The background of the image features a large American flag waving in the wind, set against a dramatic sunset sky with orange and yellow clouds. In the foreground, three dark wooden crosses are silhouetted against the bright light of the setting sun. The overall mood is solemn and patriotic.

In God We Trust  
Romans 13:1-3

# No Authority Except From God

- **Romans 13:1-4** - Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will [a]bring judgment on themselves. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. 4 For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil.

# God Gives All Nations Their Right to Exist

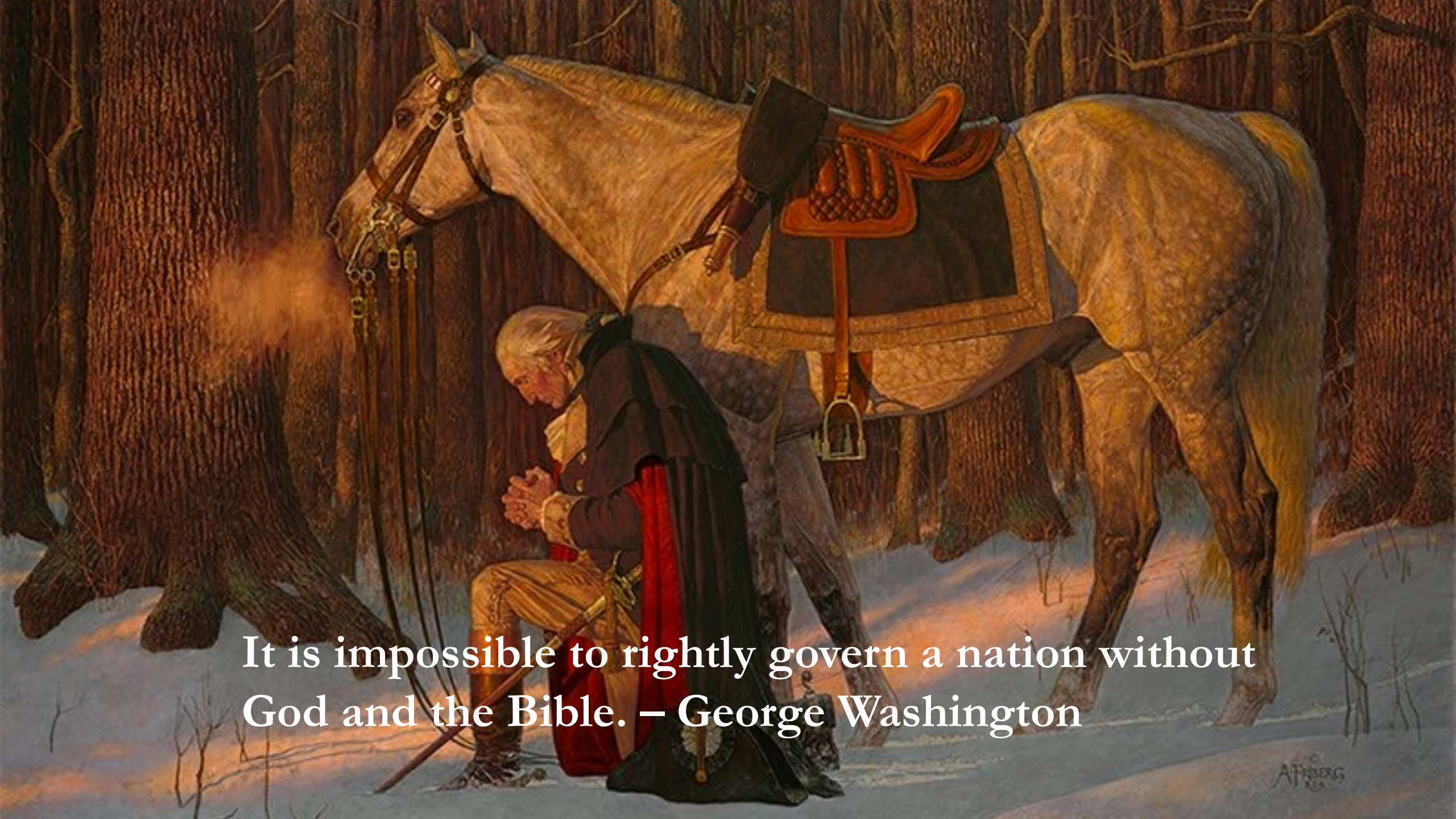
- **Acts 17:26** - And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings,

# A Nation's Future is in God's Hands

- **Jeremiah 18:7-10** - The instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, to pull down, and to destroy it, 8 if that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it. 9 And the instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it, 10 if it does evil in My sight so that it does not obey My voice, then I will relent concerning the good with which I said I would benefit it.

