

THE PROBLEM WITH KINGS, QUEENS AND PRESIDENTS

OUTLINE

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INTRODUCTION:

The kingdom of God is not of this world. The issues of men's kingdom and God's overlap only slightly, and that is why church and politics mix so imperfectly. At this season of political focus in our nation, we should re-examine government from a biblical view, rather than looking at the Bible from a political perspective:

- I. Theocracy vs Autocracy vs Democracy.
 - A. 1 Samuel 8
 - B. Judges 17:4

- II. Biblical Mandates vs Pseudo Mandates
 - A. 1 Timothy 2:1—Pray for government leaders
 - Vote for
 - B. Philemon 3:1 – Submit to government leaders
 - Agree with
 - C. Luke 20:21 – Pay taxes
 - Patriotism,
 - D. Romans 13:1-7 – Honor & respect
 - Be responsible to change and correct

III. “Obey God not man.”

- A. Sharing Jesus amid persecution.
- B. Suffer consequences of obedience to God without struggle.
- C. Not disobey clear biblical commands.

ROMANS 13:1-7

- Verse 1—Established = (tasso) arranged in orderly manner; assigned lots; created order.

Subjection = (hypo-tasso) come under the assigned order.

- Verse 2—Resist = (anti-tasso) set self against the assigned order.

Oppose = (anthistemi) stand against.

Ordinance = (diatage) arrangement; prescribed order.