

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GRACE.
THE FOUNDATION OF NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.

Romans 13:1-7

Media Reference Number SMX-1161

Sunday, May 4, 2025

THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD – PART 2

The Gospel of Grace. The Foundation of New Testament Theology
And How The Justified Shall Live by Faith in Jesus Christ Alone.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Spiritual Worship, Godly Service, Dedication, Devotion, Sacrifice, The Will of God.

Romans 13:1-7

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. **2** Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. **3** 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. **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.

Our relationship to authority is an exercise
in submission to God.

Let's be honest here – words like “authority” and “submission” and
“obedience” run counter-stream to our emotions
and our will.

{ We are by nature – rebels }

But children actually learn honor and submission when they are commanded in scripture to honor their mother & father.

Exodus 20:12

(the 5th. commandment)

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

Moms and Dads are as “God” to a little child and from that relationship, it becomes much easier for a child to step into a life of faith in the Lord for themselves.

Ephesians 6:1-3

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. **2** *“Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise: 3 “that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”*

THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD

1.) Reveals The Sovereignty of God vs. 1-4

1a.) The Reality of Divine Government vs. 1

1b.) The Priority of Divine Government vs. 1b

1c.) The Fear of Divine Government vs. 2-4

THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD

1.) Reveals The Sovereignty of God vs. 1-2

THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD
REVEALS THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

1a.) The Reality of Divine Government vs. 1

1a Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities.
For there is no authority except from God,

Isaiah 33:22

For the LORD is our Judge, The LORD is our Lawgiver,
The LORD is our King; He will save us;

? Does This Include Hostile, Anti-Christ Rulers and Governments?
Yes, They Are – Let Me Explain.

There can be bad rulers because God is judging a Nation for their actions.
There can be bad rulers because God is going to use a Nation as His tool.
There can be bad rulers because God is preparing a Nation for Revival
There can be bad rulers because God is about to destroy a Nation

We Know This For Sure:

All (Bad) Governments will Answer to God in the Day of Judgment
Even Satan can be a useful wrench or a hammer in God's toolbox

**THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD
REVEALS THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD**

1b.) The Priority of Divine Government

vs. 1b

1b and the authorities that exist
are appointed by God.

**Man - in his Original Order was the Authority
over all of Creation.**

Genesis 1:26-27

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." **27** So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

There's an Assumption Here - that those who are in authority understand the Gravity of their Office of Authority.

Proverbs 21:1

The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, like the rivers of water;
He turns it wherever He wishes.

Have You Noticed;
Only the atheist and the godless
want the Christian to stay out of Government & Politics & Culture.

In The Words of Founding Father, Patriot, Inventory, Statesman
– Benjamin Franklin; *“God Governs In The Affairs of Man”* That Is
In Fact – A Biblical Truth.

Mr. President

George Washington, Constitutional Convention

The small progress we have made after four or five-weeks close attendance & continual reasonings with each other -- our different sentiments on almost every question, several of the last producing as many noes as ayes, is methinks a melancholy proof of the imperfection of the Human Understanding. We indeed seem to feel our own want of political wisdom, since we have been running about in search of it. We have gone back to ancient history for models of government and examined the different forms of those Republics which having been formed with the seeds of their own dissolution now no longer exist. And we have viewed Modern States all round Europe but find none of their Constitutions suitable to our circumstances. In this situation of this Assembly groping as it were in the dark to find political truth, and scarce able to distinguish it when presented to us -- how has it happened, Sir, that we have not hitherto once thought of humbly applying to the Father of Lights to illuminate our understandings? In the beginning of the contest with G. Britain, when we were sensible of danger we had daily prayer in this room for the Divine Protection. -- Our prayers, Sir, were heard, and they were graciously answered. All of us who were engaged in the struggle must have observed frequent instances of a Superintending Providence in our favor. To that kind Providence we owe this happy opportunity of consulting in peace on the means of establishing our future national felicity. And have we now forgotten that powerful Friend? Or do we imagine that we no longer need His assistance. I have lived, Sir, a long time and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth -- that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the Sacred Writings that "Except the Lord build they labor in vain that build it." I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without His concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel: We shall be divided by our little partial local interests; our projects will be confounded, and we ourselves shall become a reproach and a by word down to future ages. And what is worse, mankind may hereafter from this unfortunate instance, despair of establishing Governments by human wisdom, and leave it to chance, war, and conquest. I therefore beg leave to move -- That henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessings on our deliberations, be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business, and that one or more of the clergy of this City be requested to officiate in that service.

Benjamin Franklin

Thursday, June 28, 1787, The Constitutional Convention, Philadelphia, PA

**“One Nation Under God”
“In God We Trust”**

**But what if “Leaders” want the Authority that Comes
with Government - - but without the God of Government, Allowing God to be
THE AUTHORITY that all answer to?**

Proverbs 29:2

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when a wicked man rules, the people groan.

Bible Prophecy Has A lot to Say about The Priority of Divine Government

1 Corinthians 15:24-25

24 Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. **25** For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet.

**THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD
REVEALS THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD**

1c.) The Fear of Divine Government

vs. 2-4

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

Resist grk: antitassomai
to position oneself against or in oppose to the governing authority.

Ordinance grk: diatage;
divine institution, the base or foundational rules or customs.

Their Crime is; (Fighting Against God) “Resisting The Ordinances of God
So what are His ordinances?

The Ordinances of God

Are All Laws Passed by a Government, Legal ? (Maybe)
Are All Laws Passed by a Government, Good? (No)

Psalms 94:20-21 NLT

Can unjust leaders claim that God is on their side - leaders whose decrees permit injustice?