# Humility Before the Lord

- **2 Chronicles 7:13-14** - When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, 14 if **My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.**



It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without  
God and the Bible. – George Washington

# To Maintain Freedom – It Requires Work

1. Freedom is a Choice
2. Freedom Requires Responsibility
3. Freedom Requires Sacrifice

# Freedom is a Choice

- **1 Corinthians 1:18** - 18 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
- **Romans 1:16** - 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

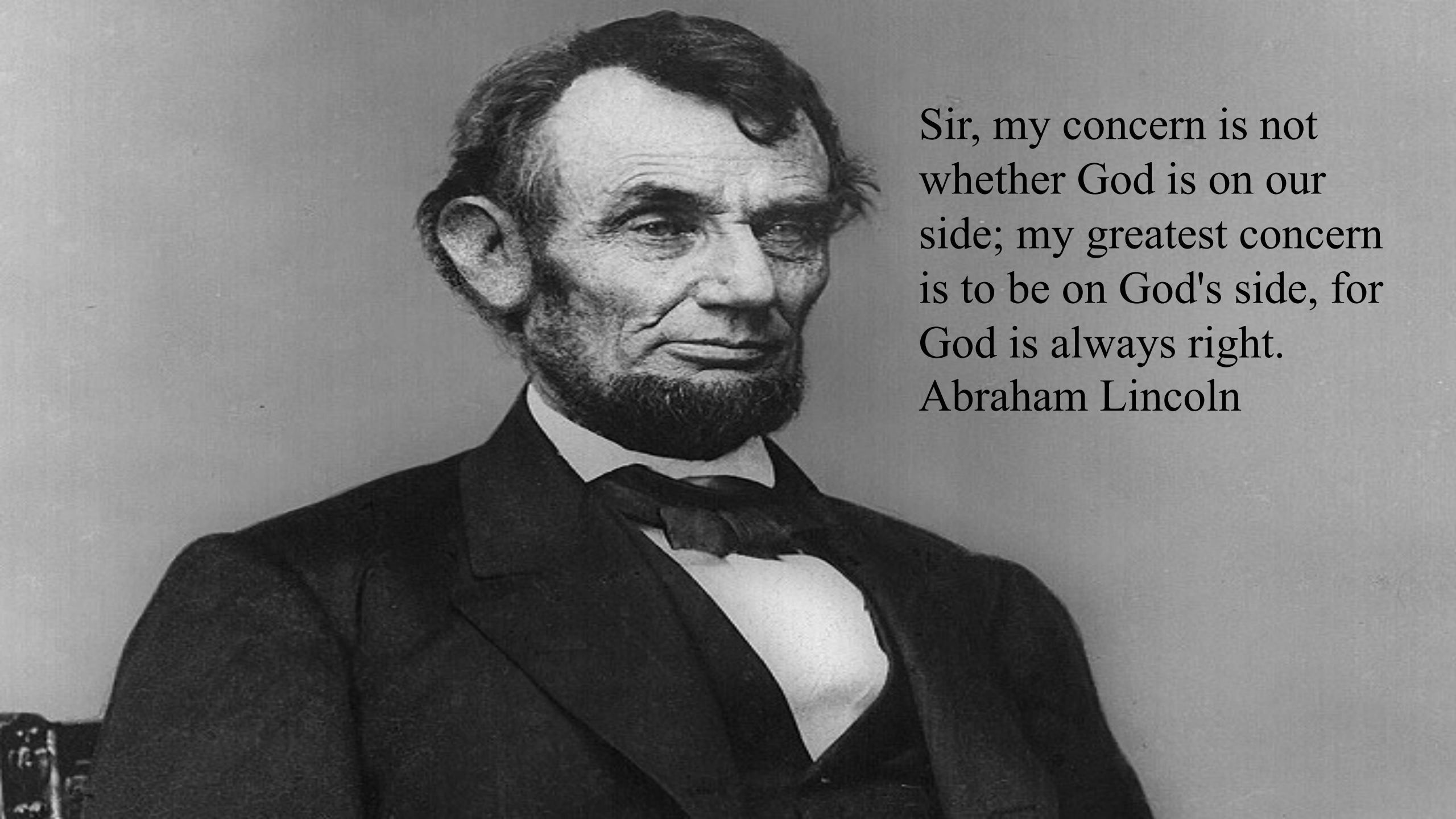


# Freedom Requires Responsibility – Living Each Day for Jesus

- **Romans 12:14-21** -14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. 17 Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. 18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” 20 To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

# Freedom Requires Sacrifice – The Blood of Christ Paid for Your Debt

- **Hebrews 10:10** - 10 And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.



Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right.  
Abraham Lincoln