

# Such a Cloud of Witnesses

## *"Stories of American Christians"*

Temple Baptist Church  
January 10, 2021



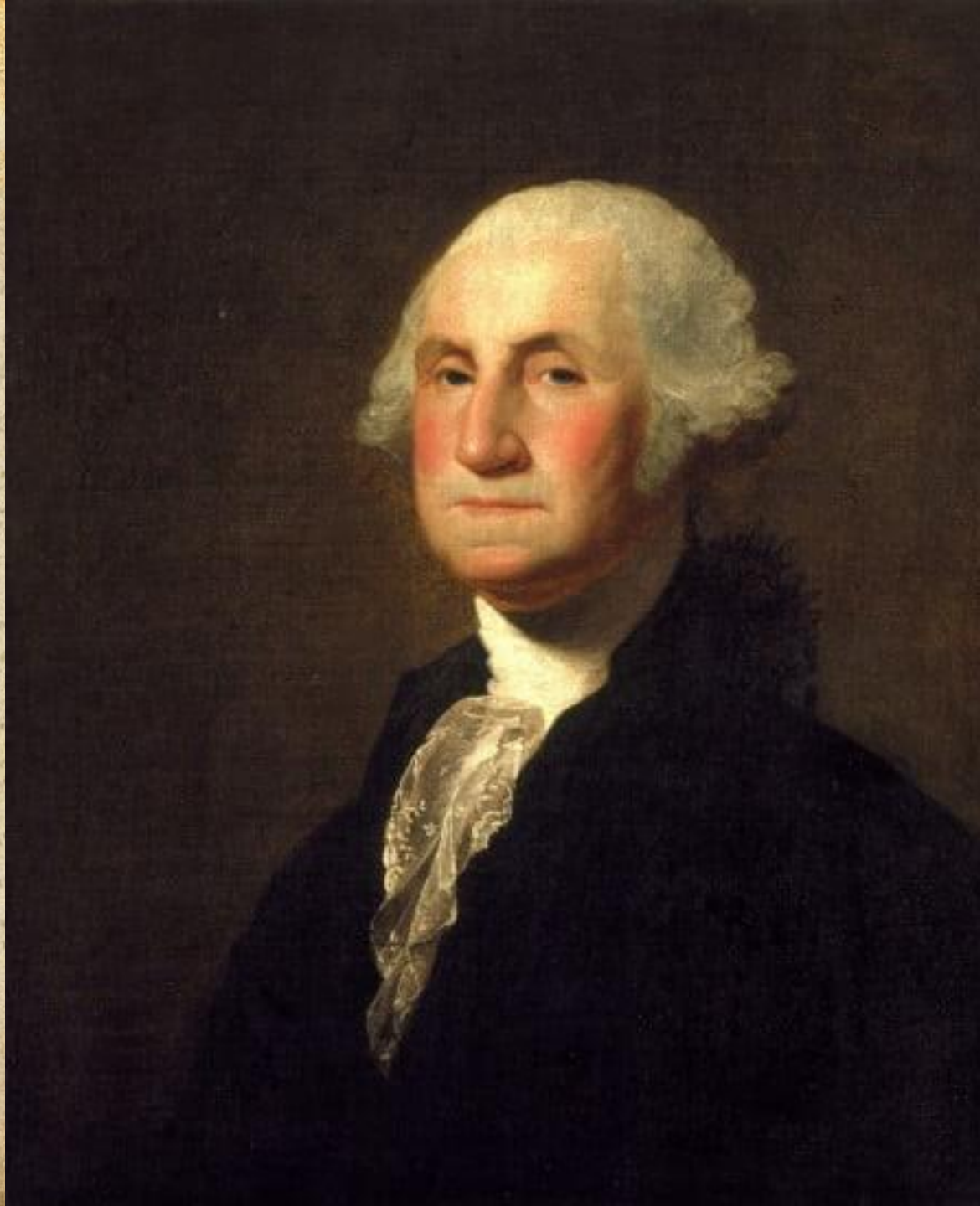


# Micah 6:8

8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good;  
and what doth the Lord require of thee, **but to  
do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk  
humbly with thy God?**



George  
Washington  
1798









# VIRGINIA



## POPULATED PLACES

- 100,000 – 499,999 • Norfolk  
25,000 – 99,999 • Roanoke  
24,999 and less • Monterey  
State capital ★ *Richmond*  
Urban areas 

## TRANSPORTATION

- Interstate; limited access highway   
Other principal highway   
Railroad   
Ferry 

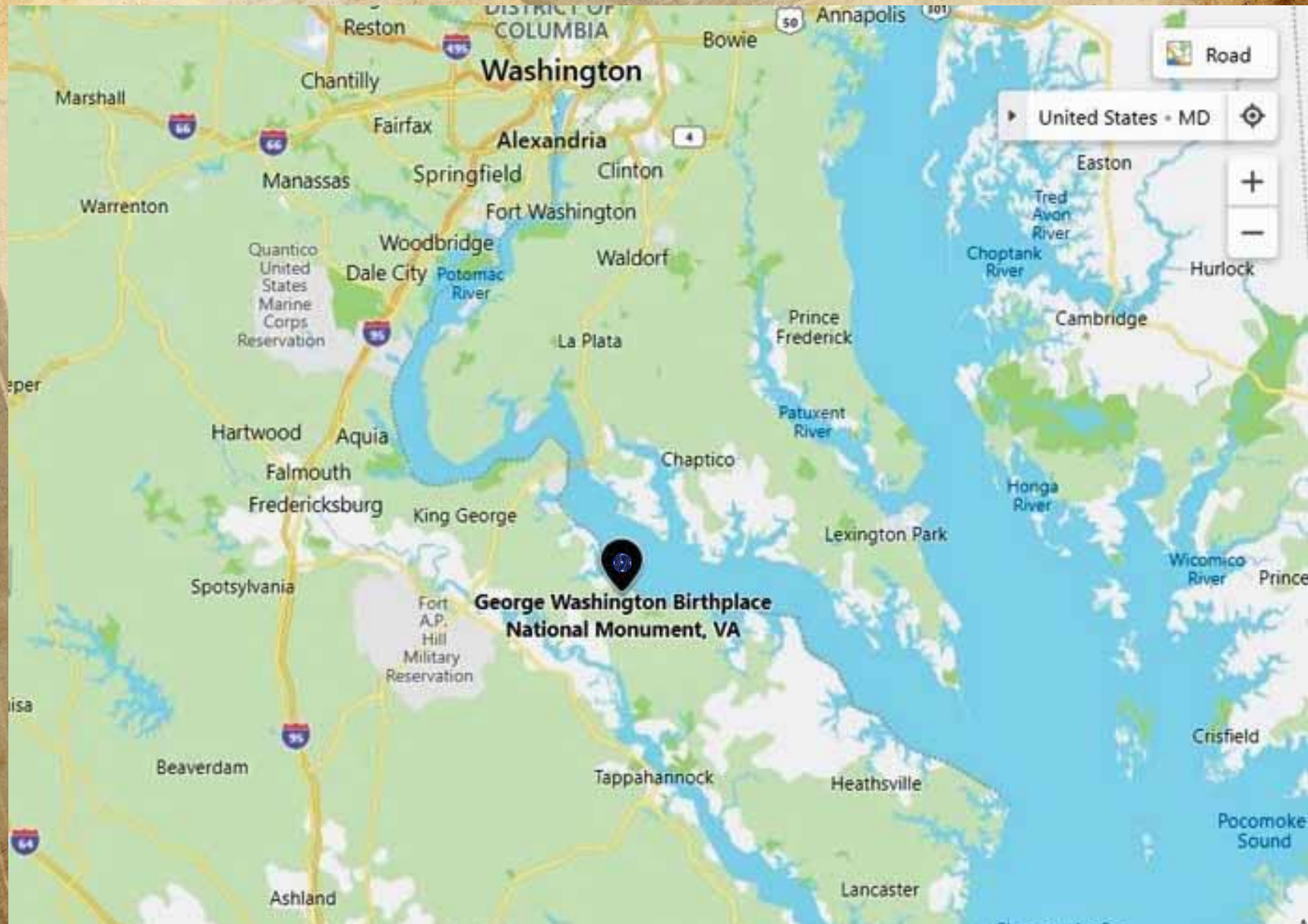
## PHYSICAL FEATURES

- Streams   
Lakes   
Highest elevation in state (feet) +5729  
The lowest elevation in Virginia is sea level (Atlantic Ocean).





