

## OLD TIME GOSPEL HOUR 7-3-83

### **"Two Flags"**

Calling this Fourth of July sermon both "The Rebuilding of America" and "Two Flags," Falwell discussed the differences between the United States and the Soviet Union. In his lengthy and often fiery sermon, Falwell included comments on freedom, U.S. involvement in Central America, the freeze movement, the danger of Soviet takeover, and the strengthening of America.

### **Freedom**

Falwell said the U.S. flag represented freedom of religion, of the press, of speech, of assembly, of travel, of work, of private property ownership, of open and free elections. He said it represented compassion, civil liberties for all, and protection for the free world everywhere.

"There is not one KGB agent or CIA agent or federal or local official inside the buildings of these 400,000 religious worship houses to determine what is said or what is not said ...It was a sad day 20 years ago when nine persons on the Supreme Court decided to throw God and religious liberty out of the classrooms and the schools buildings of these United States of America. That is why I thank God for Ronald Reagan and many members of Congress, and millions of Americans are working to again make it possible for millions of little children to have religious liberty in this country."

"People often come here to demonstrate on our sidewalks. We have Nazis, Communists, and we have gay groups, and we have atheist societies who come and march. I would never do anything to prohibit that right, because the same Constitutional right that allows me the same privilege. That's the pluralism that that flag stands for."

### **El Salvador**

Supporting an increased U.S. presence in El Salvador, Falwell said:

"The President's trying to get finances to help prevent the fall of El Salvador and then Honduras and Costa Rica and Guatamala and Panama, Mexico. Do you think we should be involved in El Salvador? Absolutely! I'd rather it be in El Salvador than in El Paso; we're got to stop them somewhere. And you say, 'You mean you're for sending troops?' Whatever it take to stop them, to prevent that creeping cancer from coming on up through Central America and pushing hundreds if not thousands, millions, across the borders, our southern borders, into our lands and creating impossible problems for us.

What about the Monroe Doctrine? As far as I'm concerned, and I'll just throw this in, that little stooge, that little bearded Boy Scout -- and God forgive me for what I said about the Boy Scouts -- in Cuba, Castro. Fidel Castro. I'm for doing whatever we need to do to him. If our President suggested an invasion of Cuba today, I'd volunteer.... We're long overdue. Our flag stands for protection for the free world everywhere, including Central American, Mexico."

"Fidel Castro. South of our border. Cuba is exporting revolution to Africa, to Central and South America. He is the cause of one of our boys, one of our advisers, being murdered...in El Salvador. And when I heard the news, my blood boiled, and I thought I'd like to jerk his beard out. Mr. Castro. Killer. Murderer."

'Freezeniks.' On those supporting a nuclear freeze, Falwell said:

"These little freezeniks, marching up and down our streets, causing cheer to come to the hearts of the Kremlin in Russia. They didn't build this country, and as sincere as they may be, they're naive and sincerely wrong."

On the arms race.

"They [the Soviet Union] have been building a nuclear arsenal the past few years while we have been in a virtual freeze position. They have violated all treaties. They're moving fast toward a place where nuclear blackmail of the United States and the rest of the free world is a definite and distinct possibility. And the question asked: Is the President right in being against an immediate freeze that would lock us into inferiority? Of course, the President's right. God gave him the courage and backbone not to fold or give in. May our Congress have the backbone to stand up."

Soviet flag. In discussing the Soviet Union and its lack of freedoms, Falwell said:

"The [Soviet] people are slaves of the state. That's what that red flag stands for. It's properly colored. Bloody. It's properly colored. Anti-human. In favor of slavery. That flag stands for death.... That flag stands for

starvation.... They're starving people to death to build their war machine and crush the world and own the world."

Holding up a Soviet flag, Falwell said:

"I decided that that flag, representing Marxist-Leninism, representing slavery, death and pillage and political rape and starvation and the wipeout of all religious and speech freedoms, that flag has only one hope. And I decided I would put it on my pulpit and put my Bible right on top of it and put it under the weight and authority of the word of God where it belongs." (audience applause)

America's rebirth.

