

GOD ORDAINED POWERS THAT BE AN AMBASSADOR'S POINT OF VIEW ON POLITCS

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God."

~ Romans 13:1

1. God Ordains Powers

- a. Politics – concerns the study of powers, government, rulers, rules, and responsibility
- b. Is God involved in politics? Most assuredly - Col 1:16, Eph 6:12
- c. God defines/ordains/powers – "there is no power but of God" – Rom 13:1
- d. God ordains the powers, but not every person who sits in it – Mat 23:1-4; 2Cor 4:4; Eph 2:2

2. What Are the Powers

- a. The powers were part of creation, and how God setup the world – Gen 1:28-29
- b. Individual responsibility; we can possess, choose, act; 'thou shalt not steal' – Rom 14:11-12
- c. Marriage/family responsibility was there in the beginning - Gen 2:23-24
- d. Government responsibility toward others, criminals, strangers – Gen 4:15; 9:6
- e. Church - Responsibility to God – Gen 2:16-17

3. The Responsibility of Powers

- a. The law was Israel's "constitution" - Matthew 23:23
- b. Every power has its weight to bear: Judgment, mercy, faith – see also Micah 6:8
- c. Marriage/Family – home, mercy, love, provision – Eph 5:25, 6:4; Rom 12:10; 1 Tim 5:1-8
- d. Church – faith, pillar of truth, preaching – 1 Tim 3:15
- e. Government – sword of justice, vengeance, protection – Rom 13:4; 1 Tim 2:2
- f. These depend upon each other to perform, their failures can be corrected by the others
- g. When one goes beyond its authority, it is the responsibility of the other to correct
- h. Each of these powers are operated by individuals taking responsibility to produce
- i. The government is not responsible to be provider, producer, or preacher, but protector

4. Changing Powers/ Changing Dispensations

- a. The actions performed by these powers change according to dispensation
- b. Judgment – in the garden by God; in Israel by the kings/judges/nation; today: Gentile rulers
- c. Mercy/love – in garden by God; in Israel by tribes/kinsmen/in common; today: each house
- d. Faith/Truth – in garden the tree; in Israel the law/priests; today: mystery of Christ (church)
- e. To know our role we must understand God's powers and changing dispensations