



America: Union of God & State

Session 9

Christians In Politics?

The Role of Christians in Politics...

“Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may have success wherever you go”

Joshua 1:7

“He who separates himself seeks his own desire, He quarrels against all sound wisdom.” **Proverbs 18:1**

“...Appoint magistrates and judges... which know the laws of God...”

Ezra 7:25

“ For Rulers are ... God’s minister to you for good.” **Romans 13:3a,4a**



Christians in Politics?

Is not Politics for the Secular?



Moses on
Supreme
Court Bldg.

★ Irrational Reasoning Often Argues...

- ☆ But it's wrong for Christians to be in politics? They should focus on church, evangelism...
- ☆ Dirty political arena is no place for Christians
- ☆ Christians are good at religious service and not gov't; leave secular government to secular people

★ But God's Word, Our Hearts, The Truth All Shout Out for...

☆ Christian Service in Government & Politics

- ★ The Evidence Cries Out for It
- ★ God's Blessings or Punishments Result from It
- ★ God's Christian Love & Compassion Compel Us to It
- ★ Extent & Effectiveness of Evangelism Depends On It
- ★ Christian Duty to Government Assumes It
- ★ God's Character & Lordship Requires It



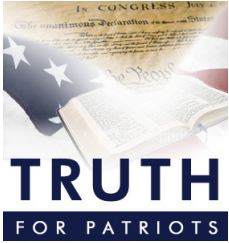
***GOOD** Government*

★ God Ordains Governments and Calls People to Serve

- ★ Daniel (see Daniel 4:25, 5:11-14, 6:1-3)
- ★ Joseph (Genesis 41:39-41)
- ★ Gideon (Judges 6:11-14)
- ★ Deborah (Judges 5:1-7)
- ★ Samuel (1 Samuel 3:1-19)
- ★ David (1 Samuel 16:1-13)
- ★ Josiah (2 Kings 22:1)
- ★ Nehemiah (Nehemiah 1:1-11)
- ★ Mordecai (Esther 10)
- ★ Solomon (2 Chronicles 9:8)

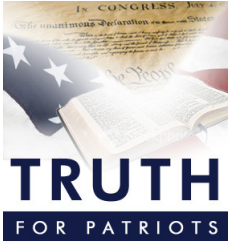
Mordecai
with Esther





GOOD Government

- ★ **The Evidence Cries Out for Christian Involvement**
 - ☆ **Social Decay, Hurting People (Session 7)**
 - ☆ **The social, physical, emotional needs of man are necessary for us to consider, if we are to love with Christian love (**Matthew 25:31-46**)**
- ★ **God Instructs Us to Honor Him in Gov't**
 - ☆ **King David's disobedience resulted in national plague (**I Chronicles 21:3-14**)**
 - ☆ **God will honor those who honor Him (**I Samuel 2:30**)**
 - ☆ **God promises protection, blessings to nations that honor Him (**Psalms 91: 14-16**)**
 - ☆ **God promises punishment to nations who don't (**Jeremiah 8**)**
 - ☆ **A simple principle that has been true throughout the ages... (**Proverbs 29:2**)**



***GOOD** Government*

★ God's Christian Love & Compassion Compel Us to Be Involved in Government

★ Matthew 22:39

★ Love neighbors as ourselves

★ John 11:33-38

★ Love includes righteous anger when confronted with evil

★ Luke 10:25-37

★ Action is required if we are to love as God would have us love

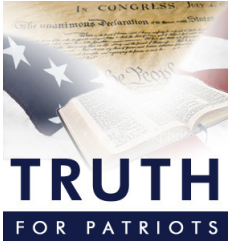
★ Extent & Effectiveness of Evangelism Depends On Government

★ Galations 5:6, Titus 2:14

★ Good works flow from evangelism

★ Ephesians 2:10, Matthew 5:16

★ Good works create opportunity for evangelism



***GOOD** Government*

★ Christian Duty Assumes Involvement in Gov't

★ Mark 12:13-17

★ Participation/Involvement is a duty

★ Romans 13:1-4, 2 Chronicles 9:8

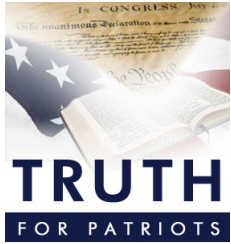
★ God ordains governments to punish evil and reward good

★ I Timothy 2:1-4

★ The spreading of the gospel is enabled by good government that maintains social order

★ Acts 5:27-29

★ Christians are to submit to government as well as hold it accountable to God's high standards



***GOOD** Government*

★ **God's Character & Lordship Requires Involvement in Government**

★ **Isaiah 58**

- ★ **God is sovereign over all, including the secular and the non-secular.**
- ★ **God is critical of superficial religion**

★ **Daniel 4:32**

- ★ **God is Lord over all nations**

★ **Psalms 146:7-9**

- ★ **God is a God of Justice & Mercy, and calls us to love and uphold them**

★ **2 Chronicles 7:14**

- ★ **The inevitable result of Christian political involvement is revival**



Christians Are Accountable!

★ Ultimately, the #1 Cause of America's Falling Away from Its God-Honoring Past is...

★ **Christians have Not Obeyed God**

- ★ To cherish, love and protect the God-ordained family nucleus
- ★ To raise up their children in the way they should go
- ★ To be involved in the ministry of Government
- ★ To value God & heavenly things rather than earthly riches
- ★ To put God first in our lives!

★ The Church Went to Sleep & The Enemy Came & Caused the Damage

★ **Matthew 13:24**



America is Under Attack!

★ A Planned Attack

☆ By Those who Hate God

★ to Eradicate Christian Beliefs from America

★ Examples of such organizations include:

✦ The ACLU

✦ Planned Parenthood

☆ Infiltrate the Courts, Schools, & Universities

☆ Over the Long Haul

★ Consider the last 6 decades, beginning in the 1930's

☆ A Parlay of Words

★ Twisting of the literal words, vs. Spirit of Truth

★ Use "All-American" phrases and change meaning...

✦ Freedom

✦ Liberties

✦ Union, Parenthood, etc.



Christian Soldiers Needed!

- ★ **An America Open to Attack**
 - ☆ Reduced focus & reliance on God
 - ☆ Pursuit of wealth & leisure vs. pursuit of God
 - ☆ Basking in God's blessings
 - ✪ yet forgetting from whence they came

- ★ **America Desperately Needs Protection / Guarding**
 - ☆ From Attack from Within
 - ☆ By Christians
 - ✪ Just as America was Founded by Christians so must America be Restored by Christians
 - ☆ God's people are called to be priests
 - ✪ 1 Peter 2:5-10
 - ☆ Priest are guardians... of the land, against evil, ...



Christian Soldiers Needed!

We are to be salt & Light (Matthew 5:13)

☆ **What was salt to the Ancient World**

- ✪ Used to Season food
- ✪ Symbolic of loyalty, discretion, purity, perpetuity
- ✪ Used as a medicine
- ✪ Used as a preservative

★ Together, we are to **ACTIVELY** guard the nation against the corruption of sin by

☆ **Demonstrating the Fruits of the Spirit**

- ✪ Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Gentleness, Meekness, etc.

☆ **Being the Medicine of Hope by Sharing Jesus Christ**

☆ **Preserving God's way by Sharing Truth**