Popes Creek February 22, 1732





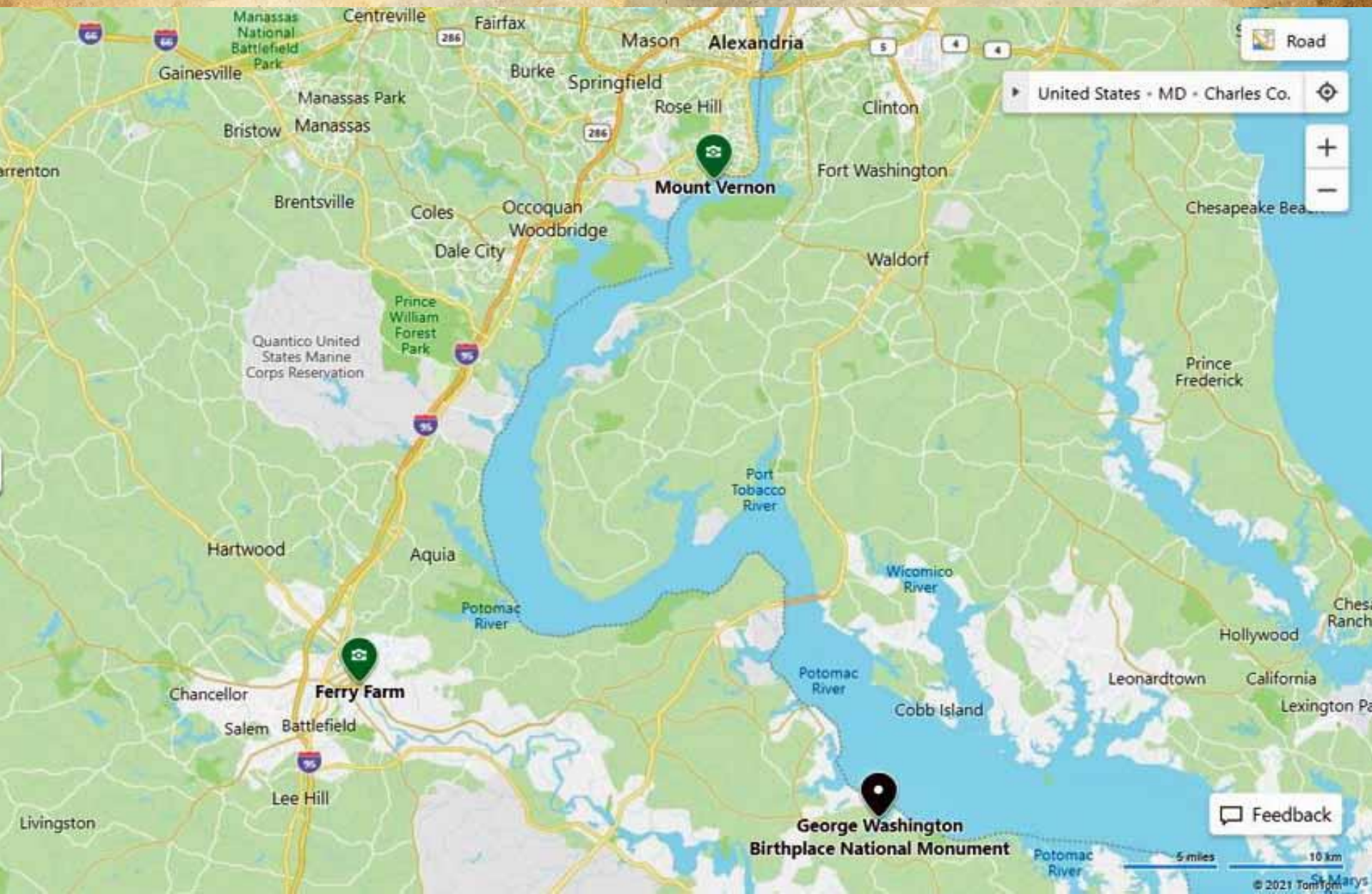
# Popes Creek

February 22, 1732





# Little Hunting Creek 1735



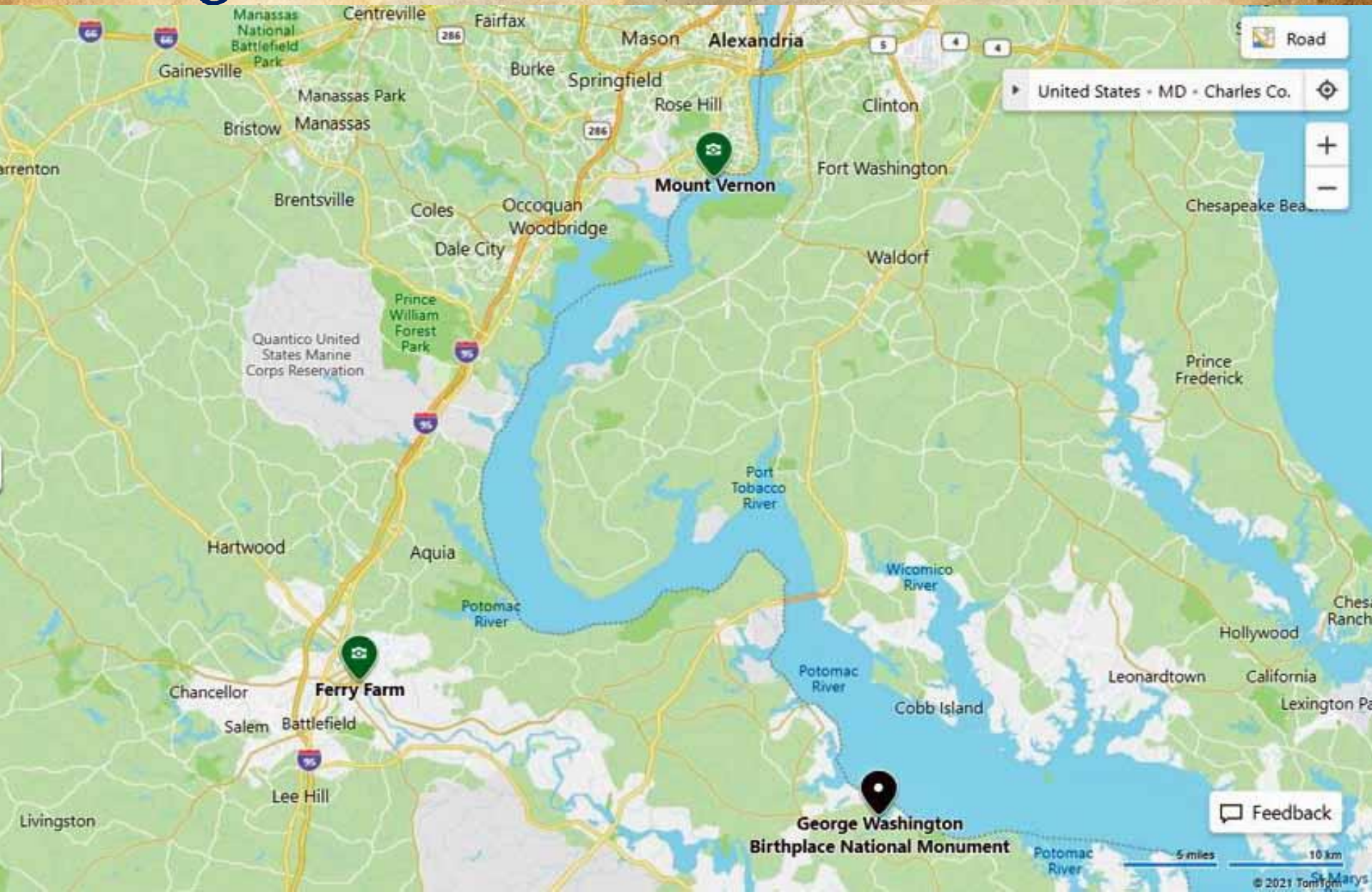


# Little Hunting Creek 1735





# Ferry Farm 1738





# Ferry Farm 1738





# The Cherry Tree Incident





# Mason Locke Weems 1759-1825



THE LIFE  
OF  
GEORGE WASHINGTON;  
WITH  
**CURIOUS ANECDOTES,**  
EQUALLY HONOURABLE TO HIMSELF,  
AND  
EXEMPLARY TO HIS YOUNG COUNTRYMEN.

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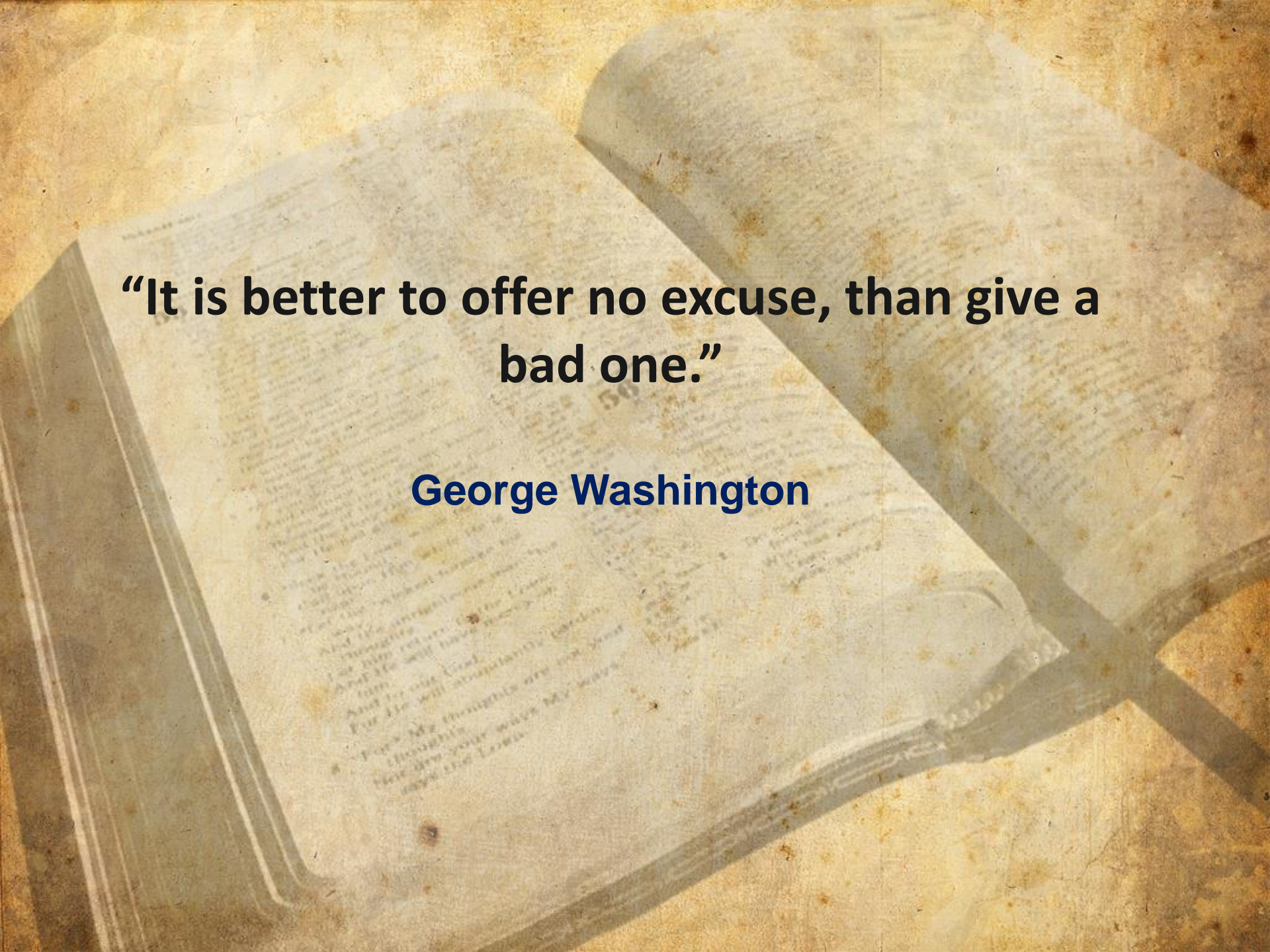
A life how useful to his country led!  
How loved! while living!—how revered! now dead!  
Lisp! lisp! his name, ye children yet unborn!  
And with like deeds your own great names adorn.

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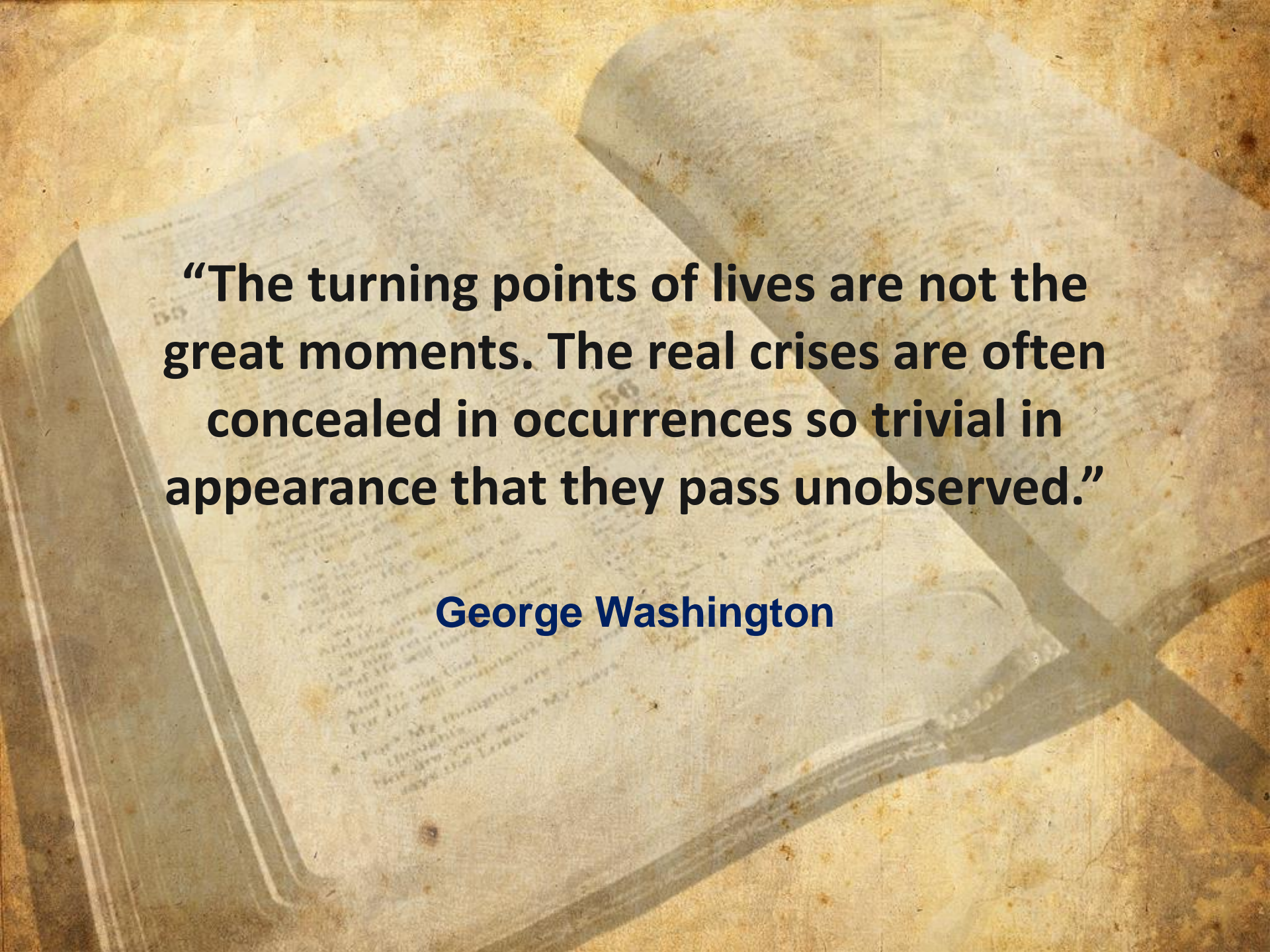