Falwell said signs today point to a moral and spiritual rebirth.

"Young people today are repudiating that [the '60s] as a bad experiment, throwing secular humanism to the trash pile where it belongs, and situation ethics with it, and are saying we must come back to basics. Young people are doing that everywhere."

America's future.

Falwell said:

"I also see our President and our government very wisely rebuilding our defenses because when a country begins to strengthen itself morally and spiritually, pretty soon that country becomes economically and militarily strong. It has resolve. It has character, and that's what's happening in our country. But Yuri Andropov...knows America is having a moral and spiritual rebirth. He knows that. And he knows that if he waits until 1990, as I see it, this country's going to be stronger in every way -- morally, spiritually, economically, militarily -- than it's every been. And we will not be pluckable from the tree of world conquest where he has his eyes set. It's my prediction that they're talking right now in the Soviet Union about 'we must move now; to take America, we must move now.' You say they wouldn't dare hit us, but a nation that would murder 50 million of its own people has no regard for the dignity of human life, even their own people. And I believe America is in serious danger...."

The President speaks of the window of vulnerability. We are weaker than the Soviets are right now. If they decided to blackmail us today with a phone call, I don't know what the President would do. I think I know him well enough to know that he would not capitulate, but that would mean, that would mean, a holocaust. I don't believe that's going to happen, but no one can be dogmatic about it."

July 10, 1983

Nuclear War.

Rev. Falwell spoke on the topic, "America: In Grave Danger."  
His thesis: "If the Soviet Union is to attack the United States

Reagan.

Other signs of a rebirth, Falwell said, include the improvement of the economy, the increased defense budget, and Reagan himself.

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"Why is it Ronald Reagan's economy is coming back to health? 'Righteousness exalted the nation.' Proverbs 14:34. Why is it Mr. Reagan is getting his military budget through and MX and all these things through Congress? Why is it that he is winning in his efforts to redefense and restrengthen the military preparedness of this nation? 'Righteousness exalted the nation.' I believe Ronald Reagan is the product of the moral and spiritual rebirth of our nation..."

Falwell said he believed Reagan would run again and that he would win.

Nuclear timing.

Falwell said in conclusion:

"I believe with God Almighty on the throne, and God who is the author of freedom, ruling things from heaven, I believe this country, by 1990 or earlier, is going to be impregnable. Morally and spiritually strong again, and with that always comes all the other strengths. Social health, military health, economic health, all that comes. And the Soviets know that. They see this trend; they see us bottoming out. And if they are wise, they'll move in now while we are still weak and before we recoup the superior position we once had."

Power of prayer.

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July 17, 1983

America in danger.

Rev. Falwell spoke on "The Law of Sowing and Reaping." He said that after 20 years of decadence and moral permissiveness, America would soon 'reap' God's wrath. In particular he singled out sexual promiscuity, homosexuality and abortion. Falwell said:

"Whatsoever a man, a church, a group, a community, a nation sows that shall that entity also reap. You can't revoke that. That's the law of God. It cannot be appealed. And thank God those nine persons on the Supreme Court who legalized murder on demand, abortion on demand, in 1973; and who threw God out of public education in America 1962, they have no voice in the laws of God. They are immutable and non-appealable."

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### **"God's Champions"**

Falwell began a series of 12 sermons on Biblical figures -- "God's champions" -- with a sermon on Abraham. Falwell read from Genesis chapters 11, 12, 13, 21, and 22 and discussed the seven-fold commission that God gave Abraham.

### **Prayer**

Falwell brought up the "battle to keep God in this society." He mentioned that "somebody of the ACLU type" was trying to remove prayer from historical re-enactments in Williamsburg.

"You can go out there preach Marxism and nobody will say a blooming word. You can pass out pornography, Playboy, Penthouse, nobody will say a word. You just have to mention God and the Bible, and they have hernias about it."

### **AIDS**

In discussing Sodom and Gomorrah, Falwell said that the two cities were "steeped in homosexuality." And he called AIDS "the gay plague."

"You break all of His laws, and God Almighty will judge you for it. That's what's happening in our country today [to AIDS victims]."