



Our Government is Evil and Must Be Stopped!

It is quite popular to hate (dislike, distrust, or just plain diss) our current leadership. Many Christian Americans (and those of other countries as well) dislike their leaders and spend time researching, forwarding and sending dissenting messages about their government and talking endlessly about the evils of world leadership today. While as Christians we have no control over what non-believers do, we must ask ourselves these questions, “Should I/we be doing this? Is there any instruction in the Bible regarding this? Do we have to obey these leaders?”

Let’s begin with a few verses concerning complaining about the political and economic circumstances to see if the Bible can provide a few clues as to how God feels about complaining in general.

Exodus 16:2,8

² *The whole congregation of the sons of Israel **grumbled against Moses and Aaron** in the wilderness.*

⁸ *Moses said, “This will happen when the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening, and bread to the full in the morning; **for the LORD hears your grumbings which you grumble against Him. And what are we? Your grumbings are not against us but against the LORD.**”*

Moses and Aaron were the leaders of the Israelites. Never mind that the Lord had miraculously rescued them from the hands of the Egyptians, they were unhappy with their present circumstances. I once heard it said that grumbling and complaining was the “favorite outdoor sport of the Israelites in the desert.” Well, my friends, that could certainly apply to us today! Everywhere you go someone is complaining about something – especially about what they perceive as “evil” in our government. I’m not saying it’s not evil, just pointing out that complaining has become a national pastime. It seems that we spend far more time complaining and passing (electronic) notes like grade school children than going out and helping others in need. And, more than likely, more time talking to one another about it than talking with the Lord in prayer and supplication. But that’s another blog.

Anyway, note how the Lord felt about their complaining about Moses and Aaron’s leadership.

“... for the LORD hears your grumbings which you grumble against Him. And what are we? Your grumbings are not against us but against the LORD.”

Why does the Lord feel that grumbling and complaining against the leadership is the same as grumbling against Him? It’s quite simple, **God (alone) chooses who sits on thrones and in presidential offices – and every other office of government.** He put Moses and Aaron in charge, He puts all leadership in place. His Word tell us so.

*Daniel 2:20-21 Daniel said, “Let the name of God be blessed forever and ever, for wisdom and power belong to Him. “It is He who changes the times and the epochs; **He removes kings and establishes kings;***

*Daniel 4:17b ... In order that the living may know that **the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind, and bestows it on whom He wishes and sets over it the lowliest of men.**”*

Daniel 4:25b ...until you recognize that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind and bestows it on whomever He wishes.

Daniel makes this same point over and over (more than what is listed here). And rest assured, Daniel knew about serving and honoring kings and leaders who practiced “evil” against him and his people (the Jews). **Daniel also knew THE KING and that He is truly sovereign.**

In the New Testament we see this as well (there are others, here are two examples):

Romans 13: 1-2 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.

1 Peter 2:15-17 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.¹⁶ Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil but use it as bondslaves of God.¹⁷ Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

Why, according to the first line of this passage, should we “submit” ourselves to every human institution? It says, “for the Lord's sake” – what does that mean? We are told just 2 verses later, “For such is the will of God that by doing so you may silence the ignorance of foolish men.” Now that's interesting, isn't it? It would seem as if the Scriptures are telling us here that **to fail to submit** we are (a) **out of the will of God**, and (b) perhaps **causing “foolish men” to be more loud and forceful** rather than silencing them.

It would seem that it is entirely possible that when we fail to submit while grumbling and complaining (and gossiping, to add another sin to this list) **we are actually part of the problem rather than part of God's solution.** Do you see it that way?

Let's look at the last line a bit more carefully too – it specifically tells us to “**honor**” **ALL people** and then goes on to specifically mention the “king” (ruler, leader, etc.). What does the word “honor” mean? In Hebrew, it is the word kabad or kated. It is used 115x in the OT, In Greek, it is timēate or timate and is used 21x in the NT. Seems like a fairly important word. You might want to take a bit of time to look it up and get a good understanding of its meaning.

