



The President's Perspective



Battle for the Ten Commandments

According to Rob Schenk, missionary to Washington, DC, and friend to many of the Supreme Court Justices, the current case before the High Court may be the most important religious liberty case in modern history. Two states, Texas and Kentucky, have Ten Commandments display issues that were argued before the Court last week. Both cases are now in review and will be decided sometime between now and June 1st. While both cases are being considered together, they arrived at the High Court via different avenues. The Kentucky Ten Commandments case is being argued on this ground-that the display of the Ten Commandments should be allowed because it is an historical document like the Magna Carta, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. In the Texas case, the argument before the Court is that the Ten Commandments are the moral basis of all our law in America, and hence should be displayed as an acknowledgement of our recognition of God in our legal system. I believe that the Texas case recognizes the intent of our founding fathers, that our legal system is rooted in the Ten Commandments and acknowledgement of a Supreme God Who rules in the affairs of men and nations. The Kentucky case, I believe, is being argued from a standpoint of concession to political correctness. While the Ten Commandments are a historical document, to argue for their display as being merely that, like other historical documents, is to deny the special place they had in our nations founding and should have today. Since both cases are being considered together, it will be highly interesting to see how the justices rule. To be honest, I am waiting eagerly to read their decisions.

The time is now, for Christians to PRAY, PRAY, PRAY!!! Should the Court decide against allowing the Commandments to be displayed, religious liberty could take a blow from which it could never recover. I have heard different opinions from people in the know in DC. One said that he thought the decision could go either way, and that however it went, it would be a 5 to 4 split. Another man, closer to the cases and friend to some of the Justices, said that he feels confident, from watching the case from inside the Court, that the Court will rule 6 to 3 in favor of allowing the Ten Commandments to be displayed. I pray that he is right. Either way, this case seems to have slipped under many Christian's radar screen. I do not hear many even talking about it. Dear Christian, if you are a friend to God and to liberty, the time is now to let your voice be heard in the Court of Heaven. I urge you, individually, and churches, collectively, to bombard heaven with your prayers. The liberties of future generations, the future of our children, may well depend on how this case turns out.

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