

Welcome To Sunday Night Bible Fellowship



"We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ." Col 1:28



“God and Government”

Part 2

Luke 20:19-26

Jan. 21, 2024

Passion Week

Month of Nisan
1st month of Hebrew Calendar.
(Exodus 12:2) (March/April)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p>Jesus arrived in Bethany yesterday (Saturday), and on Sunday the crowds visit Jesus and Lazarus in Bethany, which upset the Jewish leaders (John 12:9-20).</p>	<p>Select the sacrificial lamb. <i>Exodus 12:3 "On the <u>tenth</u> of this month they are each one to take a lamb for themselves..."</i></p> <p>Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey colt a.k.a. Palm Monday (John 12:12) also see Matt. 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:29-38; John 12:9-20)</p> <p>Jesus visits the temple, looked around, and heals many</p> <p>Jesus returns to Bethany for the evening</p>	<p>Jesus curses the Fig Tree (divine judgment re: Israel)</p> <p>Jesus cleanses the Temple again, He overturned tables, seats, and prevented people from using the temple as a shortcut</p> <p>Jesus' conversation with Greeks (John 12:20-36)</p> <p>God the Father audibly speaks, and everyone hears (John 12:28-33)</p> <p>Jesus talks about His coming death and the unbelief of the Jews</p>	<p>Withered Fig tree is seen again (Mark 11)</p> <p>Jesus teaches all day in the Temple grounds.</p> <p>Jewish leaders official challenge of Christ's authority</p> <p>Jesus tells parables to the chief priests, scribes and Pharisees on the Temple grounds</p> <p>Jewish leaders plot to kill Him</p> <p>Jesus teaches the Olivet Discourse to the Disciples See chapters Matthew 21-25; Mark 11-13; Luke 19-21; John 12</p>	<p>Jesus sends Peter and John to prepare for the Passover meal. Note: <i>Jews from Galilee (northern Israel) celebrate Passover on Thursday after sunset.</i></p> <p>Jesus & disciples Last Supper</p> <p>The Upper Room Discourse and Jesus High Priestly Prayer</p> <p>Jesus and Disciples go to Mount of Olives (Garden of Gethsemane) overnight to pray. See chapters Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; John 13-18</p>	<p>Early am betrayal and arrest of Jesus</p> <p>6 Trials of Jesus (3 Jewish then 3 Roman)</p> <p>The Passover day. <i>Jews from Judea (southern Israel) would celebrate Passover on Friday.</i></p> <p>Sacrifice the lamb. <i>Exodus 12:6 "You shall keep it until the <u>fourteenth</u> day...to kill it at <u>twilight</u>" and Deut 16:6</i></p> <p>Jesus is crucified. Jesus' body put in Joseph's tomb before sunset. Day 1.</p>	<p>Jesus' body in the tomb Day 2.</p> <p>Jewish Feast of Unleavened bread continues for 7 days</p>	<p>Jesus' body in the tomb Day 3.</p> <p>Jesus is resurrected</p> <p>Post-resurrection and appearances over the next 40 days to over 500 people</p>

Note 1:

Biblical days don't start/end at midnight. See slide below for an explanation of Galilean and Judean start/end Sunrise/Sunset

Note 2:

For details on what happened during the hours of Thursday and Friday see the below graphic



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“We offer prayer for the safety of our princes to the eternal, the true, the living God, whose favour, beyond all other things, they must themselves desire. ... Without ceasing, for all our emperors we offer prayer. We pray for life prolonged; for security to the empire; for protection for the imperial house; for brave armies, a faithful senate, a virtuous people, the world at rest—whatever, as man or Caesar, an emperor would wish.”

- Tertullian

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4. 1 Peter 2:17

17 honor the king.

“In AD 67, Nero ordered the burning of Rome. The fire lasted for nine days and when the blame turned to Nero, Nero blamed the Christians. And Nero came at the Christians with a new vengeance. Nero contrived all manner of punishments for the Christians that the most infernal imagination could design. In particular, he had some sewed up in skins of wild beasts, and then they were attacked by dogs until they expired; and others dressed in shirts made stiff with wax, were fixed to stakes, and set on fire in his gardens, in order to illuminate them. This persecution was general throughout the whole Roman Empire. In the course of it, St. Paul and St. Peter were martyred.”

- Foxe's Book of Martyrs

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“Every Christian, no matter what form of government he lives under, is under command from the Lord to maintain proper and useful submission to that government for the sake of leading a peaceful life and having an effective witness.”