**“It is better to offer no excuse, than give a  
bad one.”**

**George Washington**





**“The turning points of lives are not the great moments. The real crises are often concealed in occurrences so trivial in appearance that they pass unobserved.”**

**George Washington**



# Ferry Farm

1743-1751





# George Washington's Family

## Father

Augustine Washington (1694-1743)

## Mother

Mary Ball Washington (1708-1789)

## Brothers

Samuel Washington (1734-1781)

John Augustine Washington (1736-1787)

Charles Washington (1738-1799)

## Sisters

Betty Washington Lewis (1733 - 1797)

Mildred Washington (1737-1740)

## Half-Brothers

Butler Washington (1716-1716)

Lawrence Washington (1718-1752)

Augustine Washington Jr. (1720-1762)

## Half-Sister

Jane Washington (1722-1734)

## Wife

Martha Washington (1731-1802)

## Biological Children

None

## Step-Children

Daniel Custis (1751-1754)

Frances Custis (1753-1757)

John "Jacky" Parke Custis (1754-1781)

Martha "Patsy" Parke Custis (1756-1773)

## Step-Grandchildren

Elizabeth "Eliza" Parke Custis Law (1776-1831)

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George Washington "Washy" Parke Custis (1781-1857)



# Mary Ball Washington 1707-1789





# Pohick Church





# Romans 12:9-15

**9 Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.**

**10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;**

**11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;**

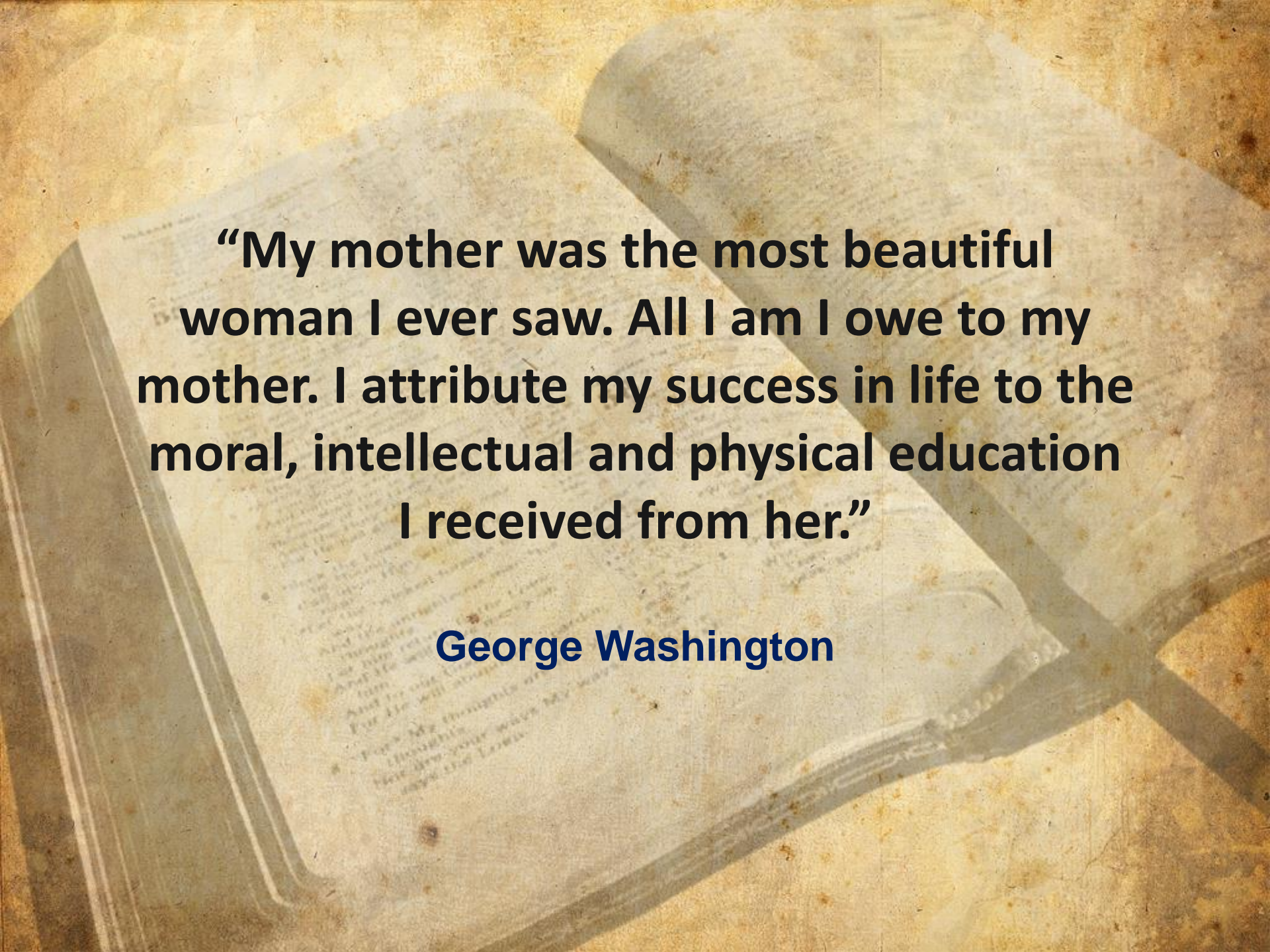
**12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;**

**13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.**

**14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.**

**15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.**



An open, aged book with a quote overlaid. The book's pages are yellowed and show signs of wear. The quote is centered on the left page. The right page is partially visible, showing some text and a small illustration of a person's head.

**“My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her.”**

**George Washington**



Rules of Civility & Decent Behaviour  
In Company and Conversation

- [illegible]



# Rules of Civility

18. Read no letters, books, or papers in company but when there is a necessity for the doing of it you must ask leave: come not near the books or writings of another so as to read them unless desired or give your opinion of them unask'd also look not nigh when another is writing a letter.

19. Let your countenance be pleasant but in serious matters somewhat grave.

20. The gestures of the body must be suited to the discourse you are upon.

21. Reproach none for the infirmities of nature, nor delight to put them that have in mind thereof.

22. Show not yourself glad at the misfortune of another though he were your enemy.

23. When you see a crime punished, you may be inwardly pleased; but always show pity to the suffering offender.

24. Do not laugh too loud or too much at any publick spectacle.



## Matthew 7:12

**12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.**



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# Lawrence Washington

1718-1752

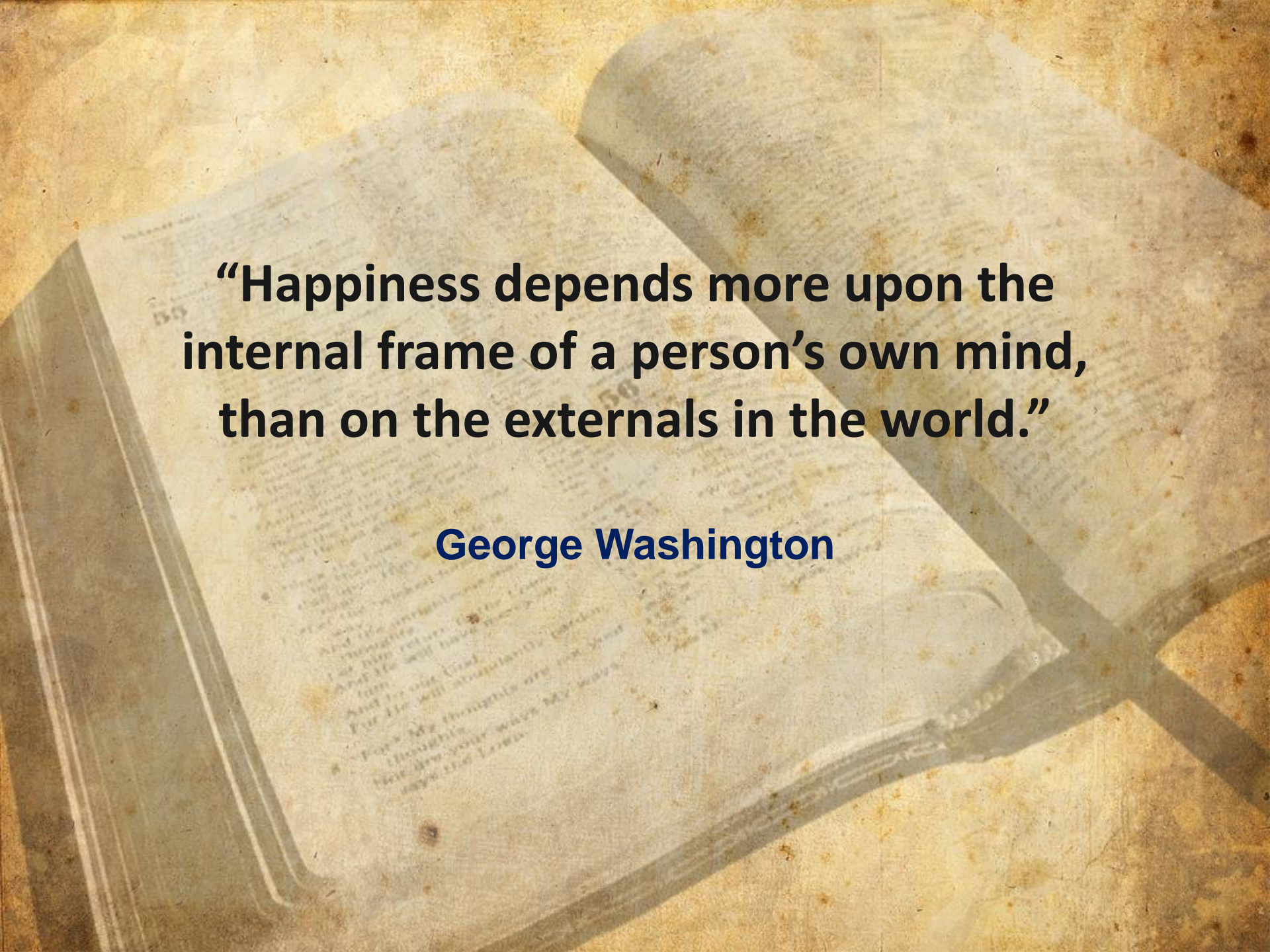




# George Washington - Health

- 1. Diphtheria**
- 2. Tuberculosis**
- 3. Malaria**
- 4. Smallpox**
- 5. Dysentery**
- 6. Quinsy (Tonsilitis)**
- 7. Carbuncle (Skin Cancer)**
- 8. Epiglottitis (Influenza)**



