

**** (Note: All Bible Quotes Are Taken From The Original King James Version)**

Subject: God Blesses A Nation By Means Of A Good Leader:

It may seem like God has nothing to do with the governments of the nations of this world, but there will be a day of accountability when all government leaders of this world will have to give an account of the way that they conducted the affairs of nations. It would be good for a ruler of a nation to recognize God as being above his or her authority of rulership. This can be done by the ruler conducting the affairs of the nation according to the word of God that will be for the best interest of the people of the nation.

The people will be the determining factor of the kind of ruler that God gives to their nation. If the nation has an evil ruler making things difficult for the people of the nation, it is because the people have been displeasing to God. So then, when the judgment of God falls upon the leader it will also fall upon the people. God blesses a nation by means of a good leader. If the people want favor from God, they must live to please God, and God in return will give them a leader that will be a blessing to them.

Subject: A Rejection By God:

Heads of state and those who are in political leadership positions should be commended to the people when their decisions are according to the scriptures. They should be commended to the people by the ministers of the gospel. If at any time their decisions are contrary to the scriptures, they should be condemned by the ministers of the gospel before the people. This is so that the people will have a chance to choose not to follow such decisions.

Though God raised up such heads of state at the request of the people, the leader will be rejected by God. Such a rejection will be made known to the people by the minister of the gospel who condemned the leader for his decision that was contrary to the scriptures.

Subject: All Scriptures Are Given For Man's Instructions:

There are many who believe that the governments of the nations of this present world are entirely under the authority of government officials and world leaders. They believe that God has nothing to do with the governments of the world. There are two governments, one is the government of the kingdom of heaven, and the other is the government of the world.

Prior to Jesus leaving the earth, He prayed a prayer to God that is going to be answered. Listen to St. Matthew 6:10:

Verse 10 - *Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.*

No world leaders and government officials will be able to prevent Jesus' prayer from being answered. Simply because rulers of the earth's nations do not recognize God will not prevent Jesus' petition from being answered. This is now man's time to rule on the earth. However, unless man is wise enough to recognize the interest of God in His own creation, and rule and govern in accord with the teachings of the scriptures, God has a day in which He will judge all men in righteousness and hold them responsible for their misconduct.

If man does not consider the word of God while in positions of authority, they will bring themselves under condemnation to be judged by God. Everything that is written in the scriptures is instructions given to man in every aspect of life and authority in this present world. Man is given instructions in righteousness that he might be taught how to do things that will please God.

Subject: Paul's Testimony Before Agrippa:

King Agrippa was the ruler in the days of Christian trials and tribulations; he represented the Roman Empire that the Jews were under the authority of. King Agrippa did not know the God of Abraham, and was considered to be a heathen. The apostle Paul went before King Agrippa and presented his testimony concerning Jesus of Nazareth, and how he was converted by Jesus on the road to Damascus. Paul had been imprisoned, and he had appealed his case until his appeal reached King Agrippa, who being totally ignorant of the teachings of Jesus Christ, said to Paul, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian". Listen to Acts 26:27-28:

Verse 27 - King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest.

Verse 28 - Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.

God has no respect to persons. Just as He would save a common man, He would deal with a king or ruler over a nation. God does not give preference or special consideration to men in authority any more than He would give to men of a lower class to be saved. All men are equal in the eyes of God, regardless of their race or special background. In the kingdom of heaven, the least person will be greater than John the Baptist.

Subject: Rulers Of Nations Are Set Up By God:

Rulers over nations are set up by God. If the nation has a good ruler who rules in the best interest of the people it is because the people are good. If a nation has an evil or corrupt ruler, it is because the people are corrupt and evil. A man does not have to be born of a royal family for God to choose him to be a ruler over a nation. The first man that God set up over Israel as king was the son of Kish of the tribe of Benjamin, who was king Saul.

Saul came from one of the humblest families and from one of the smallest tribes in Israel. The Bible gives examples of how God does things today based upon how He did things in past times. Listen to Romans 15:4:

Verse 4 - For whatever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

Subject: A Ruler Over A Nation Must Be Interested In The Welfare Of The People:

After being king over Israel, when Saul got to the place that he did not want to obey the counsel of the prophet Samuel, he became so conceited in his own way of thinking that he thought his way was best, and that the counsel of God did not have to

be obeyed to the letter. The results of Saul's rulership showed that he was defiant of God's counsel. When a ruler is obedient to God's counsel, this will result to his rulership being positive and prosperous in the best interest of the people and himself. After Saul rejected the counsel of God, God also rejected Saul and prepared to set up David to be king over Israel.

Out of the sons of Jesse, God chose David to rule over Israel. God seeks and finds whom He desires to make a ruler over a nation. The people of a nation today may think that when they go to the polls to vote that they are electing the next president, but it is the Spirit of God that causes their minds to vote for the leader that God desires.

All who fail to adhere to the words that God commands will come down from a position of rulership, and they will be replaced. God is interested in the welfare of the people. Those who are set up by God to rule must have the same interest.