

What God Wants Us to Know About Human Government

1. The _____ of Human Government

Genesis 9:5-6 "Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a *reckoning*; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man. ⁶ "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man.

Judges 21:25 In those days *there was* no king in Israel; everyone did *what was* right in his own eyes.

Ezra 7:26 Whoever will not observe the law of your God and the law of the king, let judgment be executed speedily on him, whether it be death, or banishment, or confiscation of goods, or imprisonment.

Romans 13:3-4 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. ⁴ For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to *execute* wrath on him who practices evil.

1 Peter 2:13-14 Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, ¹⁴ or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and *for the* praise of those who do good.

2. The _____ of Human Government

Daniel 2:19-21 Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. So Daniel blessed the God of heaven. ²⁰ Daniel answered and said: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, For wisdom and might are His. ²¹ And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding.

Daniel 4:1-37 – Testimony of King Nebuchadnezzar

John 19:7-12 The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God." ⁸ Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid, ⁹ and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?" ¹¹ Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin." ¹² From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar's friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar."

Romans 13:1b For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

3. The _____ of Human Government

1 Samuel 8:9-17 "Now therefore, heed their voice. However, you shall solemnly forewarn them, and show them the behavior of the king who will reign over them." ¹⁰ So Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who asked him for a king. ¹¹

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And he said, "This will be the behavior of the king who will reign over you: He will take your sons and appoint *them* for his own chariots and *to be* his horsemen, and *some* will run before his chariots. ¹² "He will appoint captains over his thousands and captains over his fifties, *will set some* to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and *some* to make his weapons of war and equipment for his chariots. ¹³ "He will take your daughters *to be* perfumers, cooks, and bakers. ¹⁴ "And he will take the best of your fields, your vineyards, and your olive groves, and give *them* to his servants. ¹⁵ "He will take a tenth of your grain and your vintage, and give it to his officers and servants. ¹⁶ "And he will take your male servants, your female servants, your finest young men, and your donkeys, and put *them* to his work. ¹⁷ "He will take a tenth of your sheep. And you will be his servants.

Romans 13:6-7 For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. ⁷ Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes *are due*, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

4. The _____ of Human Government

- *Judges*
- *1-2 Kings*
- *Gospels*
- *1-2 Samuel*
- *1-2 Chronicles*
- *Acts*

5. Our _____ Towards Human Government

Exodus 22:28 You shall not revile God, nor curse a ruler of your people.

Ecclesiastes 10:20 Do not curse the king, even in your thought; Do not curse the rich, even in your bedroom; For a bird of the air may carry your voice, And a bird in flight may tell the matter.

1 Samuel 24:5-7 Now it happened afterward that David's heart troubled him because he had cut Saul's robe. ⁶ And he said to his men, "The LORD forbid that I should do this thing to my master, the LORD'S anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, seeing he *is* the anointed of the LORD." ⁷ So David restrained his servants with *these* words, and did not allow them to rise against Saul. And Saul got up from the cave and went on *his way*.

Proverbs 24:21 My son, fear the LORD and the king; Do not associate with those given to change;

Acts 23:5 Then Paul said, "I did not know, brethren, that he was the high priest; for it is written, 'You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.'" (Ex 22:28)

Romans 13:1,5-7 ¹ Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. ... ⁵ Therefore *you* must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake. ⁶ For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. ⁷ Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes *are due*, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

Titus 3:1-7 Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, ² to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men. ³ For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one

another.⁴ But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared,⁵ not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,⁶ whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,⁷ that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

1 Peter 2:11-17 Beloved, I beg *you* as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,¹² having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by *your* good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.¹³ Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme,¹⁴ or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and *for the* praise of those who do good.¹⁵ For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men—¹⁶ as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God.¹⁷ Honor all *people*. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

- _____ submitted to ungodly, corrupt leaders
- _____ submitted to ungodly, corrupt leaders
- _____ has yet served under a sinless government

6. Those _____ Human Government

Righteously

Acts 5:27-42²⁷ And when they had brought them, they set *them* before the council. And the high priest asked them,²⁸ saying, "Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man's blood on us!"²⁹ But Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said: "We ought to obey God rather than men. ..."⁴⁰ And they agreed with him, and when they had called for the apostles and beaten *them*, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.⁴¹ So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.⁴² And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

Unrighteously

Romans 13:2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.

2 Peter 2:1-11⁹ *then* the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,¹⁰ and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and **despise authority**. *They are* presumptuous, self-willed. **They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries**,¹¹ whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord.

Jude 1:6-9 And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the

great day;⁷ as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.⁸ Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, **reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries**.⁹ Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

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Matthew 22:15-22 Then the Pharisees went and plotted how they might entangle Him in *His* talk.¹⁶ And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not regard the person of men."¹⁷ "Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?"¹⁸ But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, "Why do you test Me, *you* hypocrites?"¹⁹ "Show Me the tax money." So they brought Him a denarius.²⁰ And He said to them, "Whose image and inscription *is* this?"²¹ They said to Him, "Caesar's." And He said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."²² When they had heard *these words*, they marveled, and left Him and went their way.

8. The _____ for Human Government

1 Timothy 2:1-4 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men,² for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.³ For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

9. The _____ of Human Government

Psalms 24:7-10 Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.⁸ Who *is* this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in battle.⁹ Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.¹⁰ Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He *is* the King of glory. Selah

Psalms 47:6-7 Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!⁷ For God *is* the King of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding.

Revelation 19:11-16 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.¹² His eyes *were* like a flame of fire, and on His head *were* many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.¹³ He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.¹⁴ And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.¹⁵ Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.¹⁶ And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.