# "Morristown – Winter & Spring 1777

A Time Of Great Pestilence, Panic, & Fear, Turned Into A Time Of Great Healing, Peace, & Revival!"

#### Psalm 91

"He Who Dwells in the Secret Place of the Most High Shall Abide Under the Shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is My Refuge and My Fortress; My God, In Him I Will Trust! Surely, He shall deliver you from the Snare of the Fowler and from the Perilous Pestilence. He Shall Cover You With His Feathers, And Under His Wings You Shall Take Refuge; His Truth Shall Be Your Shield And Buckler. "You Shall Not Be Afraid of the Terror by Night, Nor of the Arrow that Flies by day, nor of the Pestilence that Walks in Darkness, nor of the Destruction that Lays Waste at Noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you look, and see the reward of the wicked. Because You Have Made The Lord, Who Is My Refuge, Even The Most High, Your Dwelling Place, No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; For He shall give His Angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, the young lion, and the serpent you shall trample underfoot. Because He Has Set His Love Upon Me, Therefore I Will Deliver Him; I Will Set Him On High, Because He Has Known My Name. He Shall Call Upon Me, and I Will Answer Him; I Will Be With Him In Trouble; I Will Deliver Him and Honor Him. With Long Life I Will Satisfy Him, and Show Him My Salvation!"

Psalm 91 (NKJV)

### Morristown, New Jersey – Early January 1777

The Place God Told Washington To Take His People To, To Give Them Rest & Refuge,
To Provide Solitude & Concealment,

& To Give Them Time To Regain Their Strength & Vigor!

But Instead, The People Found Soon After Arrival,

A Time Of Great Testing: A Time Of A Great Pestilence, Panic, & Fear!

That Long Winter & Early Spring Of 1777

The Area Around Morristown Flooded & Froze Again & Again, Bridges Between New Brunswick & Morristown Were Sapped & Destroyed, And Provisions Began To Run Low – Food, Clothing, Shelter, & Ammunition!

And God's People Began To Despair As A
Bonafide Pestilence – A Pandemic Of Smallpox Moved Through
The Encampment & The Nearby Surrounding Countryside!
Then The Worst Enemy Panic & Fear,

The Kind That Drives Out Our Faith In God & One Another,
The Kind That Makes You Question The Love & Providence Of God Your Father!
The People Began To Turn To Their Own Enlightenment Of The Times!
They Turned To Their Own Understanding, To The Familiar Human Wisdom Of The Past,
To A Complete Quarantine Of The Encampment
& To Just Sit & Wait & Hope For The Best!

#### It Is In Moments Like These,

### That Secular Human Reasoning Turns To Sayings Like These:

"Fear For Your Own Lives!" "Save Your Life At Any Cost!"

"Follow The Prevailing Wisdom!" "Follow The Science – Flatten The Curve!"

- Q: "What Was The Secular Human / Science Solution Of Their Day For Pandemics!"
  A: 10 # RULES Well Known & Time Tested!
  - 1) Quarantine Only The Sick Who Show Symptoms In One Area Of The Camp!
    - 2) Quarantine The Rest In Another Area Till They Show Signs!
      - 3) Wear Masks When Visiting & Assisting With The Sick!
        - 4) Provide High Levels Of Cleanliness At All Times!
    - 5) Cool The Foreheads & Bodies Of Those Who Have Fevers!
      - 6) Provide Proper & Balanced Nourishment For The Sick!
        - 7) Hydrate The Infirmed With Water Frequently!
        - 8) And Just Wait Until They Recover Or Die!
- 9) Remove The Bedding & Clothing & Body Of The Deceased As Quickly As Possible!

  10) Disinfect Or Destroy The Bedding & Clothing Of The Deceased!
  - REPEAT Rule # 4 Above Clean Thoroughly The Place Where The Deceased Lie!

Q: "Was There Any Other Solutions To Try In Those Days?"

A1: Yes! - An Experimental Procedure – New Nearly Untested Science!

Direct Inoculation Of The Pathogenic Tissue Into Everyone Who Is Heathy!

A2: Yes! - Unwavering Faith & Prayer To God!

In His Daily Morning & Evening Prayers George Washington Was Shown A Vision Directly From God To Do The Old Science – The 10 Steps We Just Spoke About! But Also Add The Last 2 Solutions As Well With Faith & Prayer Being Paramount With Absolutely No Doubt In The Power Of God To Prevail In The End!

