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Government & the BIBLE

God has a lot to say about government. God originally established government's authority and power. He instituted and started it for His reasons. Therefore He directs how it is to be run and carried out.

Mankind needs controls and fear of punishment for doing wrong (sinning)!

Here's a few Bible truths concerning this God-ordained institution. God's Word gives government specific and limited authority and power of their leaders; to punish evildoers and reward those who do good;

"for he is the minister of God to thee for good ... a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil."

Romans 13:1-5; I Peter 2:13-14. All government leaders - judges, police, rulers, politicians, 'Kings', etc., i.e., 'ministers of God' will someday stand before God as their Judge and give an account of how they carried out God's work of protecting from evil and wickedness.

"... them that have the rule ... must give account.", Hebrews 13:17

Were they fair, honest, just, impartial and Biblical?

After a long time the Lord cometh ... and reckoneth with them.", Matthew 25:19

Planes & Ships

"If you do not have the answers to life's problems, you are like a plane without a pilot, like a ship without a rudder - drifting, seeking, searching and wandering across the face of the earth like a fugitive from justice.

You are wondering, Is there no answer? Is there no message?

Yes, Jesus Christ has the message all of us need."

- Tom Malone

Prisoners & Butterflies

"What would you say of a prisoner who was sent money for his release, but used it instead to amuse himself while in prison?

This is in essence what we do when we take the talents God has given us to use in preparation for the hour of death, and instead bestow them upon our lusts.

What profit will we find in our Bibles or our ministers if we do not use them to equip ourselves with God's armor?

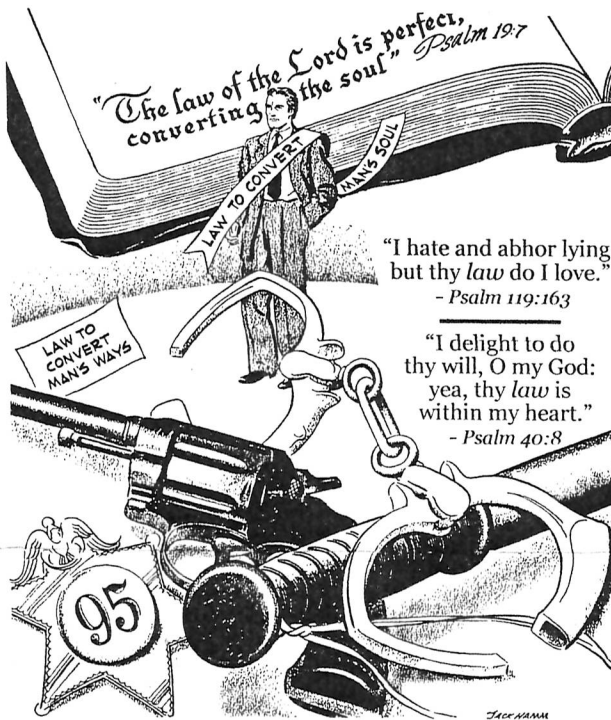
In a word, why does God lengthen our days in the land of the living?

Is it that we might have time to revel in the pleasures of this vain world? Are we chasing such butterflies as earthly riches and honor? ... And truly nothing less than glorifying God and saving our souls at last can be worth the precious time we spend here."

- William Gurnall, *The Christian in Complete Armour*, p 265

"The CHURCH is the only conscience the Government has.

When the church is silent, the state can have no conscience." (copied)



"But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." - Galatians 5:22,23

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday Services, 10:30, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Wednesdays - Bible Studies - 7:00 pm

Quotes

"When God is gone, chaos reigns."

Delusions believe that we should have an easy life and that we deserve only good things."

"We don't know one millionth of one percent of anything."

- Thomas Edison, Scientist/Inventor

"If you destroy a free market, you will create a black market." - Winston Churchill

"A nation that rejects God will revert to barbarianism - starting in the inner city"

"The RICH are a blessing from the LORD; they are a 'means' of God's provision."

"The strength of a nation is the strength of its religious convictions." - Calvin Coolidge

"SIGNS of a Dying Nation - Defining as normal the least successful among us."

"Don't laugh at something God takes seriously!"

SANCTIFICATION

"For this is the will of God, even your sanctification ... And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

- I Thessalonians 4:3,4; 5:23,

"To illustrate, suppose you built a fence all around your property.

You would be distinguishing your property from your neighbor's property. You would be marking it off and setting boundaries to it. This is exactly what sanctification does in a Christian's life.

God separates us from the world. (PROPERTY OF GOD)

He marks us with certain boundary markers so that it is easy to see we are different. If a believer does not separate himself from the world, then he will appear to be the same as the world.

When God tells us to 'be ye separate', He means that there should be marked differences in us, so that it will be obvious that we are believers.

This is SANCTIFICATION.

Remember, the word means to set apart (II Corinthians 6:17)."

- Keith Allison, *The Doctrine of SANCTIFICATION - God's Method for Changing Your Life*

The Christian Walk

"The man who walks with God must make up his mind to submit even to the jeers of the thoughtless crowd;

be pained by its profanity, shocked by its sins, yet never be turned aside from the Christian course by its suggestions." - W. B. Riley

Quick Economic

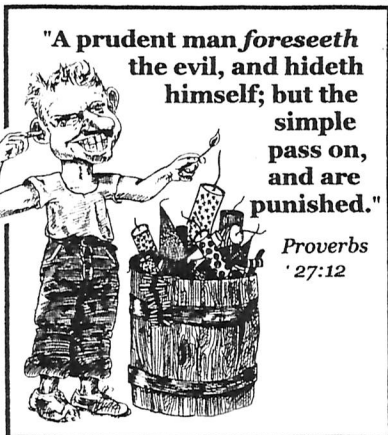
Improvement - HOW ??