21 They gang up against the righteous and condemn the innocent to death.

1st Sacramento 1:1

Isaiah 10:1

**“Woe to those who decree unrighteous decrees, Who write
(KA’THAB = Legislate) misfortune, Which they have prescribed**

Is Abortion Legal in California & The United States? – yes!

Is Abortion Legal in The Bible? – no!

Is Pedophilia Legal in California & The United States? – yes!

Is Pedophilia Legal in The Bible? – no!

Is Adultery Legal in California & The United States? – yes!

Is Adultery Legal in The Bible? – no!

Do the Laws honor God and His Word? –

If no, they are opposition to God

Do the Laws punish Evildoers and Lawlessness? ? –

If no, they are opposition to God

Do the Laws benefit You, your Family and the Community at-large? ? –

If no, they are opposition to God

Moses In The Middle

<https://cdn3.creativecirclemedia.com/jewishstar/original/20180530-032557-Supreme%20Court%20Moses.jpg>

Acts 25:8-12

while he answered for himself, “Neither against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Caesar have I offended in anything at all.” **9** But Festus, wanting to do the Jews a favor, answered Paul and said, “Are you willing to go up to Jerusalem and there be judged before me concerning these things?” **10** So Paul said, “I stand at Caesar’s judgment seat, where I ought to be judged. To the Jews I have done no wrong, as you very well know. **11** For if I am an offender, or have committed anything deserving of death, I do not object to dying; but if there is nothing in these things of which these men accuse me, no one can deliver me to them. I appeal to Caesar.” **12** Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, “You have appealed to Caesar? To Caesar you shall go!”

Paul Uses His Legal Roman Politic to Advance the Gospel to Rome

“In the name of God, Amen. We, whose names are underwritten, the Loyal Subjects of our dread Sovereign Lord King James, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, defender of the Faith, etc.: Having undertaken, for the Glory of God, and advancements of the Christian faith, and the honor of our King and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the Northern parts of Virginia; do by these presents, solemnly and mutually, in the presence of God, and one another; covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politic...”

Verse 3

3 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.

1st Grade Logic:
Who Defines what is good or what is bad?

Proverbs 28:1-2 NLT

The wicked run away when no one is chasing them, but the godly are as bold as lions. 2 When there is moral rot within a nation, its government topples easily. But wise and knowledgeable leaders bring stability.

Verse 4

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.

Rulers & Laws are to Advance What is Good.
But who decides what is good or what is bad?
(Humans do not – cannot)

Genesis 9:6

“Whoever sheds man’s blood, By man (the authorities) his blood shall be shed; For (because) in the image of God He made man.

**Jesus Being an Example of This “Beautiful Fear”
Of The Law in Action, Caesar and Mammon**

Mark 12:13-17

Then they sent to Him some of the Pharisees and the Herodians, to catch Him in His words. **14** When they had come, they said to Him, "Teacher, we know that You are true, and care about no one; for You do not regard the person of men, but teach the way of God in truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? **15** Shall we pay, or shall we not pay?" But He, knowing their hypocrisy, said to them, "Why do you test Me? Bring Me a denarius that I may see it." **16** So they brought it. And He said to them, "Whose image and inscription is this?" They said to Him, "Caesar's." **17** And Jesus answered and 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.

Caesar had coins minted with his image on them –
Caesar had one side with his face on it – and a deity (mammon)
of his choice on the other side.

God minted human beings in His image.

So which currency is more valuable to you?

Before the Great Law-Giver – we are all guilty and have been condemned to death. Our crimes were 1st Against Him before we sinned against any authority.

Here is what is Amazing to me – can I sin against you?

Yet, you are not an authority over me.

And yet love places me at your feet. To love you. to honor you. to value you.

This is The Greatest of All Laws – Love One Another.

The Lightning Round

Daniel 4:17

"This decision is by the decree of the watchers, And the sentence by the word of the holy ones, In order that the living may know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, Gives it to whomever He will, And sets over it the lowest of men.'

Daniel 2:20-21

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.

2 Corinthians 10:3-6

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. **4** For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, **5** casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every

thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, **6** and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

We are to be the most Ardent of Christ-Followers

1. The Christian is to be the Most Biblical
2. The Christian is to be the Best of Citizens
3. The Christian is to be the Wisest of Voices
4. The Christian is to be the Consciences of the State
5. The Christian is to be the Brightest of Lights.
6. The Christian is to be the Saltiest of Salts
7. The Christian is to be the Most Loving
8. The Christian is to be Much Hated

We are to be the most Ardent of Christ-Followers

1. We Are To Be Courageous
2. We Are To Be Informed
3. We Are To Be Vigilant
4. We Are To Be Winsome
5. We Are To Be Blameless

It's Time for Godly Obedience

Acts 5:17-29, 40-42

Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, **18** and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. **19** But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, **20** "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life." **21** And when they heard that, they entered the temple early in the morning and taught. But the high priest and those with him came and called the council together, with all the elders of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. **22** But when the officers came and did not find them in the prison, they returned and reported, **23** saying, "Indeed we found the prison shut securely, and the guards standing outside before the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside!" **24** Now when the high priest, the captain of the temple, and the chief priests heard these things, they wondered what the outcome would be. **25** So one came and told them, saying, "Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!" **26** Then the captain went with the officers and brought them without violence, for they feared the people, lest they should be stoned. **27** 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.

I'm here today to use BOTH my Biblical Commissioning of Jesus Christ
&
I am here to use my God given POLITICAL FREEDOM to preach His Name

End of Study

Copyright **Real Life with Jack Hibbs** © Sunday, May 4, 2025, by Jack Hibbs
no unauthorized reproduction of this content or the rebroadcasting of this material is allowed by law without the expressed written consent of the author.