## Our Biblical Foundation In Politics, Part 1

In America we believe that because we have constitutional rights that the government will always protect those rights. As we have seen under the Obama administration this is not necessarily true. Obama's Attorney General refused to prosecute voter intimidation in the 2008 general election even though we are guaranteed free elections. Attorney General Eric Holder finally got fed up Tuesday with claims that the Justice Department went easy in a voting rights case against members of the New Black Panther Party because they are African American.

Holder's frustration over the criticism became evident during a House Appropriations subcommittee hearing as Rep. John Culberson (R-Texas) accused the Justice Department of failing to cooperate with a Civil Rights Commission investigation into the handling of the 2008 incident in which Black Panthers in intimidating outfits and wielding a club stood outside a polling place in Philadelphia.

The Attorney General seemed to take personal offense at a comment Culberson read in which former Democratic activist Bartle Bull called the incident the most serious act of voter intimidation he had witnessed in his career.

"Think about that," Holder said. "When you compare what people endured in the South in the 60s to try to get the right to vote for African Americans, and to compare what people were subjected to there to what happened in Philadelphia—which was inappropriate, certainly that...to describe it in those terms I think does a great disservice to people who put their lives on the line, who risked all, for my people," said Holder, who is black.[1] This is the nation's top cop refusing to enforce the laws of the land. It was at that moment I realized that until

Obama was removed from office we would not see the Constitutional rights of the people enforced.

Our Founding Fathers based the Constitution and the Bill of rights on biblical principles and our ability to self-govern ourselves accordingly. James Madison stated: '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 mankind for Self-government, 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. 'The future and success of America is not in this Constitution, but in the laws of God upon which this Constitution is founded. problem with this is would we always have men of integrity in places of authority? The obvious answer is no. proven several times throughout history not just locally, as was chronicled in the movie The Battle Of Athens,[2] but all the way to the White house in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century with Woodrow Wilson a man who was an outright racist. Leaving aside the broader question of whether Wilson's name should be removed, let's be clear on one thing: Woodrow Wilson was, in fact, a racist pig. He was a racist by current standards, and he was a racist by the standards of the 1910s, a period widely acknowledged by historians as the "nadir" of post-Civil War race relations in the United States.

Easily the worst part of Wilson's record as president was his overseeing of the resegregation of multiple agencies of the federal government, which had been surprisingly integrated as a result of Reconstruction decades earlier. At an April 11, 1913, Cabinet meeting, Postmaster General Albert Burleson argued for segregating the Railway Mail Service. He took exception to the fact that workers shared glasses, towels, and washrooms. Wilson offered no objection to Burleson's plan for segregation, saying that he "wished the matter adjusted in a way to make the least friction." [3]

We now have cities passing laws that attack our religious heritage and how we think concerning the foundational principles of the Bible. We have the right of freedom of religion guaranteed by the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment but in Phoenix, Arizona a pastor was jailed for holding bible studies in his home: Michael Salman, an ordained pastor of Church of God in Christ and the founder of Harvest Christian Fellowship in Phoenix, appeared in court Monday on charges that he violated his probation by continuing to hold Bible studies on his 4.6 acre property with more than 12 people, and for failing to pay over \$12,000 in fines. The Phoenix Municipal Court had earlier ruled that Salman was not to have more than 12 people at his home until he met the city's building codes, fire codes and other safety codes.

"He was found guilty of violating that (12 people limit) today. So in two to four weeks supposedly the court will decide what they are going to do in terms of his violation," said John Whitehead, Salman's attorney and founding president of the legal group The Rutherford Institute, to The Christian Post after the Monday court hearing. "The prosecutor is arguing for more jail time."

Last Monday, Salman began his 60-day jail sentence at Maricopa County Jail for hosting Bible studies twice a week in his home. A Phoenix court found him guilty of 67 code violations in connection to failing to comply to the city's building, fire, safety, and zoning codes.

The city of Phoenix argues that Salman's case is not about religious freedom but about public safety. In an interview with CP, the city prosecutor — or chief prosecutor — for Phoenix, Aaron J. Carreon-Ainsa, noted that five judges have looked at Salman's case, including two U.S. district judges and an appellate judge, and have affirmed the conviction.[4] The city is doing an end-round of our religious freedoms to attempt to silence the Christian voice.

Then we have the city of San Antonio which issued what is called a Non-discriminatory Ordinance that was directed at those that oppose homosexual marriage. This ordinance allowed the city to remove you from an elected office if you publicly pronounced opposition to homosexual marriage. It was also a Class C misdemeanor and if you were a business, such as a bakery that refused to bake a cake for a homosexual 'wedding' you were fined \$500 a day until you complied. If you were found guilty of this 'offense' you could not run for office in San Antonio and you could not do business with the city either. This ordinance criminalized speech, criminalize thoughts, criminalized conscience, even criminalize a person's choice of faith.

What must take place is our rights, all of our rights, must be politically protected. Our Founders understood that and that is why they always called for men of character to be placed in office. Patrick Henry stated: Virtue, morality, and religion. This is the armor, my friend, and this alone that renders us invincible. These are the tactics we should study. If we lose these, we are conquered, fallen indeed...so long as our manners and principles remain sound, there is no danger.

Obama is a muslim. A man of low character and not a friend of biblical values. His eight years has done great damage to this country and Hillary Clinton would have finished the destruction began in the days of FDR. We now have a reprieve and must use this to restore as much as we can of the nation our Founders gave us.

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## FootNotes:

- 1. Eric Holder black panther case focus demeans my people
- 2. http://www.americanheritage.com/content/battle-athens
- 3. Woodrow Wilson racist

4. Phoenix pastor jailed for home bible study to serve 3 years