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**“Happiness depends more upon the  
internal frame of a person’s own mind,  
than on the externals in the world.”**

**George Washington**



# John 4:21-24

21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

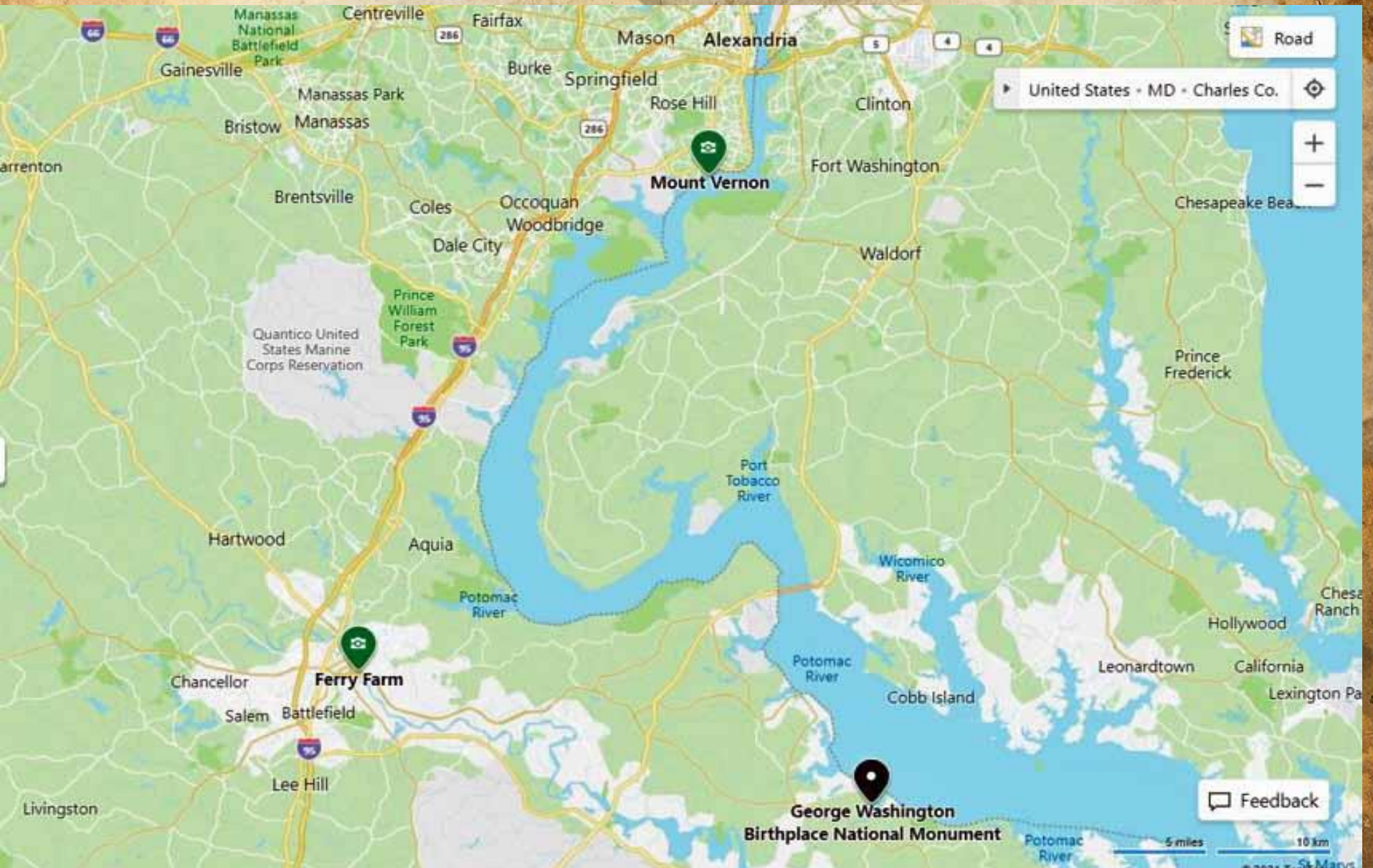
22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: **for salvation is of the Jews.**

23 But the hour cometh, and now is, **when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.**

24 God is a Spirit: and **they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.**



1752-1799





# Martha Custis Washington 1759-1799





# Mount Vernon 1752-1799





# Mount Vernon 1752-1799





# Mount Vernon Front Parlor





# Mount Vernon New Room





# Mount Vernon Bedroom





# Mount Vernon 1752-1799





# Mount Vernon Study

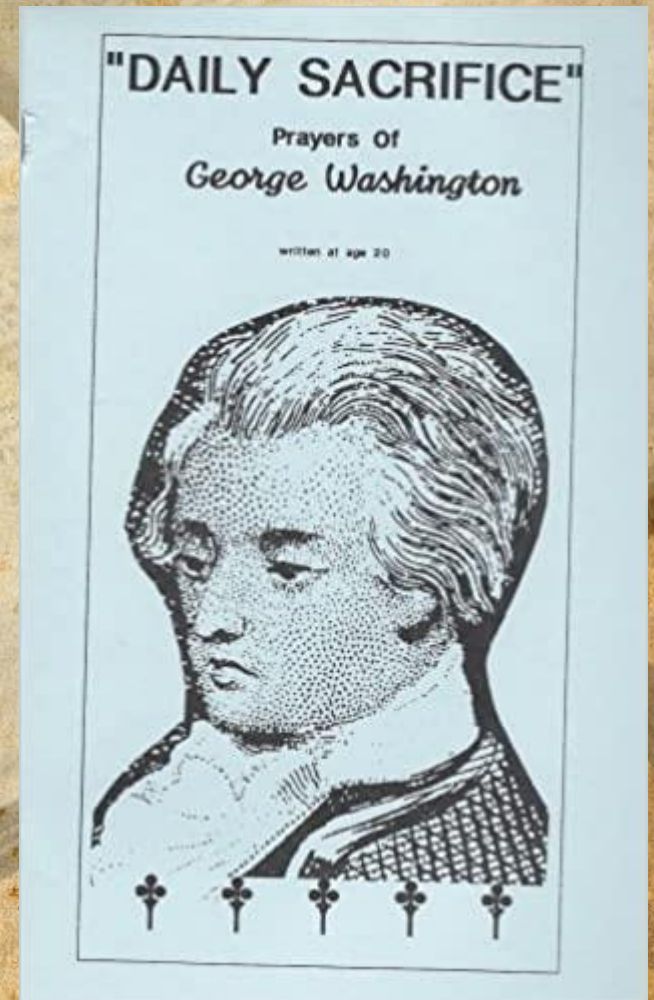




# Washington's Prayer Journal

## The Daily Sacrifice

Bought at auction by Dr. William  
Herbert Burk in 1891





# Washington's Prayer Journal

## The Daily Sacrifice

### Sunday morning prayer

Almighty God, and most merciful father, who didst command the children of Israel to offer a daily sacrifice to thee, that thereby they might glorify and praise thee for thy protection both night and day, receive, O Lord, my morning sacrifice which I now offer up to thee; I yield thee humble and hearty thanks that thou has preserved me from the danger of the night past, and brought me to the light of the day, and the comforts thereof, a day which is consecrated to thine own service and for thine own honor.

### Sunday evening prayer

O most Glorious God, in Jesus Christ my merciful and loving father, I acknowledge and confess my guilt, in the weak and imperfect performance of the duties of this day. I have called on thee for pardon and forgiveness of sins, but so coldly and carelessly, that my prayers are become my sin and stand in need of pardon. I have heard thy holy word, but with such deadness of spirit that I have been an unprofitable and forgetful hearer.



