

John Wingate Thornton, *The Pulpit of the American Revolution*, 1860:

**“The Fathers of the Republic ... invoked God in their civil assemblies, called upon their chosen teachers of religion for counsel from the Bible, and recognized its precepts as the law of their public conduct. The Fathers did not divorce politics and religion, but they denounced the separation as ungodly.”**

**“They prepared for the struggle, and went into battle, not as soldiers of fortune, but, ... with the Word of God in their hearts, and trusting in Him. This was the secret of that moral energy which sustained the Republic in its material weakness against superior numbers, and discipline, and all the power of England.**

**England sent her armies to compel submission, and the colonists appealed to heaven.”**