

Full Sermon Transcript:
Religion and Government Shouldn't be Separated
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Let's go in prayer. Lord Heavenly Father, praise your holy name. Praise the name of Jesus, yesterday, today, tomorrow, forever, without end. Praise the name of Jesus Almighty.

Thank you, Lord Heavenly Father, for how you have already manifested yourself in this service today.

You are in control. You are great. You are wonderful. You are powerful. And you are here. You are present. You are leading and guiding this church, your church, your ministry, this congregation.

Praise your holy name. We are your people. This service is in your hands. This message is in your hands.

We pray, Lord, that the people that have the most difficulty in understanding, that they will understand much better because of this sermon.

We pray for this sermon to reach more people. Help us, Father, in delivering this message to your people, the people that are willing to hear and to learn and to repent.

And repentance means to stop doing wrong and to start doing right. Not just stop doing wrong, but to start doing some things that are right according to your will.

And we pray that that will be the fruit, as well as other fruit, good fruit, of this message.

We know it will be because we know it has your blessing and your anointing. Praise your holy name.

This service is yours. Please use me as your vessel to talk to the people. Please control my words, my mind, my thoughts, even my emotions and my feelings. Help me to crucify my own mind and my own flesh to allow your voice to come through clear and loud.

All this be in the mighty name of Jesus, and the church said, Amen. Amen. Let me blow the shofar. Praise Jesus.

You may be seated.

We're going to start in Proverbs 14, but before we actually read it, I will explain what was the very amazing, mind-blowing, powerful, divine confirmation from God.

Just a few minutes ago. So Brother R had put on the song, The Covenant Stands, a very appropriate song to start out with.

But then after that song stopped, the computer played, we did not tell it to play, the speech of Margaret Thatcher, her eulogy at President Ronald Reagan at his funeral.

And as soon as I heard that, I felt like it was confirmation of today's message because Ronald Reagan was the most righteous man of the United States presidents in my lifetime, really more righteous than Trump in a lot of ways.

Not a perfect man, of course. Babylon, yes, but among his peers compared to other presidents in my lifetime, yes, Ronald Reagan by comparison was the most righteous among those, most godly.

Margaret Thatcher also did mention God and the providence of God in Ronald Reagan's life in that eulogy, very appropriate for his eulogy, very appropriate.

But then the thought came to my mind, I wonder if there's any connection between today and Ronald Reagan.

So while that eulogy was playing, I pulled it up here, as you can see on the screen, what is December 22, that's today's date, I put in Perplexity AI, December 22 date, relevance or relationship to President Ronald Reagan.

And here was the result. It said December 22 is notably connected to President Ronald Reagan as the date that he signed the formal proclamation, proclamation establishing the National Day of Prayer in 1987.

When he signed the proclamation establishing the National Day of Prayer, actually signed it in 1986.

This is amazing, absolutely mind boggling, amazing, undeniably, undebatable, strong, powerful, divine confirmation of today's message.

Today's topic is religion and government, or you could say church and state should not be separated.

Church and state or government and religion should not be separated, should not be.

Ronald Reagan did not separate church and state, absolutely he did not believe in that, he even spoke, even said those words out loud that they should not be separated.

He's very well known as being a man of God by comparison, we know even though he was Babylon.

So when he signed that declaration on this date of 1986, that was a government church and state, right?
A government document signed into law to make this a holiday right here, to make this a holiday right here, a holiday of prayer, a holiday of prayer.
He said I didn't know that, that that was today. I had no idea that that was today, no idea.
This was not planned, except for by God, you know, God planned it, amen. This proves that God is the one that laid this topic for today's message, absolutely.
God is amazing, and it proves his presence in this ministry, and you never see that in these Sunday Trinity Christmas Easter churches.
You never see such amazing miracle as what you have witnessed this day, amen. You have witnessed a great miracle of God in which you should remember for the rest of your life, and we should put it on the calendar.
In fact, I want us to make a church calendar in which not only have the biblical holy days, but even we'll also have such important days as today as a day of prayer, and even have on that calendar that Ronald Reagan signed the proclamation on this day and that God gave us this sermon for this day.
All that would be on that calendar, like on the bottom of the page for this month.
It would show that on a yearly basis, every year. Of course, we may not have all those years to do it, but if we get past Purim, is what I'm saying.
If we get past Purim without the Great Tribulation, which would be amazing in itself, and a miracle.
But nevertheless, if we do see that miracle of having another year, then we're going to make this calendar.
And it will also have the dates of when I saw the clouds of the snail and the turtle and other miracles throughout the year.
Different miracles that this ministry has experienced and that I have experienced as well.
So, praise Jesus for this. The only person I know that is listening is Brother H and Sister D.
If anybody else is listening, if you would click heart one more time or make a comment, type something in there, it would help me to know that you are listening.
I know today is not a Commandant Sabbath. I know that P, come to think of it, she notified me in advance that they are connecting her internet today with a new company or a new plan or whatever.
And so, she can't listen live right now, but she's going to listen and watch the recording later on today.
She's still observing today, and that's okay. So, things happen and we've got to take care of things.
But this is going to blow her mind when she sees that. Amen. It's going to blow her mind. God is so good.