**General Washington Drafted # 3 Orders** 

- 1) To Follow The 10 # Rules Above
- 2) To Try The New Science Of Direct Inoculation
- 3) But Before The Attempt At Direct Inoculation

There Would Be A Time Of Fasting & Praying,

& Beseeching God To Act On Their Behalf!
God Acted When:

- 1) His Commander Washington Acted In Great Faith & Obedience!
- 2) His People Obediently Followed, Acted, And Not Only Did Not Lose Their Faith,
  But Believed All The More In Their Heavenly Father!

#### 7 # Outcomes!

- 1) The Loss Of Life Was 80% Less Than Expected!
- **God Performed A Miracle Of Healing Through Their Courageous Faith!**
- 2) Fellow Citizens In The Surrounding Areas Braved The Quarantine Line
- & Brought Clothes, Shoes, Boots, Bedding, Shelter, Food, & Ammunition.
- 3) God's Presence Fell Heavy On The Encampment & On The People Of Surrounding Area!

  4) Revival Went Out From Morristown
  - & Spread Across The Length & The Breadth Of New Jersey!
  - 5) An Early Thaw Came To The Area Brining Warmer Temperatures & Less Rain!
  - 6) Do To The Early Thaw Flooding Kept Back The Enemy All Around In The Swamps & Lowlands Surrounding The Elevated Immediate Vicinity Of Morristown!
    - 7) God's People Were Made Ready Again For The Coming Battles Ahead!

### The Final Changes That Came Over God's People!

1) The People Of New Jersey Set Aside Their Panic & Fear,
And Instead, In The Presence Of God's Moving Spirit Among Them,
They Found Peace & Faith Like Never Before!
2) The People Saw God's Mighty Hand Remove
The Pandemic & Pestilence From Their Midst, And Replace It Instead
With A Spirit Of Revival & Thanksgiving In Their Hearts!

That Long Winter & Spring Of 1777
The Praise, Worship, & Thanksgiving Of God
Was Heard All Around The Camp! And In The Churches The Revival
Spread From Meeting House To Meeting House All Around!
And The Good News Of God's Deliverance In Battle
& In Miracles Of Healing With Great Signs & Wonders,
Spread All Across New Jersey & To All The Colonies!

Q: "But What Was The Message That Was Spreading With The Revival?"

A1: The Good News That God Is The Author, Sustainer, & Healer Of Our Lives!

A2: The Good News That God Alongside Of Our Unwavering Faith & Obedience

Will Bring Us Through As His Victorious & Free People!

\* Later In The Fall Of 1777 – A Great Battle Won In Saratoga, New York! \*
Let Us As God's Chosen People & His True Patriots Today

Take This Memorial Weekend & This Coming Summer, To Give Our Praise, Worship & Thanksgiving To Our God! Let Us As God's Chosen People & His True Patriots Today

Put Our Faith In God & The Time -Tested Science We Know Is Sure,
To Allow God To Heal Us, Protect Us, & Sustain Us As His Free People!

Let Us Also Prepare For A Hard & Long Fight To Retain Our Freedoms From Tyranny & Treason

As The Forces Of Evil & Darkness Descend On Our Beloved State, & Nation, & Faith! So, Let Us Beseech Our Lord Jesus, To Send Us A Revival Like Never Before In History!

## LET US PRAY!

"Oh God Our Father,

Send Us Heaven's Blessing Of Boldness & Courage,
Let Your Presence & Power Rain Down To Encourage & Strengthen Us!

That We May Stand With You & One Another, Fellow Citizens Of Earth & Heaven,
As We Defend The Right To Life, Liberty, & Your Praise & Worship!"

"Oh Lord Jesus Christ, Give Us Unwavering Faith In You,
Give Us Love & Unity For One Another!

That The World May Know We Are Truly Yours,
And That You Alone Have Set Us Free!"

"Oh Blessed Holy Spirit,
Free Us From All Sin & Spirits Of Rebellion,
So That Revival's Fire May Begin With Us
Through Your Holy & Abiding Presence!
That We Might Pierce & The Darkness, & Defeat The Lies
Of The Evil One, That Keeps Others Enslaved To Him!"