

To Defy A Tyrant Is To Obey YHVH

Whom do we obey: YHVH or man?

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A key issue for Christians is ... “is God involved in government”?

As believers, we must remember that God is involved in everything; and there is nothing outside of His authority! His Word covers all the earth as we will see.

Erroneous thinking is:

- “God is in control” – this is another way of saying “I don’t know what is going on!” or “I am not responsible, after all, it is God’s business.”
- “No matter what happens, we should leave it in God’s hands”.

This thinking is a sure-fire way to let evil rule and for damnation to come upon us ... at the same time!

Before we begin this study we must understand the following:

1. YHVH’s call and authority in your life must reveal your Scriptural commitment to His righteousness. Throughout Scripture, we are instructed to be salt and light. We are to be bold as a lion when confronting evil. We are to stand up for His Word against the workers of iniquity?
2. Romans 13 does not state that we are to give unlimited obedience to the civil government. If there is something evil, we are not to follow that rule.
3. Romans 13 reveals that the civil government’s authority is not in any way unlimited! The civil government doesn’t have carte blanche to do whatever they want.
4. Also, consider Scriptures where the people of God disobey civil government!

Now we are going read Romans 13, verses 1-5, & allow the Scriptures to interpret Scriptures!

Romans 13:1-5, ESV

- ¹ 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.
- ² Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.
- ³ 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,

- ⁴ 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.
- ⁵ Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience.

First, the Laws of the Kingdom of God override all forms of man-made laws!

“Jesus is LORD”: what does this mean? (You will need to take notes. Understanding this will help interpret Romans 13:1-5.)

“Kaiser is lord”; Caesar is lord

The Shema: Deut 6:4-9; Love your brother as yourself: Lev 19:18b.

Homework:

1. Find four (4) Scriptural examples of men and women of God who stood against the laws of man!
 - a. For example, Exodus 1:15-21

Bring these papers back, and we will continue with this.

Baruch YHVH,

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