Now, let's go to Proverbs 14, page 369, if you have the one volume AOB Bible. And by the way, both volumes have been approved now at the distribution company.
So, now the next step is I've got to finish with the edits on the one volume and get that sent in.
And that will be a larger miracle and it will be approved. We've got to believe in faith that it will be approved.
Now, Proverbs 14, verse 34, it says, Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin diminishes tribes or the same thing, tribes, nations, people.
So, righteousness brings up a nation, makes the nation great. But sin, which is breaking the law of God, we know what the Bible says that sin is transgression or breaking God's law. Amen.
So, what is righteousness? How do you define righteousness? Righteousness is defined by God's law, is it not? Amen.
Righteousness is defined by God's law, keeping the commandments, loving God and loving fellow mankind, putting others before yourself, panning your tides, taking care of the prisoner.
This is righteousness, not just being a good person like people think. Being a good person, yes, but how do they define being a good person?
They leave out everything I said, right? So, that's not really being a good person.
So, even what they say about being a good person, they don't know what being a good person is. Amen.
To them, being a good person is just only not committing murder. That's it, that's all. So, righteousness, here the Greek word I looked at, and it's related to, it's not the exact same Greek word, but it's very close to it, it's a close reverence relationship to the Greek word we find in Revelation 19, where it says that we are judged or whatever it says about, let me see, how does that say that, or rogues or whatever, let me look at that, Revelation 19 real quick.
Verse 8, Revelation 19, verse 8, It was given to her of the church to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean for the fine linen, is the saint's righteousness according to the law.
So, the Greek word there, which is translated as righteousness according to the law, is one Greek word, righteousness according to the law, is very closely related to the Greek word we find here in Proverbs 14, verse 34.

How do you define righteousness? You define righteousness by God's law, absolutely. Amen.

And so, when we're talking about whether or not church and state should be separated, according to this scripture right here, a nation, whether you're talking about South Africa, Korea, or America, or the UK, whatever nation you're talking about on this planet, Israel, so forth, no exception, a nation becomes great because of their righteousness, which is defined by God's law.

If you want your nation to be great, or blessed by God, or a good place to live, or a safe place to live, and a safe place for your children and your family, then you should want your nation to be respectful and promoting of God's law, God's way, the Ten Commandments, the Sabbaths, the biblical holy days, the Ten Commandments.

You should want that. You should not want a separation, because when you separate your nation, or even your city, or your county, or your state, or your region, whatever government, when you separate it from God's law, when you separate church and state, then you're removing God's blessings.

And it says sin diminishes the tribes, the nations, so your nation falls, your tribe falls, your race falls, your heritage falls.

Your nation, your group, your race, your people, the people of your language, the people of your color, will be diminished, meaning that they will not prosper.

They will suffer poverty, starvation, disease, all the plagues, all the punishment, all the curses, which the Bible does list for not keeping His commandments.

The commandments are not just for Israel alone, or white people alone, or America alone, or Israel alone.

The commandments are for all nations, and God's law, God's government, God's kingdom, is for all groups in all nations. Amen.

Psalm number 33. We're going to read this entire chapter, but first we're going to read verse 12 to get a little bit of context.

Psalm 33 verse 12. Bless is the nation whose Theos is Jesus, the people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance. But it don't have to be just Israel alone, but any and all nations. Wear your Bible on the table in front of the TV or next to the TV, probably most likely.

Thank you. So it doesn't have to be just only the chosen people, Israel, because you can be God's chosen person, and your family can be God's chosen family if you will accept His law, His commandments, His ways, His policies, His will, and His blood and His sacrifice. Amen.

Good to see Andrew joining us again today, two days in a row. It was good to see you. I do wish you would email me or text me on Telegram, please.

Now, Psalm 33 verse 1. Rejoice in Jesus, you righteous. Again, what defines righteousness? God's law. Amen.

Rejoice in Jesus, you righteous person. Praise is right and proper for the people of the right way, the straight way. Amen.

Praise Jesus on the heart. Page 334. Praise Jesus on the heart. 334. Sing to Him on a song tree of ten strings. Sing to Him a new song. Play skillfully with a loud voice, for the word of Jesus is right and all His works are faithful.

He loves mercy and judgment, righteousness, justice. Judgment there really should be justice.