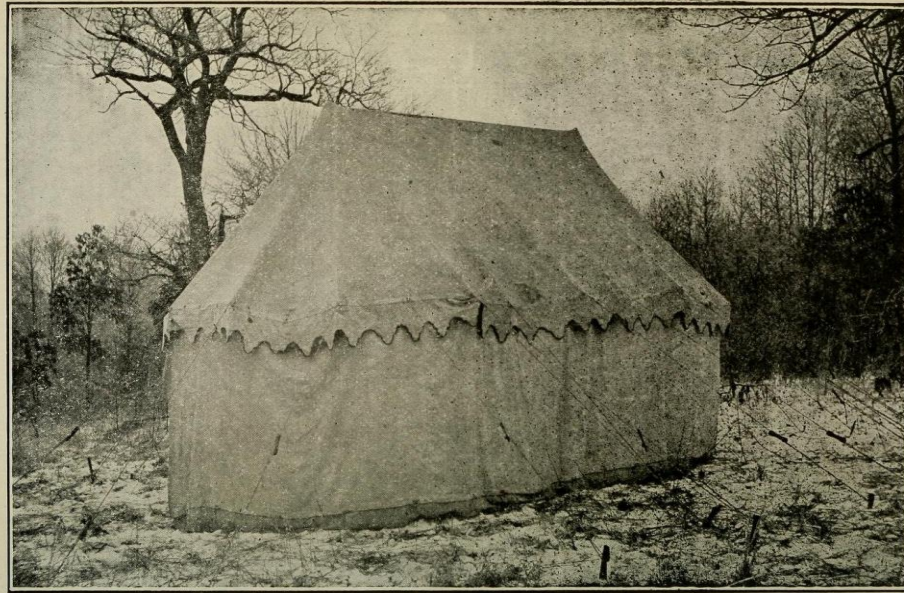
# Doctor William Herbert Burk



**Museum of the American Revolution, Dr. Burk Collection,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**



# Washington's Valley Forge Tent



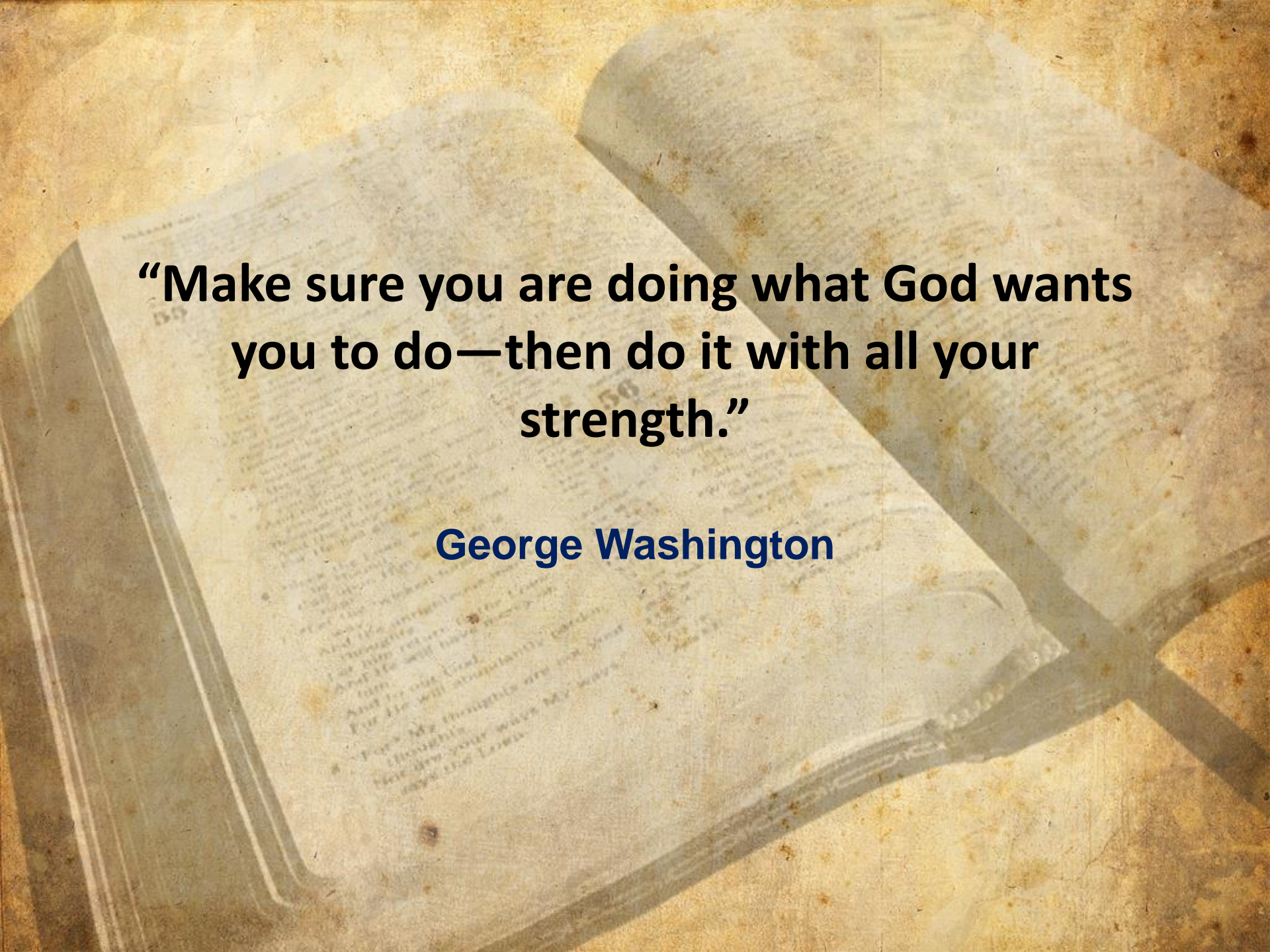
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WASHINGTON'S MARQUEE.

Now in the Valley Forge Museum of American History.





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**“Make sure you are doing what God wants  
you to do—then do it with all your  
strength.”**

**George Washington**



# French & Indian War 1754-1763





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**“Let your heart feel for the afflictions and  
distress of everyone.”**

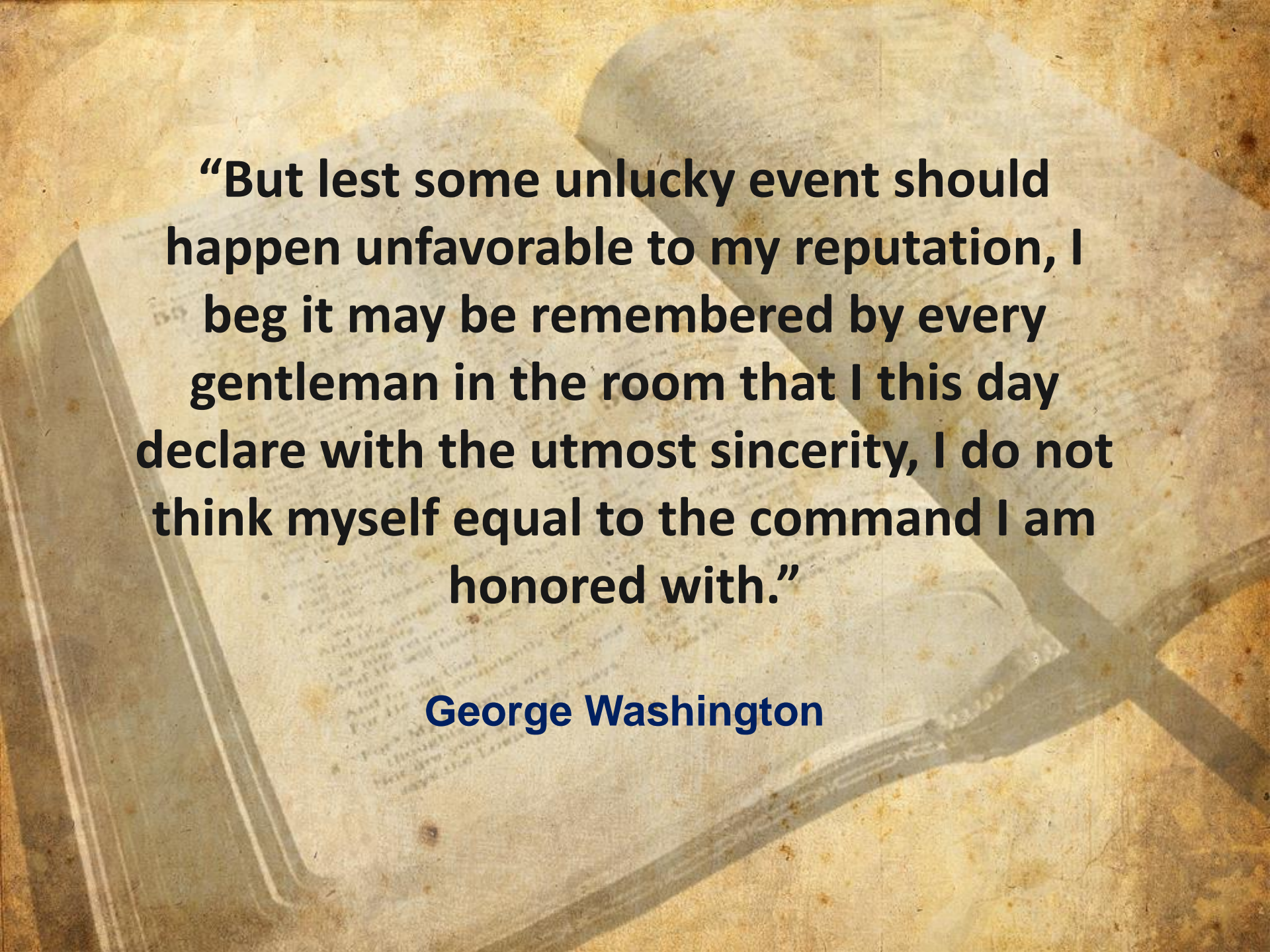
**George Washington**



# Revolutionary War 1775-1783







**“But lest some unlucky event should happen unfavorable to my reputation, I beg it may be remembered by every gentleman in the room that I this day declare with the utmost sincerity, I do not think myself equal to the command I am honored with.”**

**George Washington**



# Valley Forge 1777-1778





# Valley Forge 1777-1778





# James 1:15-10

5 If any of you lack wisdom, **let him ask of God**, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

6 **But let him ask in faith**, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

8 A **double minded man is unstable** in all his ways.



# Valley Forge 1777-1778





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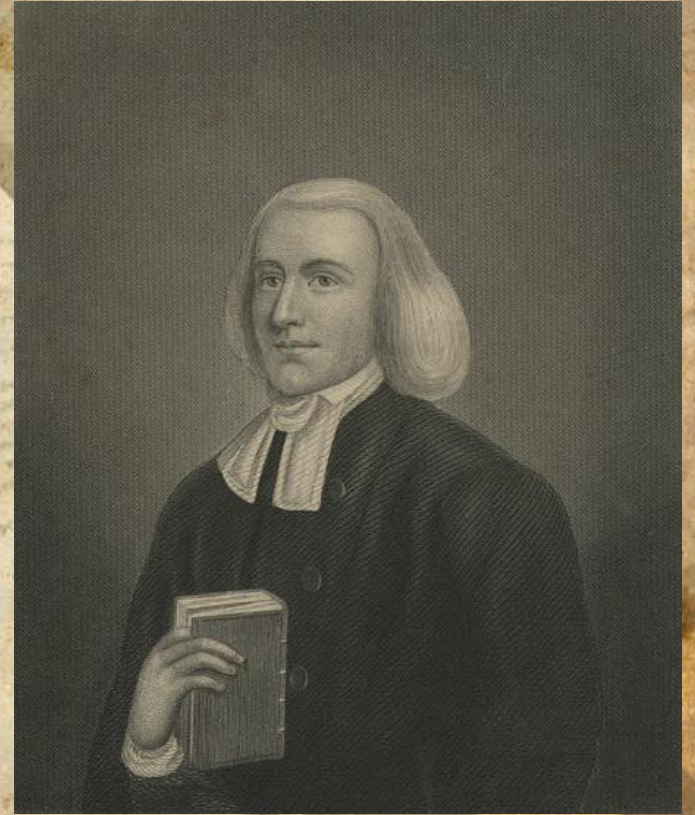
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# Valley Forge 1777-1778



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# Revolutionary War 1775-1783





