Mat 155

Nationalism is a key principle within historic trends

Turn to Hebrews chapter 13.

We covered a good portion of the house-hold authority last lesson… the parents and the husband’s role concerning the divine institutions. I want to quickly touch on the Bel under authority of the pastor and how that relates to nationalism.

/Two forms of authority develop for a Bel when they submit to Bible teaching under a prepared pastor-teacher. They learn the chain of command in respect to the church leadership but as they do a greater authority develops within their soul – an inner alter of the Royal Priesthood, the authority of God’s Word.\

This authority will be the one that guides you in life. A pastor may come and go maybe he isn’t teaching anymore.

Many times, he is not there to remind you of BD in certain circumstances, this is where the soul saturated with truth has a divine authority built up within the soul structure from submitting to God’s standard of studying under a pastor’s authority.

Hebrews chapter 13 points us to the respect for that authority…there are a handful of good scriptures about respect for the teacher of the word but this one has a nice approach…especially in the original Greek.

Heb 13:17 Through Him (Christ) then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.

[Heb 13:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/heb/13/16/s_1146016) And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Sharing your time… talent and treasure with your church leaders is what it speaks of.

/[Heb 13:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/heb/13/17/s_1146017) **Obey** (*peithō*) **your leaders and submit** (*hypeikō*) ***to them****,* for they keep watch over your souls as **those who will give an account.** Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

*Peithō* – attentive or listening to instruction, to trust with the intent to follow thru.

*Hypeikō* - to yield to authority. A serious recognition to the chain of command.\

PIE-THO WHO-PIE-CO

OBEY is- the present, middle, imperative of the Greek verb PIE-THO - meaning it is in a command form…. being imperative and present tense speaks to it being an ongoing command.

ELABORATE

The Pastor keeps watch over your spiritual walk by studying properly and teaching the right way. Not harassing you into shame or forcing you to give and serve…it is not emotional nonsense and a circus show… it is diligent study and then teaching you so you can apply Biblical principles in your life!

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The pastor is to study and teach with a serious intent upon being academically honest even if it isn’t popular.

[Heb 13:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/heb/13/18/s_1146018) Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a good conscience, desiring to conduct ourselves honorably in all things.

Church leaders (pastor-deacons) need your prayers they need to be staying in their gift with the right attitude of teaching truth & serving in an honorably way….attention on scriptural integrity not about their ego or greed.

[Heb 13:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/heb/13/19/s_1146019) And I urge *you* all the more to do this, so that I may be restored to you the sooner.

The majority of the Jews who had been converted at this time were not serious students, there were pockets of positive Jewish Bels…but many were baby Bels who never fully grew up or understood the shift in dispensations at this historic point A.D. 67. They kept attaching themselves to Judaism.

Which was really just disrespecting the teaching and the authority of what the Apostles had set up in all these churches.

If you do not believe you can learn under a pastor or that he is not accurate…you need only get up and leave…no fuss… no hassle, no drama…respectfully leave.

If you stay and undermine his teaching you are in breach of the church chain of command, blatantly showing lack of respect for authority.

Those are the types of people you politely ask to leave the church which really falls upon the deacons to tell the pastor and then they can handle it from there.

But in respect to authority concerning the 4th divine establishment nationalism-

 Look what Titus wrote who by the way was given a very masculine church in the sense of aggressive and rough and tumble guys in and around that area of Greece.

/Titus 3:1 **Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities**, to **be obedient**, to be ready for every good deed, 2 to malign no one, to **be peaceable**, gentle, showing every **consideration for all** men.\

Titus was a tough guy himself…and he wanted to make sure they were Christians who led by example.

You can’t preach kindness and compassion but live a cold hearted, ignorant lifestyle.

[Tit 3:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/tit/3/3/s_1132003) For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.

One area concerning respect for authority toward government is often manipulated by people in one direction or another…usually the political class play games with scriptures like this;

/Mar 12:17 And **Jesus said to them, “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's**, and to God the things that are God's.” And they were amazed at Him.

This does not mean Jesus condoned the wickedness of the Roman Empire, simply that whatever circumstance you are in…follow the laws of that land, business or household.\ Mat 22 & Luk 20

The true historical context of this scripture tells the story.

The Pharisee’s were trying to trap TLJC in one of their silly word games they constantly would throw at HIM.

This was designed to make HIM look like a rebel or a Jew who approved of the Roman Empire….you see, you can’t win with some people.

/The separation of church and state are needed for a society to have complete freedom. The church/religion should never overrun a country and install laws leaning in a direction that cripples basic freedoms of the people. Laws and guidelines from government operate best in a minimum capacity that respects life, liberty and freedom.\ REPEAT

Islamic nations have this type of religious government and it is a state of terrorism that those people live in.

The original British empire and Roman Catholic church was another example of this.

A strong military, good infrastructure and law enforcement or first responders are solid reasons for taxing people.

Being over taxed and manipulated or dominated by a government is sign of corrupt leadership. God will allow corrupt leadership in a few different cases. Biblical history shows us a few reasons;

/Corrupt leadership is allowed by God to punish a nation/society who attacks His people. It is also allowed in the circumstance when His people have rejected His word for a period of time. It is a warning that will only increase as God steps back, allowing weak leaders & corrupt people to breed within the government and its voting population.\

This is the corruption of the 4th pillar of divine establishment…nationalism.

Turn to Romans chapter 13.

Every fallen empire in history have portions of what I am teaching you in this series to blame for their demise.

God has certain commandments directed to the believer for obedience — /Deu 11:27 the blessing, **if you listen to the commandments of the LORD** your God, which I am commanding you today; 28 and the curse, **if you do not listen to the commandments of the LORD your God**, but turn aside from the way which I am commanding you today, by following other gods which you have not known.\

Blessing or cursing…we have to take responsibility as individuals but also as a nation.