"How did India and China and other Asian 'tiger' nations develop so quickly?

They moved to free-market economics at a rapid pace and shed governmental controls.

To paraphrase Heritage Foundation economist Anthony Kim: These nations privatized state-owned enterprises, encouraged entrepreneurship and cut taxes and red tape." - copied,

"Heritage Foundation's Index of Economic Freedom"



"Great is our LORD, and of great power:

his understanding is infinite." - Psalm 147:5

DISSENSION

“One of the most treacherous weapons that Satan uses is the weapon of dissension. If strife can be aroused among Christians to the severing of the bond of love that exists between them, Satan wins a victory. In a large group there are always those who fall prey to this weapon. There seems to be a marked tendency today to defy authority of any kind. The hearts of young people especially rebel at the thought of restraint. We as Christian people need to pray much that the Lord will keep us in such an attitude toward Him as to guard against our being torn to pieces by the enemy. Rebellion always leads to strife among ourselves, for anyone who rebels against authority shows a tendency to want the rule for himself.”
- *The Witness*, Aug 1931

34. THE TEACHING OF SCRIPTURE ON SIN AND SALVATION PROVE IT TO BE A REVELATION FROM GOD

Man's tendency is to make light of sin: he calls it a mistake, or a habit, or a fault; but God describes it as REBELLION against His righteous government, an insult to Him, a heinous, loathsome disease.

Man always seeks salvation and favor from God as a reward for his “goodness.” His doctrine is “salvation by character.” But this idea is entirely foreign to the Bible. God reveals, in the Bible, that salvation is by GRACE; that man is a hopelessly lost and condemned sinner and can do NOTHING to save himself, except trust Christ, let Christ save him. (Rom. 6:23; Eph. 2:8, 9; Rom. 4:5.)

Furthermore, the Bible teaches that most unusual doctrine THAT GOD HIMSELF, IN THE PERSON OF HIS SON, SUFFERED THE JUST PUNISHMENT FOR SIN THAT SHOULD HAVE FALLEN ON SINFUL MAN. (See 2 Corinthians 5:20,21; 1 Peter 3:18; 2:24.) Therefore, because Christ died for our sins, and made full atonement for us on the cross, God offers full pardon and everlasting life to all who will come to Christ, in repentance and faith. (John 3:16; Acts 16:31.)

Gentlemen of the jury, the doctrines of the exceeding sinfulness of sin (Rom. 7:13), the substitutionary work of Christ on the Cross, and salvation by grace, DID NOT ORIGINATE IN THE DARKENED MIND OF MAN.

- Fred John Meldau, '57 Reasons Why we know the BIBLE is the WORD OF GOD'

THIS & THAT

From HERE & THERE

Sigmund Freud

“Sigmund Freud died at the age of 83, a bitter and disillusioned old man who proved unable to sustain his friendships.

He wrote in 1918, *I have found little that is good about human beings on the whole. In my experience most of them are trash.* - copied

Deception

“Thirty-three times the New Testament warns about deception.”

Spurgeon & Church Music

“Charles Spurgeon did not have any special music in his church services - no solos, quartets, not even a choir - only congregational music and singing.”

The Coronavirus Crisis:

A Test of Christian Character

(continued and concluded from last month)

Am I trusting God's Word and believing His promises in a real, practical way? Do I really believe that all things work together for good for those who love God (*Romans 8:28*), that my times are in His hand (*Psalms 31:15*), that the Lord is my Shepherd and I shall not want (*Psalms 23:1*), that surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life (*Psalms 23:6*), that the righteous is not forsaken nor does his seed beg bread (*Psalms 37:25*), that God will never leave me nor forsake me (*Hebrews 13:5*)? Is this my testimony? Is this what others see and hear of me? Or am I doubting, fearing, complaining, confused, frustrated, acting just the unsaved around me?

Am I truly seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, or do other things have first place? Can I truly say with Job, “Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. ... What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?” (*Job 1:21; 2:10*)?

Can I truly say with Habakkuk, “Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation” (*Habakkuk 3:17-18*)?

Does this crisis show that I truly do NOT love this world, that I am NOT conformed to this world, that I am NOT the friend of this world? Am I anxious about the closing down of vain things like professional sports? Am I worried about what might happen to my worldly plans? “And be not conformed to this world” (*Romans 12:2*). “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world” (*1 John 2:15-17*). “Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God” (*James 4:4*). (continued below ...)



July 2020

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Services 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening Services 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Studies 7:00 p.m.



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AN (Ex) ATHEIST'S DILEMMA

“I was at one time living, like so many atheists and Antitheists, in a whirl of contradictions.

I maintained that God did not exist. I was also angry with God for not existing. I was equally angry with Him for creating a world.” - copied

What does the way I am spending my time during lockdown show about the character of my Christian life? Have I used the time to immerse myself in prayer and the Word of God and ministry. Have I found special Bible projects to do? Have I spent the time encouraging others in the Word of God and helping them think right about this crisis? Or have I been spiritually depressed, idle, playing, wasting time on social media for no good purpose? “Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord” (*Romans 12:11*).

- David Cloud, Way of Life Literature,
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