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Commentary

"The Calling of Our Time"

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The 21 minute speech by George W. Bush, after being sworn in as President for a second term, is being hailed as one of the great inaugural addresses of all time. It is also being called a statement about "The meaning of America and its place in the world."

Called "The Liberty Speech", it demonstrates that George Bush understands the origin of true liberty and God's intention through it. Near the end of his address, the President said...

"When our Founders declared a new order of the ages...they were acting on an ancient hope that is meant to be fulfilled. History has an ebb and flow of justice, but history also has a visible direction, set by liberty and the Author of Liberty."

The 'ancient hope' spoken of by the President is the hope of deliverance from the tyranny of sin and death and the evil it produces in our lives, in dictatorships, and from tyrants around the world. Declaring this hope...'is meant to be fulfilled' and that 'history has...a visible direction, set by liberty and the Author of Liberty,' this President is clearly embracing God's sovereign purpose in the world, calling the American people to join him, and sending a message to tyrants and terrorists world wide.

While some who heard his address will assume a wide meaning to the word 'liberty', the word "Author" in his address is capitalized, as is the word "Liberty"; clear references to God as the origin and creator of true 'liberty.'

The 'liberty' referred to by this President therefore, is clearly not the licentious and self-serving 'liberty' preferred by those without God nor interested in serving Him. II Corinthians 3:17 says, "Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

The 'liberty' authored by God is the 'virtuous liberty' spoken of by our Founders, and said by this President to be "...all that is good and true that came before - ideals of justice and conduct that are the same yesterday, today, and forever."

In the last paragraph of his address, the President said, "When the Declaration of Independence was first read in public and the Liberty Bell was sounded in celebration, a witness said, "It rang as if it meant something.'"

He went on to say, "In our time it means something still. America...proclaims liberty throughout all the world, and to all inhabitants thereof. Renewed in our strength - tested, but not weary - we are ready for the greatest achievements in the history of freedom."

For those 'achievements' to happen, what George Bush envisions must be deeply understood and fully embraced by all Christians in America. There can be no real virtuous 'liberty' and no true 'freedom' throughout the world unless Christ and His truth is vigorously proclaimed, protected, and upheld, right here in America.

What then is the "Meaning of America and Our Place in the World"? The answer is found only in our determination to stand firmly for the "Author of Liberty" and the "...ideals of justice and conduct that are the same yesterday, today, and forever."

The "fire in the minds of men" this President says "warms those who feel its power" and "burns those who fight its progress, and one day...will reach the darkest corners of our world." This 'fire' is the flame of the Spirit of God in the hearts of men and women whom He has freed. May His presence in our midst cause us to rise to the challenge before us.

It is... 'The Calling of Our Time.'

The close to the President's oath of office is fitting for us all.

"So help me God."



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