You know almost every president we have had claimed to be a Christian and yet where has that gotten us?

I believe we are on the cusp of finding out exactly how much evil has infiltrated our country and the world in general very soon.

People are going to be woke up to the matrix we have been living in very soon.

We have a business man in there now with a patriotic spirit and reputation as a playboy millionaire….he never made a huge issue out of being Christian in the past and yet almost every decision he has had made in 3 years has built up these 4 divine institutions we are learning about…again I say…everything is not what it seems.

Sometimes the loudest guy in the room is not the strongest and sometimes the sweet, obvious Christian is not the most spiritual one in the bunch.

Just a little food for thought.

/Jer 7:23 “But this is what I commanded them, saying, ‘**Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you will be My people**; and you will walk in all the way which I command you, that it may be well with you.’ 24 “**Yet they did not obey or incline their ear**, but **walked in *their own* counsels** *and* in the **stubbornness** of their evil heart, and went backward and not forward.\

This is where we see America today and actually many nations around the globe as well.

The Apostle Paul gives a great course on respect for authority concerning government and the stability of nationalism in general.

Look at Romans chapter 13;

/Rom 13:1 **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**.

We need to recognize the ‘*3 wills*’ of God; His divine will, permissive will & overriding will.\ ELABORATE

Either way HE is in control and we have to accept the authority placed in front of us.

/[Rom 13:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/rom/13/2/s_1059002) **Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God**; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.\

There is no middle ground here it is plain and simple. No excuses as to why you rebel against authority…no loop holes.

[Rom 13:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/rom/13/3/s_1059003) 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;

Those who follow the divine establishment of authority and recognize the chain of command with God as the final authority need not worry about anything. Simply do your best to follow the established laws of the land and operate in Christian integrity and principles….God will handle the rest.

[/Rom 13:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/rom/13/4/s_1059004) 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.\

This is pointing us to the swift and accurate justice of what real authority looks like and in some cases…the worst cases such as murder or rape the sword is speaking to capital punishment.

[Rom 13:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/rom/13/5/s_1059005) Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience’ sake.

[/Rom 13:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/rom/13/6/s_1059006) For because of this **you also pay taxes**, **for *rulers* are servants of God**, devoting themselves to this very thing.\

There is really very little wiggle room for a Christian when it comes to disobeying authority. I have actually been led to expand this teaching just because of Paul’s lessons here in Romans 13…so there is more to come after today folks.

[Rom 13:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/rom/13/7/s_1059007) 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.

[/Rom 13:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/rom/13/8/s_1059008) Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; **for he who loves** (*agapaō*)**his neighbor has fulfilled *the* law**.

This is often called the divine love of God because it is not driven by emotion but integrity and thought. Impersonal and unconditional and it is the only application of love that propels the Bel forward in the plan of God.\

YOUR LOVE FOR CHRIST is what works in your life.

This is why it fulfills everything inside the plan of God. It can’t be jealous or petty because it is truly only derived from a deep relationship with TLJC.

Let me close with a few principles because this is a subject matter that needs greater information for all Bels to understand.

First;

/The ruler at the time Paul wrote Romans 13 was a corrupt man named Nero. Yet the message the Apostle Paul conveyed was respect authority and follow the laws of the land. Not to rebel against the corrupt Roman Empire or leadership.\

You never see TLC or any of the Apostle applaud the Roman Empire and say what a good and godly empire…but they also did not focus on rebellion either.

/The Roman Empire had allowed a certain amount of freedom to the Jews during their reign. This means that the Romans were operating in God’s establishment to some degree. The legalistic Jewish leadership demanded the crucifixion of Christ, the Romans just wanted taxation & respect for their empire over anything else.\

The Romans main goal was to establish dominance yet leave the people they conquered in-tact enough to tax them and keep them under their rulership.

The people could continue to worship as they pleased and live their lives as long as they respected the laws of the Roman Empire and put Caesar as their first priority.

The British would practice this same strategy over a thousand years later where they colonized and dominated across the globe.

/The Romans acted as a firewall of protection from outside enemies of the Jews and also gave them a governing structure for a period of time, even though it was an empire that was ripe with corruption & cosmic viewpoint it gave its citizens enough freedom to worship and live within a structured set of rules which is how most societies reach levels of prosperity.\

Contrary to two opposing viewpoints this is how societies and nations thrive toward prosperity….not the tyrannical government that socialism or communism demands….nor is it *the live free and answer to no one* society that disregards rules and laws. REPEAT

/The signs that a nation is ordained by God (A Nation Unto God) is first, freedom that has limitations as far as common laws go. Not intrusive regulations but laws that protect life, property and freedom. The nation unto God will have a strong Christian population where evangelism & Biblical principles flow freely.\

Freedom means you will have some among you who believe differently and they need the freedom to do that as long as it does not infringe on the rights of others. The majority will be Christians.

Nation unto God is also called a Client Nation.

/The hand of God will be obvious upon the founding of that nation in the sense that Christian men and women along with Biblical principles will be woven within its origin. The *“priest nation”* is used for Israel because it had a specialized priesthood. The term *“client nation”* is used for any Gentile nation that performs the same functions during the Church Age.\

So, there are some distinct similarities between the nation of Israel and the client nation unto God today which by all accounts appears to only be America.

/A safe haven for Biblical teaching as well as the Jewish people are strong symbols of a Client Nation. Rejecting international policies and maintaining a strong sense of nationalism is another sign. Also, the ability to reach out as world-wide evangelists and keeping scripture accurate and readily available to every generation is part of the call for a Client Nation.\