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I Peter 2: 13-17

PART I of II

Commands with respect to: GOVERNMENT

Verses 13 & 14



Outline for today: 1 Peter 2:13-14

- I. We'll look at 4 FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES** re: God & Government
- II. Next, we'll look at the 'SUBMIT' command:** and things related to it
- III. Then, we'll look the First of TWO Principles:** *found in 1 Peter 2:13-14 that God demands from Government*
- IV. Concluding Thoughts:** *How is Government Doing with What's Expected of it from God?*



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FIRST PRICIPLES:

PRINCIPLE NO. I:

God has ALL Authority/Power over the Earth

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."

Mat. 28:18

Jesus answered, "You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above; for this reason, he who delivered Me to you has the greater sin." John 19:11

... then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power. 1 Cor 15:24 //



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God has ALL Authority/Power over the Earth

'And do not lead us into temptation but deliver us from evil. [For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.'] Mat.6:13

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. Rom 1:20 //



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PRINCIPLE NO. II:

God has shared a fraction of that power & authority on Earth:

ALL OF IT will come back to Him in His Millennial Kingdom.

- Jesus answered, “You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above; for this reason, he who delivered Me to you has the greater sin.” John 19:11
- “...and the government shall be upon His shoulder..” Isa 9:6
- ***When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, so that God may be all in all.*** I Cor 15:28
- Leading us to PRINCIPLE III: God has Established Government on Earth //



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PRINCIPLE NO. III:

God has Established Government on Earth to accomplish His will:

“And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man.” Gen 9:5-6

- What followed this covenant?
- The families & nations that formed under Shem, Ham & Japeth (Genesis 10)
- The establishment and sanctioning of Nation-States due to the dispersion of the Tower of Babel (Gen. 11)
- The establishment of the Nation of Israel under Abraham (Gen. 12) //



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FIRST PRICIPLES:

PRINCIPLE NO. IV:

God commands us to submit to Governments:

Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's. Mat 22:21

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. I Tim 2:1-2

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 3 1-2

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.... Rom 13:1-7 //



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The Commandment in Verse 13:

Submit yourselves to every governing institution:

- **Hypotassō**: both Rom 13:1's "***be in subjection to***" and I Peter 2:13 have the same verb for submission
- Meaning: Line yourself up under / arrange yourself under
- Example: a Colonel lines up under a Lt. General, a Lt. General lines herself under a 4-star general, etc.
- Example: the Lord Jesus Christ (as a pre-teenager!) lined up/subjected Himself to the authority of his parents: *And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, **and He continued in subjection to them** (Joseph & Mary); and His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, **and in favor with God and men.** Luke 2:51-52*
- NOTE: Jesus increased in favor with men, the very thing Peter says is man's response to our good behavior and submission to Government:

For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly. 1 Peter 2:19 (addressed to slaves; but same concept)

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; Rom 13:3 //



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The Commandment in Verse 13:

Our Motivation:

- What is our motivation?
- It is for the Lord- on His account, because of Him, in deference to Him, as HE HIMSELF DID:

Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Phil 2:5-8

For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH; and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously. I Peter 2:21-23

He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth. Isa 53:7 (refer again to John 19: Jesus' submission to Pilate's trial and scourging) //



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The Commandment in Verse 13:

To Whom do we owe submission:

- EVERY human institution
- NOTE: the catch-all phraseology Peter uses: whether to

An institution

A King

A King's designee

A Governor

The Higher powers (Rom. 13:1)

Rulers (Titus 3:1-2)

Authorities (Titus 3:1-2)

- Regardless of good or bad
- Regardless of: Type: Democracy, Monarchy, Parliamentary System, Authoritarian, Totalitarian
- Christ: suffered under Pontius Pilate
- Paul: suffered under Nero (most likely Peter too)
- Peter: arrested under King Herod Agrippa

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The Two Purposes of Government in Verse 14:

Purpose I:

- Q: Do you see Purpose I in verse 14?
- What is it?

Punishment of Evildoers!

- Parallel to verse 14 in Peter 2 is Rom 13:

For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: Rom 13:3 KJV

- According to Rom 13:3: what does Paul say is the purpose of government?

Be a TERROR to evil workers! //



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Purpose II:

To Praise / Commend those who do right

- Q: besides Purpose II (give praise to those who do right), is that their only authority?
- A: YES! Seems limited, do you agree?
- **Proof:** Let's look at the expanded doctrine of Romans 13 //



Romans 13: 1- 4

1 Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except 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.

The Two Purposes of Government in Verse 14:

Purpose I:

Rulers/Governors/Principalities are given authority by God to terrorize (bring fear upon) evil

- Fear = phobos (gr) = to mean: 1. Reverential respect 2. ***dread; that which strikes terror***
- Do you see how in verse 4, it brings us right back to Genesis 9:6?

“Whoever sheds man’s blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man.” //



Romans 13: 1- 4 vis a vis I Peter 2: 13-14

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Purpose I:

Rulers/Governors/Principalities are given authority by God to terrorize (bring fear & dread upon) & VENGEANCE to evildoers

- Punishment in I Peter 2:14 = *ekdikēsis* = the root of the word is ἐκδικέω (*ekdikeō*): Vincent says 'punishment' should be stronger in tone to be VENGEANCE
- REVENGE; AVENGE is the idea and you can clearly see that idea in Rom. 13:4(b) above in red

Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord. Rom. 12:9

- Do we have scripture saying two different things here? (to avenge or not to avenge, that is the question)



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Let's Apply The Bob Principle:

- How are we doing with this? Or how is the U.S.A. doing with this in this case?
- Dr. G. Richison: Were the Colonies justified in casting off the Authority of King George III?
- What about the Boston Tea Party?
- Where is the National Uniformed Death Penalty Law in the U.S.? Would that be moral?
- Instead, here is where we're at today:
 - “Everyone from killers, drug traffickers and gang members to mobsters, fraudsters and accused rapists are making a bid to get out of the clink,” the *New York Post* reported.
 - The Brennan Center for Justice, has submitted a letter to the governors of all fifty states urging them to use executive action to “release as many people as possible from incarceration” due to Coronavirus fears “provided they do not pose serious public safety threats.”
- What about the above in contrast to this?: *“Abortion is Legal in All 50 States, and We Intend to Keep It That Way”* – ACLU.org
- My conclusion is that the U.S. government is given ONE (1) job by God.. How are they doing with that?
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