# King George III





# General Washington Resigns His Commission

December 23, 1783

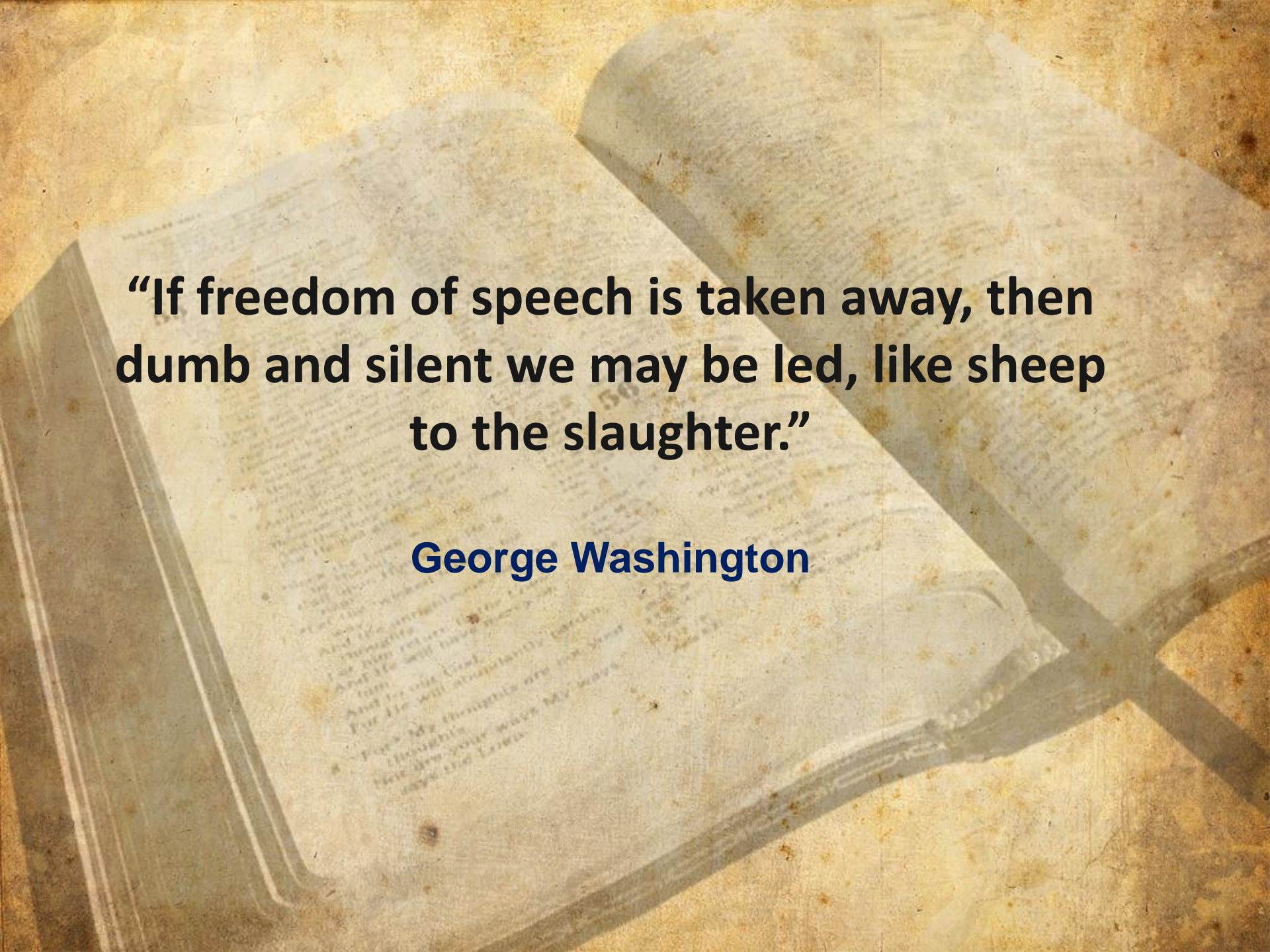




# Returns to Mount Vernon 1783-1787





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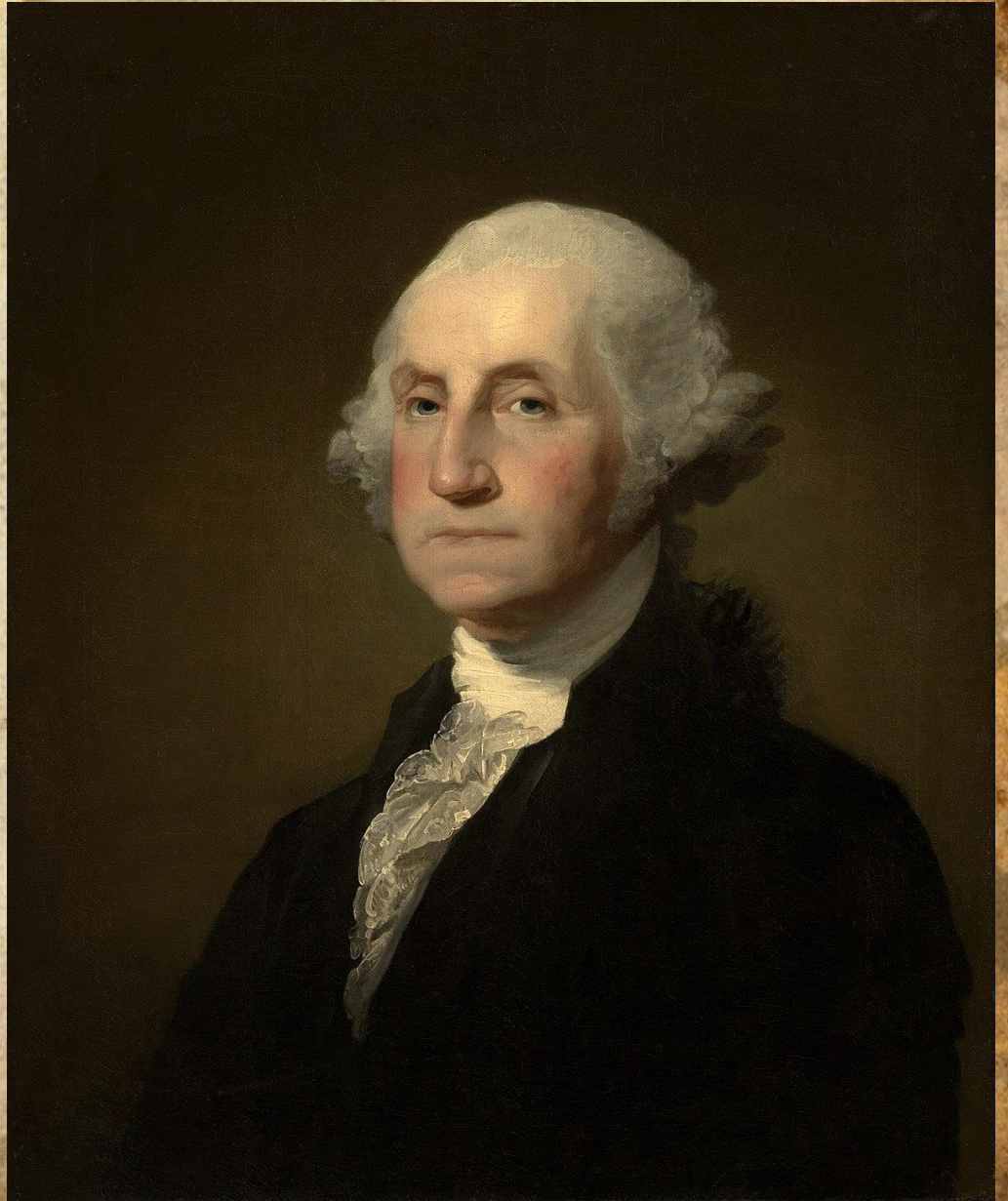
**“If freedom of speech is taken away, then  
dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep  
to the slaughter.”**

**George Washington**



# Washington President

December 23, 1789-1797

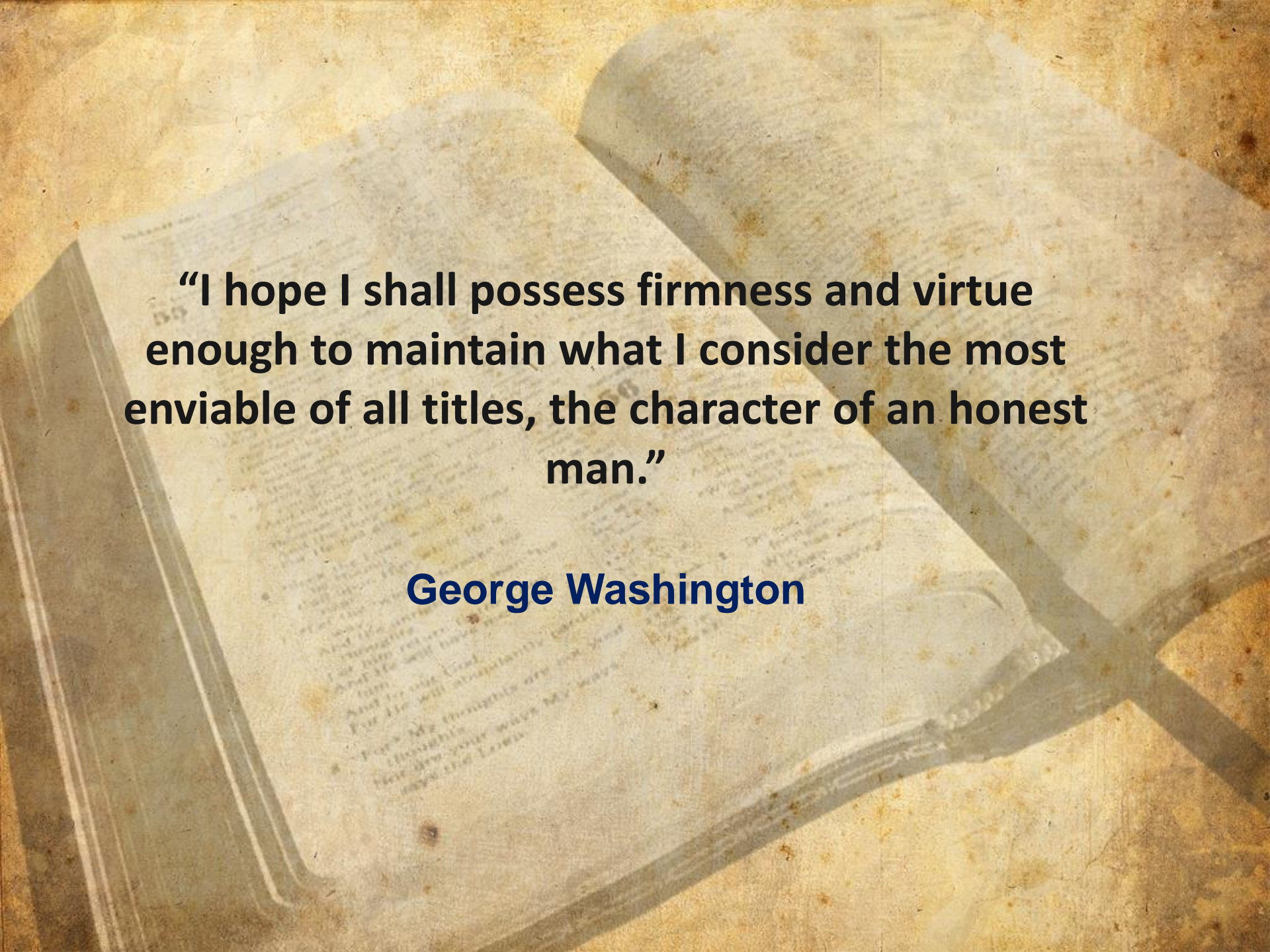




# Martha Custis Washington 1759-1799







**"I hope I shall possess firmness and virtue  
enough to maintain what I consider the most  
enviable of all titles, the character of an honest  
man."**