At any rate, **the purpose of this blog is to encourage you to consider** whether by acting like non-believers (loudly “protesting” the “evil leadership” - regardless of which side of the political isle you reside on - gossiping, speaking evil of those in opposition to your beliefs about the topics at hand, including calling them names) **honors or dishonors them and thus honors or dishonors God.** He said it, I didn't...

Perhaps you are saying, “I can't honor them! They are evil!” **Could it be that you are “battling against the wrong thing/wrong person”?** **Ephesians 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood** [not against humans], **but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness,**

against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. The "rulers" here are wicked spiritual rulers - not earthly/human ones.

Also consider that in doing what many of us are doing, **we are treating them as our enemies.** But the Scriptures tell us: *Matthew 5:43-44* "You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I [Jesus] say to you, **love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,** ...

Answer the following questions with honesty and integrity so you will know how to proceed:

1. Was that person (or persons) "made in the image of God"? YES or NO
2. Did Jesus die so that person (or persons) could be saved? YES or NO
3. Do you know whether that person (or persons) is saved or not (a fellow believer or not)? - be careful not to decide this based on behavior YES or NO
4. Based on their behavior, do you consider that person (or persons) your "enemy"? YES or NO

The answers to those questions should settle in the mind of believers that a change of attitude and behavior is in order. Stop sinning! Stop cursing (literally and figuratively) those in power above you, stop gossiping about them, stop the endless chatter about them, stop listening to it too! **Just stop. Say NO!**

Rather, obey and honor God! Do as He instructs! **Love and pray for them!** Pray good for them! Pray that they will know **the grace of the Lord Jesus, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit** (2 Corinthians 13:14). Know that **a gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.** (Proverbs 15:1)

I am truly concerned that today the "difference" between the unsaved and the saved from the vision of the world is very, very little. No wonder we are rightfully called hypocrites! Many of us are acting just like the unsaved. We are depending on our own ability to "fix this thing!" rather than on the Lord. Shame on us all.

Lord, have mercy on your Church, please. Fix our eyes on our Redeemer and not on ourselves. Drive us to our knees in repentance so You can restore us to righteousness and bless us and the world through us, your church, your bride.

Okay, having said all that, I feel fairly certain at least some of you will think something to the effect of:

"If we don't stop this evil, who will?" Two quick answers jump to mind:

1. Trust me, **there are a lot more of "them" (non-believers) than "us" (believers)** – let them continue the crusade. They aren't called to obey God – as instructed in His Holy Scriptures – but we are.
2. Trust in the absolute sovereignty of God. Either He is sovereign (in total authority) or He is not. Either He is omnipotent (containing ALL power) or He is not. Nothing going on today is outside of His knowledge and control, NOTHING! If He wanted it all to go away it would happen in an instant. We don't have to understand why He is permitting it, but that He is in control, not us. **We need to trust in His sovereignty and His goodness** (See: [The Twin Pillars of Faith](#) – 09/10/2021)

My mother used to quote a “verse” as she would call it that goes like this, “God helps those who help themselves.” It took a while for me to find this verse, but it was not in the Holy Scriptures, it is an old Chinese proverb that actually says, “The gods help those who help themselves.” Our God is actually quite the opposite, **He helps those who cannot help themselves.** As long as we think ourselves in control (or try to be), He will simply sit back and wait. He is very patient. Think about that a bit.

Are we to just stick our heads in the sand and do nothing? No, not cannot at all. But as we are instructed in Matthew 10:16 *“Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; **so show yourself to be shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves.**”* We should keep ourselves informed, we can resist evil, but do it quietly, respectfully, to bring glory and honor to our Lord.

Finally, you may say, “BUT! We are to obey God – not man!” We will look at that a bit more closely in another blog. Ponder and pray about this one for now – I truly hope you receive His illuminating Word when you do so.

Maranatha! my friends!
Praise His Holy Name forever!