymouth Rock and the Christ the ROCK on which this land came to rest, and from which it grew into the mightiest nation the world has ever known.

Hold on, I’ll be right back!

Segment.02 Hello. Welcome back! I’m Dr. Jerry Scheidbach, pastor at the Lighthouse, your brain masseur, and Paul Revere’s lantern lighter, lighting the lamps in the church belfry arch, signaling the enemy is on the march—an enemy that would steal from us our liberty.

After Bradford led the surviving crew of the Mayflower in the adoption of the Mayflower Compact, in which the people consented together in the form of their governance, having dedicated themselves and their undertaking to “the glorie of God, and advancement of ye Christian faith,” the small band of brave Christian soldiers could not have then known what a shockwave they began that has shaken down Nimrod’s tower every time the globalist agents of hell have tried to rebuild it: The Mayflower Compact was the first time in history since the day Israel swore to adopt the Mosaic Law as their “Constitution” of their own free will (Read Exodus 24; see also Exodus 19:3-8 and then the breaking and subsequent renewal of their contract with GOD in Exodus 34).

The Mayflower Compact was the first time since Christ entered the world, and proclaimed that to Him was given “all power in heaven

and in earth” (Matthew 28:18), let’s see, that’s a little under 1,600 years after Christ’s proclamation, that a small band of freemen voluntarily covenanted together to formulate their own civil government—grounded upon the BIBLE, UNDER CHRIST, FOR THE SAKE OF HIS GOSPEL, and TO THE GLORY OF GOD!

America’s political heritage begins with this Compact, which Compact begins with these words: “In ye name of GOD, Amen!”

In this Compact, these Christians put to rest the anxiety of the unbelievers among them (Strangers). Here is what happened. The Captain was Christopher Jones—not a namesake of the famous Explorer—but a “Christ-bearer” nonetheless. Navigated the Mayflower through treacherous waters, which caused them to arrive much later in the season than was planned. It was December, and a hard winter lay ahead. Captain Jones recommended they port where they made contact, although they had been pushed far off their original course. Why would that be a problem? Their contract and charter specified where they were to establish a Virginia Settlement, and landing outside the agreed-upon location would void the contract. At least that’s what the “strangers” feared, and they thought these “Christians” would consign them to “unlawful servitude.” So, here is what those rascally “Christians” did: they included the “strangers” in the civil covenant they all agreed to, thus securing their rights as equals with the “Christians.”

Another important milestone was established at Plymouth: they would together establish “just and equal laws” that would apply to everyone equally. Furthermore, the Christians and the Strangers alike limited their vow to render “all due submission and obedience” (By the way, this became the premise for separating from England: King Charles violated the principle of just and equal application of the laws of England, and the Founders felt no obligation to submit or obey such a rascal-king.)

The “unbelievers” did not need to fear Christians, real ones, not that Catholic gang of thugs who, even at that time, imposed an unequal application of laws favoring their Party against all others, forbade reading the Bible, and refused to allow freedom of religion, of speech, of assembly, or of redressing grievances. This was anathema (cursed) to the Protestants, who would not tolerate the Catholics' attempt to impose this on them, but they saw no inconsistency in imposing these things on the Baptists.

Anyway, the Mayflower Compact required no more than their “due submission and obedience” to the agreed-upon “just and equal laws.”

The settlers had no encounters with the Indians in their colony until one day:

An Indian appeared, tall, muscular, and bold, walking down the main street of the colony straight toward a group of men gathered at the Common House. They were speechless. The Indian stood before them, in nothing but a loincloth, slowly raised his hand and said — “Welcome!” *Welcome?* As they stood there flummoxed, the Indian asked, in broken English, “Have you got any beer?”² The pilgrims met Samoset!

Another witness to the amazing Providence of GOD.

Samoset informed the settlers that the Indians native to Plymouth were known as the most feared tribe in the region, the Patuxets, a fierce, inhospitable tribe. This tribe was known for ruthlessly murdering men, women, and children of earlier groups that arrived there from Europe. The settlers were surprised and horrified! Surprised because they had not had any deadly encounters with the Indians at Plymouth Colony. In fact, they saw no Indians within the area of their colony. What happened?

² Grady, Dr. William P., *What Hath God Wrought?* Grady Publications, Schererville, IN, 1997, p. 64

Samoset explained that four years earlier, the entire tribe was wiped out by a mysterious plague. The neighboring tribes believed this was a supernatural curse on the Patuxet, and so they were afraid to engage the Pilgrims directly. The leading medicine men of these tribes gathered in a dark swamp, casting curses upon the Europeans. Puritan Pastor, Cotton Mather, would later write about this and say the devils they ignorantly worshipped told them “they could not hinder those people,” and told them that they would “become the owners and masters of the country.”³

This is what happened at Jericho (Joshua 2:9).

The nearest tribe to the Plymouth Colony was called the Wampanoags, whose ruler was called the Massasoit. I’ll refer to him as the Chief. This tribe was about 40 miles away, in what is now Rhode Island. Samoset explained to the settlers that his chief would be honored to establish a peace between his tribe and the Settlers.

This is when the Plymouth Colony meets Squanto!

Samoset introduced Squanto to the Plymouth colony as the interpreter for the Wampanoag chief in the upcoming meeting to work out a peace treaty.

When the Chief came, the colony met Squanto, who spoke perfect English. The Plymouth Colony leadership learned that Squanto had been a Patuxet Indian who had been twice captured by British explorers in 1605 and 1614. After nine years in England, he escaped and returned to his home, but found only ruined buildings and decayed skeletons. He was devastated! He became a useful member of the Wampanoag tribe.

After the 6-point peace plan was agreed to, and the Chief returned to his tribe, Squanto requested to remain with the Colony to offer any assistance they might require.

³ IBID. Grady, p. 65

Squanto taught them how to survive and thrive in this new world. Pastor Bradford described him as “a special instrument sent of God for their good beyond their expectation.”⁴

He taught them how to “stalk game, refine maple syrup,” and most importantly, how to plant and harvest corn “Indian style.” All of this led to a bountiful harvest — and the most important of all was this: Squanto taught them how to plant pumpkins and cook the pumpkin meat with maple syrup, honey, and spices. The Pilgrims prepared this like a custard pie, and Hannah Wooley, in 1654 created the first ever recipe for a pumpkin-filled pie.

The greatest thing to come to us from our Plymouth brethren is, I admit, not the pumpkin pie:

It’s the planting of the seeds of IN GOD WE TRUST, NO KING BUT CHRIST, CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED, ALL MEN CREATED EQUAL WITH DIVINELY ENDOWED RIGHTS, but I must tell you, for me, the Pumpkin Pie tops it off perfectly.

Especially my wife’s family recipe! Nothing better!

Think I’ll go enjoy some right now!

I have lit the lamps in the Church belfry arch, and now you let me know if you see them.

You can email me by going to our website, branmassage.net. That’s brainmassage.net. Find the CONTACT button and click send.

You can leave a message on our Listener Response Hotline: 805.314.2114.

God bless you. God bless America! I’ll see you in Church.

⁴ IBID. Grady, p. 66