**George Washington**



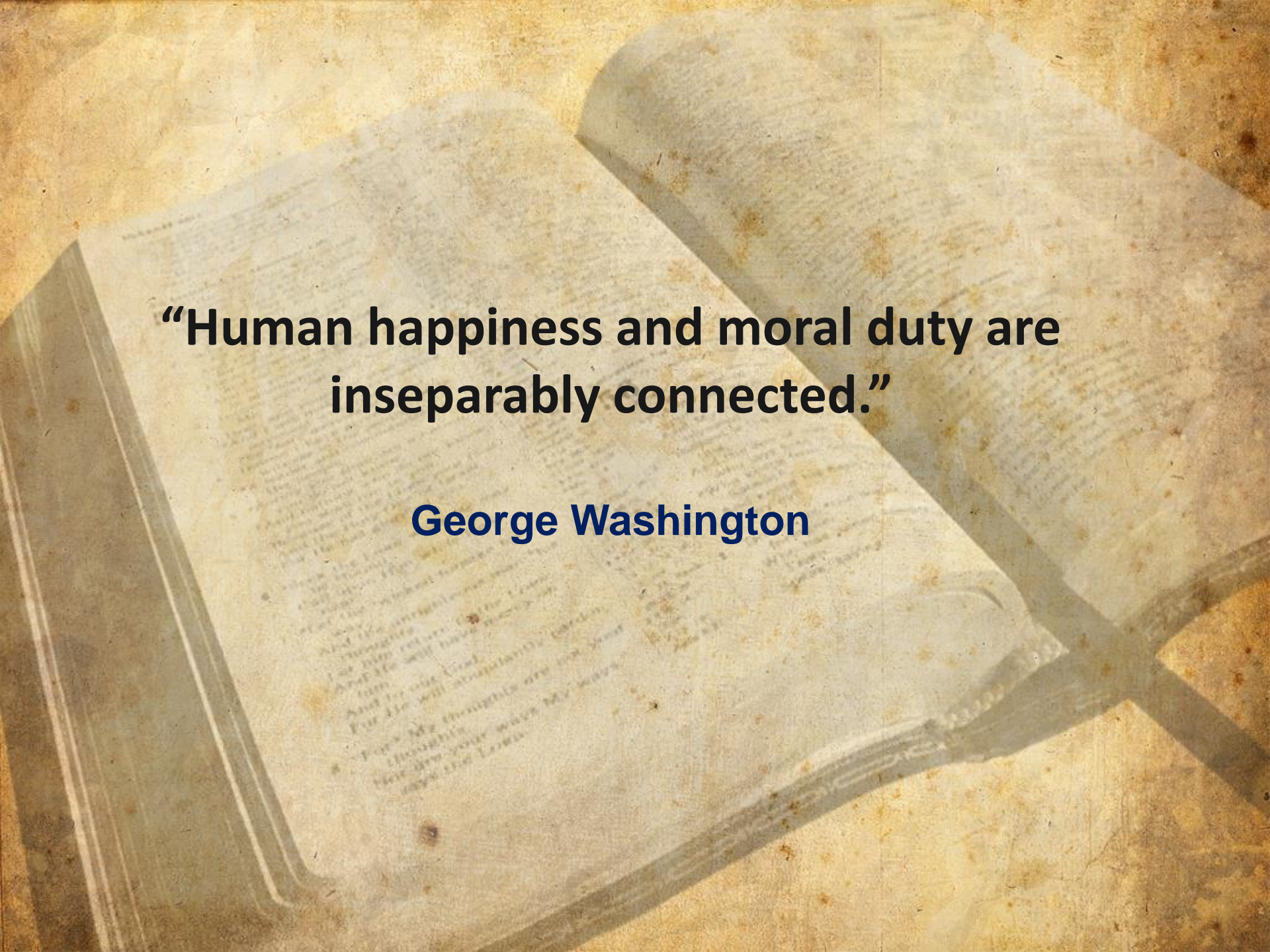
# Romans 12:9-21

**16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.**

**17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.**

**18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.**





**“Human happiness and moral duty are  
inseparably connected.”**

**George Washington**

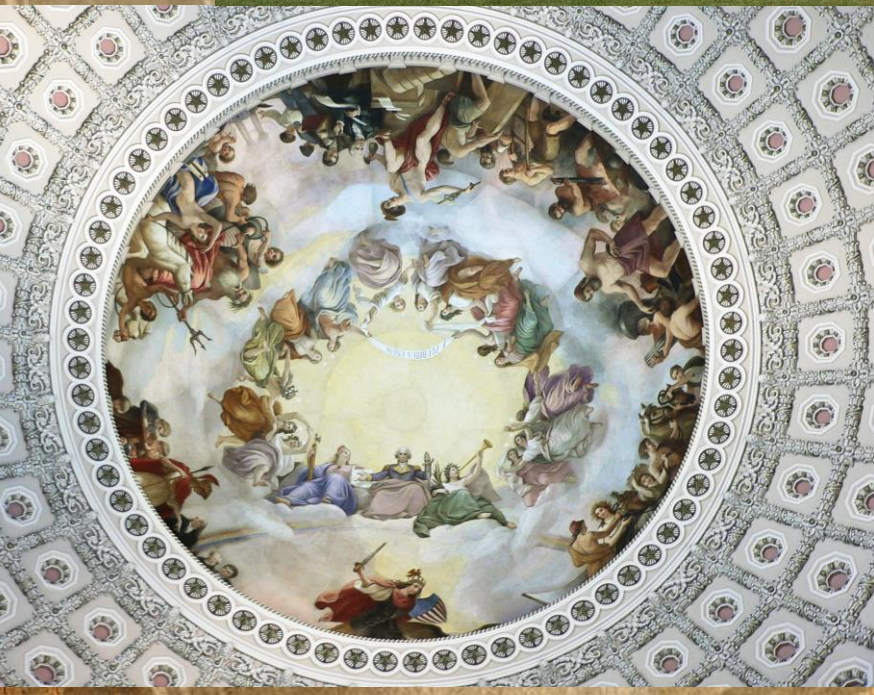




George Washington  
Honored





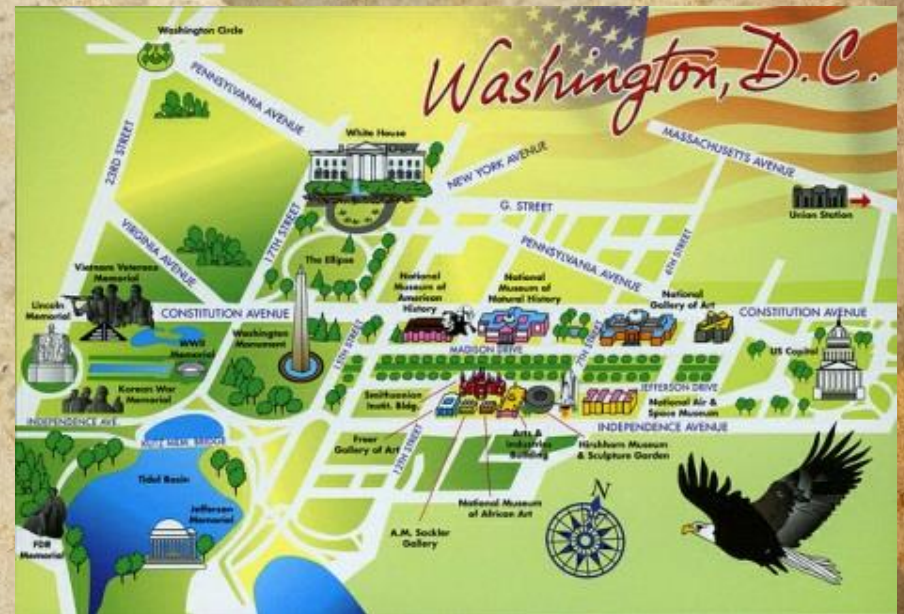
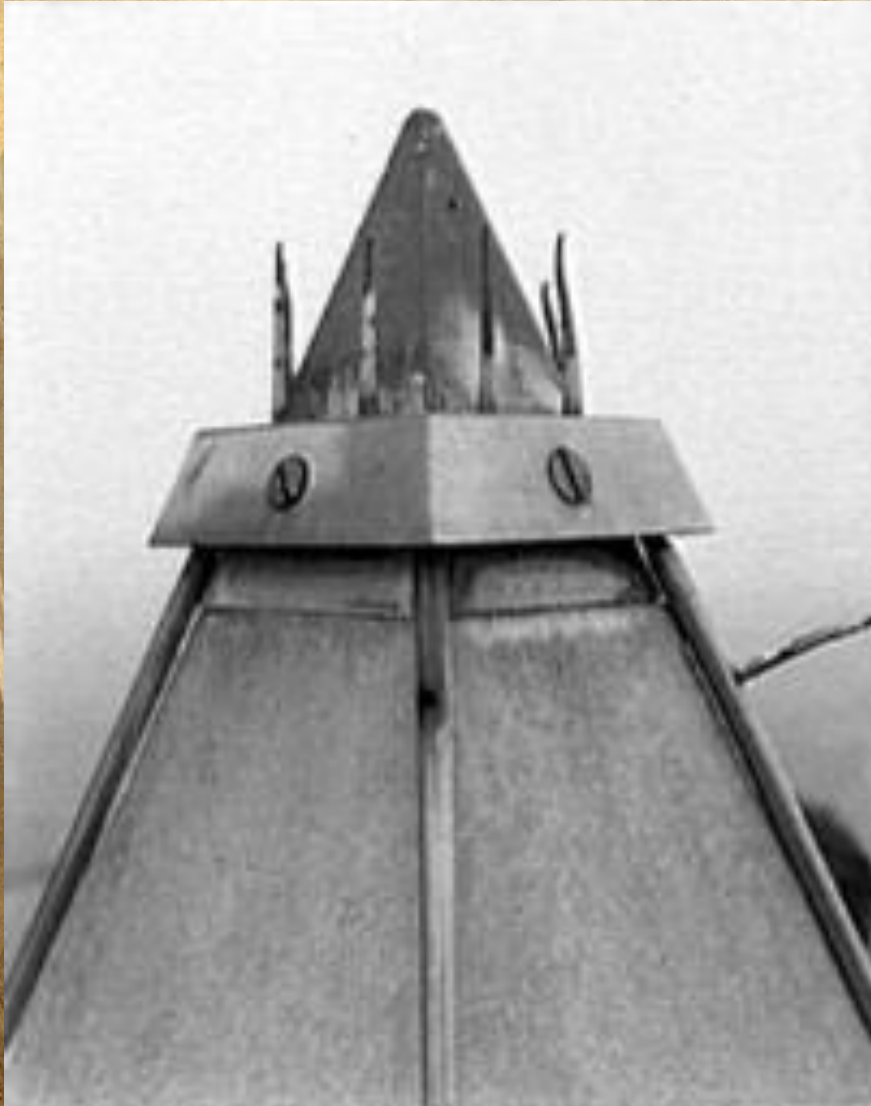




