

GODLY POLITICS

Politics – GOD's way!

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REGIME CHANGE

WITH ELECTION TIME approaching it is appropriate that we should mention a few words from Scripture.

1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

5 Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.

Romans 13:1-2, 5 The BIBLE

We see, therefore, that no matter who is the leader, good or bad, he is in that position with the warrant and commission of God! Therefore, to attempt to depose any leader through any un-Godly means at all, whether legal or not, is to defy God Himself! Any leader is completely justified in claiming, "Divine Right of Kings, Presidents, Prime Ministers," etc., and any attempt to unseat them is therefore a very serious act of treason against God Himself! The leader is, "The Lord's Anointed!" Our Heavenly Father tells us that rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft! (Samuel 15:23) While it can be very tempting to approve of and support a rebellion against an un-Godly dictatorship, regime, etc., neither the rebellion nor even the support of it in one's heart, is of God, nor receives His approval. Our Heavenly Father's kingdom is of the heart, and in the heart.

21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

22 And He said unto the disciples, The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see it.

23 And they shall say to you, See here; or, see there: go not after them, nor follow them.

24 For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in His day.

Luke 17:21-24 The BIBLE

So if we are willing to defy the Kingdom of our Lord (which is in our heart, and consists of a proper and holy attitude of the heart) to accomplish matters for the dominion of man (or even to approved of this, in one's heart) we stand in opposition to God Himself, no matter what our motive, nor how evil the earthly leader.

32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, BUT HAVE PLEASURE IN THEM THAT DO THEM.

Romans 1:32 The BIBLE

Our Heavenly Father doesn't need our rebellion to depose an evil leader; that leader can be deposed by a mere single Word from the mouth of Almighty God.

51 And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear.

52 Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.

53 Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He shall presently give Me more than twelve legions of angels?

Matthew 26:51-53 The BIBLE

If you feel that a change in leadership is warranted pray that God will replace that leader. Our Heavenly Father has created His righteous people to be a blessing to this world, and act on His behalf, but in righteous ways, not in the ways of the world. And, as always, our Heavenly Father is far more interested in what He is doing in US, than in what He is doing in another person or situation! Our PRAYING FOR a regime change is exactly what our Heavenly Father is wanting; the leadership/regime change is secondary; God can accomplish the regime change any time He wants, and with or without our prayer. But what He is accomplishing in OUR heart and life is His greater matter of concern, so accomplishing regime change through unGodly means is missing the point and His purpose altogether! The PERSON (us) is God's concern; no matter how important, political matters are merely peripheral. The political situation, and possible regime change, are merely the means by which our Heavenly Father has determined to work in US at that particular period of time!

21 Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do?

22 Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou Me.

John 21:21-22 The BIBLE

With the prayers of the righteous our Heavenly Father WILL accomplish, politically, whatever needs to be done. In His time. By our prayers, not by our abandoning God's righteousness.

28 So that they cause the cry of the poor to come unto Him, and He heareth the cry of the afflicted.

Job 34:28 The BIBLE

16 To morrow about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, and thou shalt anoint him to be captain over My people Israel, that he may save My people out of the hand of the Philistines: for I have looked upon My people, because their cry is come unto Me.

1 Samuel 9:16 The BIBLE

7 And shall not God avenge His own elect, which cry day and night unto Him, though He bear long with them?

8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?

Luke 18:7-8 The BIBLE

20 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness

the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

James 1:20-21 The BIBLE

Speech

As to be expected, especially during elections, political leaders are the main subject of conversation. Scripture gives us some rather clear instructions regarding even this!

28 Thou shalt not revile the gods,¹ nor curse the ruler of thy people.

Exodus 22:28 The BIBLE

8 Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.

9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

10 But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.

Jude 1:8-10 The BIBLE

If even the great Archangel Michael wasn't permitted by God to bring so much as an accusation or insult against the ultimate source of evil, the devil himself, because of the devil's position in power and authority, how much less has God given permission to mere earthly man to bring accusation or insult against mere earthly power or authority! Christian, watch your mouth!

9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

11 Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.

12 But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;

13 And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you;

2 Peter 2:9-13 The BIBLE

It is natural that most people, the unregenerate, nonChristian people of this world, would speak evilly this way against their leaders; the people who speak this way, unchanged by Christ and lost in their sins, Scripture describes as mere animals, in a natural, brutish, filthy state. One isn't surprised that THEY would do such evil.

16 These people are complainers and faultfinders, following their own desires. They say arrogant things and flatter people in order to take advantage of them.

Jude 16 The BIBLE

¹ "The gods" – in other words, "rulers" (6 I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High. **Psalms 82:6 The BIBLE**).

“3 But, ... let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints!”

Ephesians 5:3. The BIBLE

But the CHRISTIAN, changed from his naturally sinful state by the purifying and transforming work of the Holy Spirit in his life, will not speak and act that sinful, filthy way toward his leaders; his Heavenly Father will change him, so that his very character will be totally different. Indeed, the Christian should find the very thought of acting and speaking that way to be utterly revolting! It is unlike the Character of Christ, and it will therefore also be out of character for His brethren, who we are (John 15:15).

In Scripture there is room for questioning the policies and practices of politicians.

3 For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife.

4 For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her.

Matthew 14:3-4 The BIBLE

Preference can be shown for a person or a party. But one must be very very careful when condemning even people outside the political sphere. And we have already seen that Scripture is much MORE explicit regarding how we speak of those in power! Even if some part of the democratic process welcomes actions and procedures that are unScriptural and unGodly, it is Scripture that holds precedent and even greater authority. While all mankind is required by God to act holy, the Christian, especially, has this responsibility.

17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

1 Peter 4:17 The BIBLE

If this puts the Christian at a democratic/political disadvantage, he is more concerned with pleasing His Lord!

22 And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

1 Samuel 15:22 The BIBLE

14 Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?

15 Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psalter, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?

16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter.

17 If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.

18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

Daniel 3:14-18 The BIBLE

1 Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.

2 But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.

3 And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?

4 Or despisest thou the riches of His goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

5 But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

6 Who will render to every man according to his deeds:

Romans 2:1-6 The BIBLE

Once again, the unGodly will have absolutely no interest in what our Heavenly Father expects of us. But God's people will recognize, even in their spirit, and equally explicitly in the written Word of God, the character and example that our Heavenly Father expects of His children.

11 These things command and teach.

12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

1 Timothy 4:11-12 The BIBLE