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“And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers...” (Acts 13:32)

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The President Of Our Time

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Our country elects its President from its own natural born citizenry. The one selected is often in tune with the popular philosophy of the day. Our President has been vocal in advocating the present postmodern view of there being no absolute truth.

In one of his autobiographies, *Audacity of Hope*, Barack Obama said the following concerning America's founding: “*It's not just absolute power that the Founders sought to prevent. Implicit in its structure, in the very idea of ordered liberty, was a rejection of absolute truth, the infallibility of any idea or ideology or theology or "ism" any tyrannical consistency that might lock future generations into a single, unalterable course...*” He won the popular vote in 2008 and again in 2012. Then, last month in his second inaugural address he continued his objection with absolute truth when he said, “*we cannot mistake absolutism for principle.*” It is difficult to accept as fact that the fore fathers of this country tried to prevent absolute truth from having a part in the founding, when they anchored their

rights and the rights of future generations upon such absolutes as “*their Creator*” and “*Nature's God*”, while appealing to “*The Supreme Judge of the world*” with their grievances against Britain and relying upon “*Divine Providence*” for their solution.

Barack Obama's view of no absolute truth may help us understand why he can take positions which clearly contradict the truth of the Bible, while claiming to be a Christian. Homosexuality is not an abomination in his mind, while it clearly is in God's (*Leviticus 18:22*). And marriage defined by God being between a man and a woman may have been right for “the beginning” and past generations (*Matthew 19:4-5*), but it must be an extended right to homosexuals of our day. Assuming what the Founders thought about truth may be an attempt at revisionist history, but contradicting what the God of heaven and earth has actually said is blaspheming the absolute One “*with whom we have to do*” (*cf. Hebrews 4:13*).

The truth of God is not something to be changed or redefined for future generations. God exhorts us to “*buy the truth and sell it not*” (*Proverbs 23:23*). “*The faith*” for which we are “*to contend*”, is “*once and for all delivered*” (*Jude 3*). It is absolute because it is not one of many faiths. It is sufficient because it will never need to be updated.

The Gospel provides freedom from sin, and the standard by which we all must live. Paul did not give in even for an hour to those who would pervert that liberty, “*that the truth of the Gospel might continue*” (*Galatians 2:5*). Paul personally confronted Peter when he was not walking uprightly “*according to the truth of the Gospel*” (*Galatians 2:14*). Living consistently with God's absolute truth does not create “tyrannical consistency” unless you think Paul was a tyrant.

What our President and the postmodern world are attacking today as “absolute truth” is simply “truth”. God's truth is the absolute principle we must “buy” and never “sell” at any time.