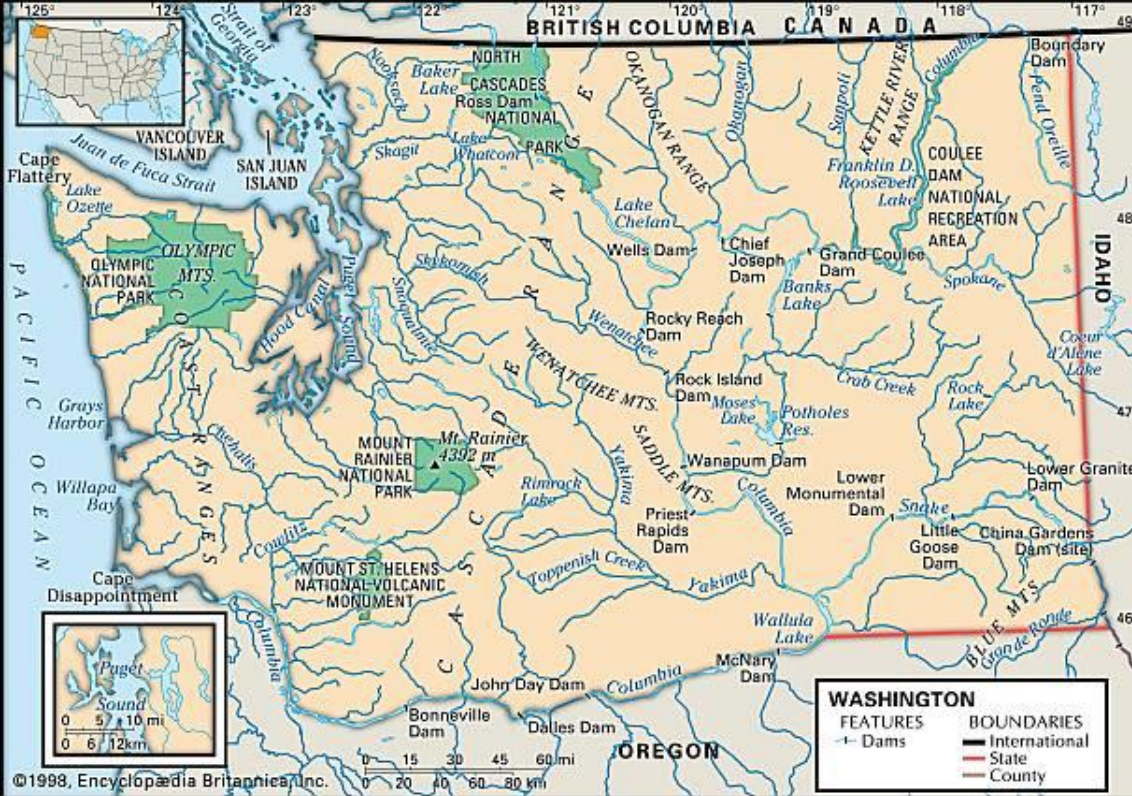




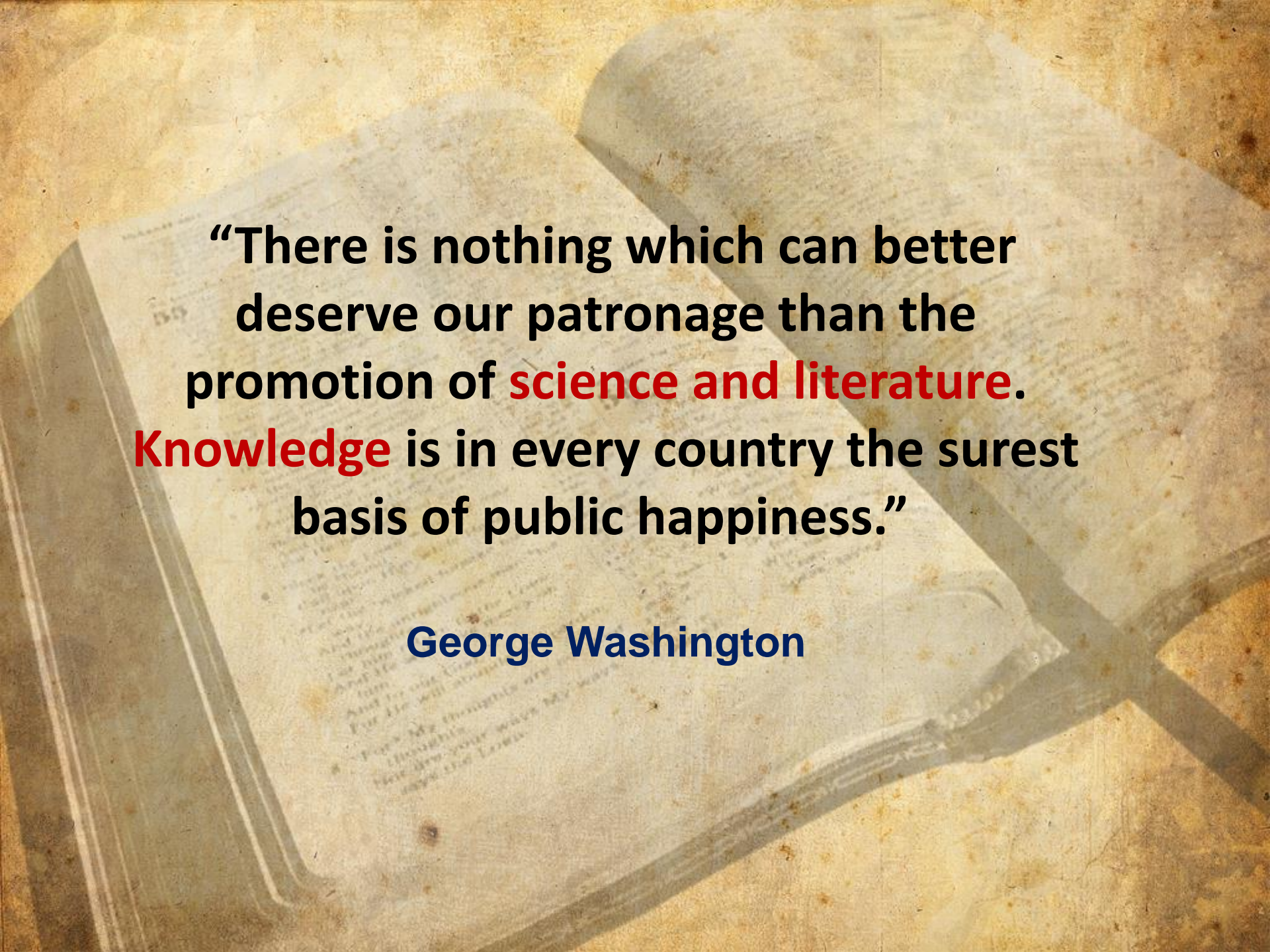
# The Washington Monument 1888







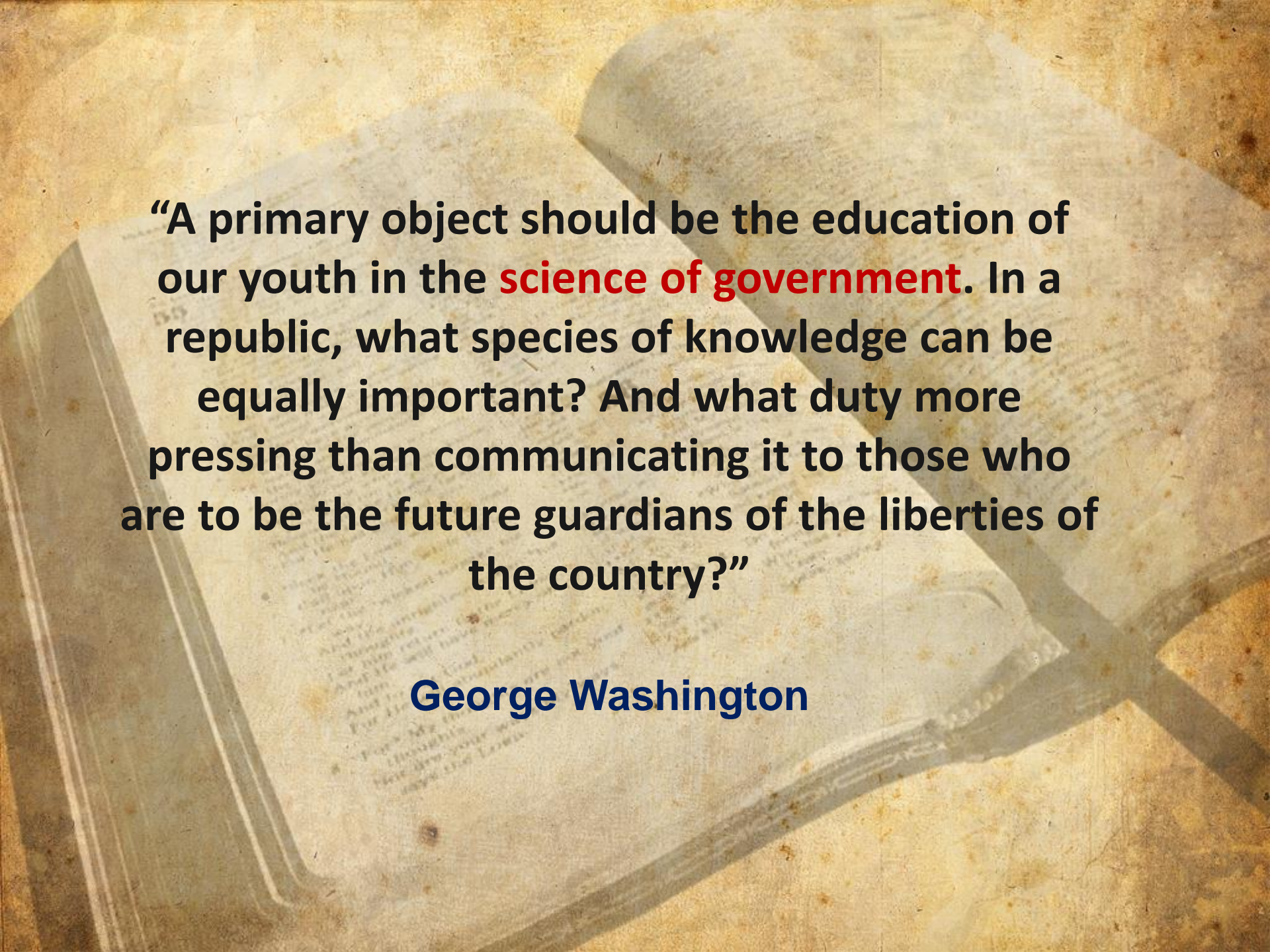




**“There is nothing which can better  
deserve our patronage than the  
promotion of **science and literature**.  
**Knowledge** is in every country the surest  
basis of public happiness.”**

**George Washington**





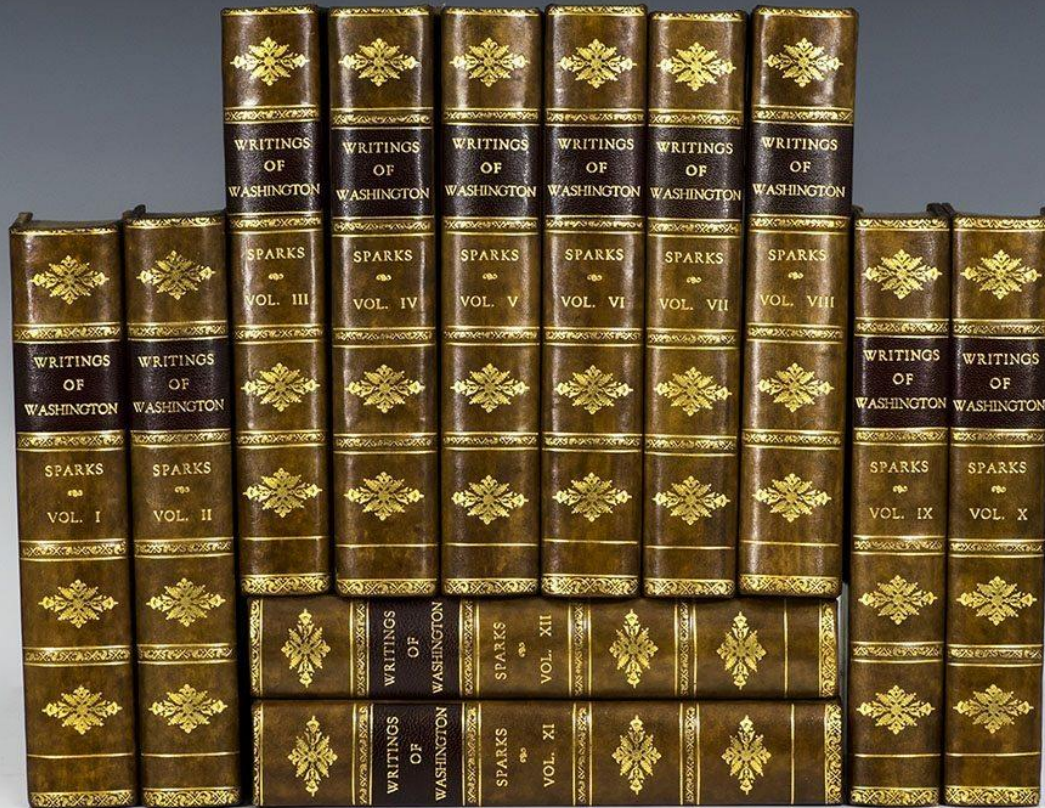
**“A primary object should be the education of our youth in the **science of government**. In a republic, what species of knowledge can be equally important? And what duty more pressing than communicating it to those who are to be the future guardians of the liberties of the country?”**

**George Washington**



# Jared Sparks

1831 Papers, 1847 His Life





# Recommended Books to Read

