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Men's Bible Study Outline

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The Bible and the Christian Responsibility With Respect to Government Authority

The year is 2018, and in my short 63 years of life, I have never heard the cries, fears, and reservation of many who are older and more knowledgeable about how the Government works and how its leadership is expected to lead the people and how the people are encouraged and has a duty to respect and obey the Leadership that has been elected.

Every government is put in place by God.

Jesus answered [Pilate], "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above." (John 19:11)

There is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. (Romans 13:1b)

Question: Do you accept that God allows trump and the current Republican Leadership to be in place.

God uses even sinful governments to do his will.

Therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: Because you have not obeyed my words, behold, I will send for all the tribes of the north, declares the LORD, and for Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and I will bring them against this land and its inhabitants, and against all these surrounding nations. I will devote them to destruction, and make them a horror, a hissing, and an everlasting desolation. (Jeremiah 25:8-9)

Truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you [God] anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. (Acts 4:27-28)

Question: Do you believe that the current government in place is sinful and has been put in place because God's people have not obeyed God.

We ought to pray for those who govern us.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

Question: have you prayed for the current President of the USA, with a sincere heart.

We should honor and submit to those who govern us.

Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they marveled at him. (Mark 12:17)

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore, whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. (Romans 13:1-4)

Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. 17 Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. (1 Peter 2:13-17)

Question: As Christians are we bounded by our submission to God's Word to follow and obey the direction, authority and leadership of this current President.

All human governments will eventually end and Jesus will reign over everyone forever.

For to us a child is born,
to us, a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
7 Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.
(Isaiah 9:6-7)

Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness, he judges and makes war. ... From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh, he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. (Revelation 19:11, 15-16)

Question: Must we wait for judgement day in order to have World Governments submit to the will of God.

Notes