- John MacArthur

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Forms of Government

Anarchy

Aristocracy

Authoritarianism

Bureaucracy

Capitalism

Confederation

Colonialism

Communism

Corporatocracy

Democracy

Electocracy

Ergatocracy

Fascism

Federalism

Feudalism

Geniocracy

Imperialism

Kakistocracy

Kleptocracy

Logocracy

Meritocracy

Military Dictatorship

Monarchy

Oligarchy

Plutocracy

Republicanism

Socialism

Statism

Technocracy

Theocracy

Totalitarianism

Tribalism

Titles of Leaders of Countries

President

Prime Minister

Premier

Chancellor

Kings & Queens

Supreme Leader

“All through the OT God represents himself as the controlling force behind every government on earth, without exception. Therefore, it isn't man's elections or his revolutions that determine the governments of earth. We think it is. In Mexico they used to do it by the process of revolution -- you never could change the government there without a revolution. But neither elections nor revolutions determine who sits in the seats of power -- it is God Who does so. These things are only the instruments by which He works His will; and the revelation of Scripture is that God puts in power the men of his choosing, whether they be good or evil, whether they are beneficent rulers or tyrants like Hitler or Stalin or Mao or any of the others on earth by the permissive choice of God. If you struggle with that, it is because you don't see what is behind God's purpose in the world today & that He is El Elyon, the sovereign Most High God over ALL the earth. The questioning of why God allows evil comes because we do not realize that God is not attempting to govern the earth properly -- He is waiting, He is withholding, He is restraining evil, He is governing to a limited extent, -- but He is not trying to do the job as He will someday. We've not seen the end of "His" story ("HISTORY") yet!. Every government that exists is held in the palm of God's hand. It can only go as far as God wills; it is under His control; it has been instituted by Him. . . . Furthermore, God sometimes may, for His own purposes, place even wicked men in positions of power (Nebuchadnezzar Jer 27:5-7, Da 4:17). The Apostle Paul himself was imprisoned and finally executed by Emperor Nero, yet he never counseled rebellion or disobedience.”

- Bruce Hurt

Hab 1:12

12 Are You not from everlasting,
O Lord, my God, my Holy One?
We will not die.

You, O Lord, **have appointed them** to judge;
And You, O Rock, **have established them** to correct.

Jer 27:6-7

6 "Now I have given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, **My servant**, and I have given him also the wild animals of the field to serve him.

7 "All the nations shall serve him and his son and his grandson until the time of his own land comes; then many nations and great kings will make him their servant.

John 19:10-11

10 So Pilate said to Him, "You do not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?"

11 Jesus answered, "**You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above;**"

Dan 4:17

17 That the Most High is **ruler over the realm of mankind**,
And bestows it on whom He wishes

Rev 13:3-7

3 And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast;

4 they worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?"

5 **There was given to him** a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for forty-two months **was given to him.**

6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven.

7 **It was also given to him** to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation **was given to him.**

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- 1 Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.
- 2 Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.
- 3 For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same;
- 4 for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil.
- 5 Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake.
- 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for rulers are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing.
- 7 Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

“Human rulers are “God’s servants.” As such, they deserve four things from us: Taxes, revenue, respect, and honor. We may think we are heavily taxed (and we are), but hardly more so than in the first century. Rome had an income tax, a head tax, a poll tax, a road tax, a wagon tax, a crop tax, an import tax, an export tax, a harbor tax, and a bridge tax--to name only a few. The Caesars like to live in style and it cost a lot of money to maintain that huge empire, so they taxed their people heavily in order to pay for everything. Paying taxes is a Christian duty. Tax evasion is not only a crime; it’s also a sin.”

- Ray Pritchard

*Note: The Roman historian Tacitus noted that in the A.D. 58 there were persistent complaints against taxes.

1 Peter 2:13-15

13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority,

14 or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right.

15 For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men.

The exception to submission to the government in all things:

1. In Daniel's day, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to worship the king's golden image, and were cast into the fiery furnace.
2. God's people were ordered not to pray to their God. Daniel, in violation of the law, worshipped the Lord God, refused to obey the king's decree, and for that was thrown into the lion's den.
3. In the Book of Acts we are told that believers were ordered not to teach the people in the name of Jesus. — "Peter and the other apostles answered and said: We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

*We disobey the government when God's Word tells us to do something and the government forbids us, or when the government tells us to do something and God's Word forbids us.

“On one level, the answer is clear. You can go as far as the law allows you to go. You can picket, you can collect petitions, you can write letters to the editor, you can call a talk-show and sound off, you can vote and encourage others to vote with you, you can visit your congresswoman or your senator. You can take out an ad in the paper if you like. Submission doesn’t require you to keep your mouth shut about injustice and corruption. However, the issue of the heart is very important. It’s better to keep quiet than to speak out in burning anger. If you believe that God can work his will even through a corrupt leader, that will temper your comments, cool your emotions, and keep you from doing or saying something you may regret later.”

“Our conclusion is this: A Christian must disobey his government when it asks him to 1) violate a commandment of God, 2) commit an immoral or unethical act, or 3) go against his Christian conscience (a conscience which is informed by Scripture and is in submission to the Spirit of God).”

- Kent Hughes

“The principle is clear: We are to submit right up to the point where obedience to the state would entail disobedience to God. But if the state commands what God forbids, or forbids what God commands, then our plain Christian duty is to resist, not to submit, to disobey the state in order to obey God.”

- John Stott

- If the government forced us to abort babies to maintain population control, we should resist.
- If the government forbids us to gather as believers, we should gather anyway.
- If the government banned the Bible, we should own and distribute Bibles anyway.
- If the government commanded us not to say anything against homosexual behavior, we should teach what the Bible says anyway.

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Luke 23:2

- 2 And they began to accuse Him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, and saying that He Himself is Christ, a King."
- They never have been able to pin anything on Jesus nor will they ever be able to do so.
 - They are so amazed, that they become silent.

Application

1. Don't ever think anyone can prove Jesus is untruthful in what He says in His Word. The GWTJ will not be the place to prove your point.
2. Government is an important and greatly needed institution in the world. It has its place in the believer's life, but just not one of prominence.
3. No government, not 1 of the 195, ever saved 1 person from hell. No President, no Prime Minister, no Supreme Leader, and no politician will ever be the Savior of mankind. If the Church is going to play that game of idolatry, it will bring the wrath of God upon itself.
4. The believer has to learn from the Scriptures what part government will play in their lives. Believers need a biblical view of government.
5. God demands and deserves far more from us than the government.