Change judgment to justice. The earth is full of the mercy of Jesus. For the word of Jesus, by the word of Jesus, the skies and the galaxies were established and all the multitude of them by the breath of His mouth, who gathers the waters of the sea as in a bottle, who lays up the deeps and treasuries.

Let all the earth, that would be all nations, amen. Let all the earth fear Jesus.

We know the Bible says that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. If you want wisdom for your tribe, for the people of your color, for the people of your language, for the people of your city, then you should want for the church and state to not be separated. Amen.

The fear of Jesus. Let all the earth and let all that dwell on the world be moved, amen, because of Him.

Be moved because of Him. That means be reactive to His will. Obey Him. Amen. Verse 9. For He spoke and they were made. He commanded and they were created. Jesus frustrates the plans and pursuits and thoughts of the nations or Gentiles.

He brings to nothing also the reasonings of the peoples and brings to nothing the plans, pursuits, and thoughts of princes or leaders.

But the counsel of Jesus endures forever. The thoughts of His heart from generation to generation.

Blessed is the nation, any nation, whose Theos is Jesus, the people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance.

Jesus looks out of heaven. He beholds all of the sons of men. He looks from His prepared habitation on all the dwellers

of the earth who fashioned their hearts alone.

Who understands all their works, God does. A king is not saved because of a great multitude.

I want to change that to multitude rather than host. And a giant should not be delivered by the greatness of his strength or his own strength.

A horse is vain for safety. Neither shall he be delivered by the greatness of his power.

It mentions a horse because that was a very major powerful tool, basically the equivalent of a tank for the Assyrian army in Old Testament times.

But the horse is in vain if God's not on your side. Verse 18, Behold, the eyes of Jesus are on them that fear Him.

If you want Jesus to look upon you and answer your prayers, then you should fear Jesus.

And you should want that for your nation. You should want that for your city, your state, your region, your government, your kings, your prime ministers, your governors, your mayors, your city council.

You should want this for them. Amen. For God to hear their prayers for good, for righteousness, for your city.

Righteousness for your city rather than your city being wicked and with a high crime rate, a high murder rate.

If you don't want those bad things for your community, then you should want a godly government.

Verse 19, To deliver their souls from death. Amen. To keep them alive from famine. Our soul waits on Jesus for he is our helper and defender.

For our heart shall rejoice in him and we have hoped in his holy name. Let your mercy, Jesus, be upon us according as we hoped in you. Amen.

Again, verse 12, Bless is the nation whose God is Jesus. Amen. Biblical Israel in ancient times, their government was God-centered, keeping the Sabbaths and commandments, God's law.

And even to this very day, Israel is the only nation on earth that the government itself keeps the weekly Sabbaths and all of the biblical holy days and actually closes the government offices, closes the schools, the courthouses close, even closed down, even a lot of the roads are closed on the Sabbath and holy days.

They're the only government on this entire planet that does that. And that's a good thing that they do that.

We should want that for every nation, for every city, for every community. We should want our governments to acknowledge God and his Ten Commandments, his weekly Sabbath and his biblical holy days.

Rather than closing for Christmas, we should want our governments and our schools to close on the biblical holy days and on Hanukkah and so forth. Amen.

But if we separate church and state, government and religion, that's not going to happen.

And we have suffered the consequences. And that's why we have suffered the consequences.

When they started taking prayers out of the schools and the Ten Commandments out of the schools, and society and the children and the next generation became more wicked in each and every generation and each and every decade, as the government becomes less and less God-focused, we see the repercussions. Amen.

America's founding fathers and even the founding fathers of modern England and Ireland and Scotland, all of them were religious people that believed in God for the most part.

I'm not saying every one of them, but the majority were religious people, church people, and founded these great nations of the British Empire and the United States of America based upon the very basic principles of Scripture.

To this very day, the American money, I believe it's on, is it on every coin in God we trust, every dollar, every bill?

For the most part, every coin, every dollar bill, every paper money, currency, and coins, they all say for the most part, in God we trust, to this very day.

How can you deny that this nation was founded by God's will, in honor of God, by God's providence, his will, his establishment?

Look at the United States Capitol building, the Capitol building where they have Congress, the House of Representatives, the Parliament.

That building served as both, both a building for the United States government, Congress, and a church, and a church, all the way from the 1790s, which is only the decade after the Declaration of Independence, all the way from 1790s, all the way until 1860s, about 1867, 1868, 1869, something like that.

I would tell you, I got it written, where is that, in my notes, about, I'm going it, about President Grant.

There he is, right there, very next sentence, all the way into the 1860s. What happened in the 1860s, in which the Capitol building stopped being used as a church, was that the Republican President Grant, Ulysses Grant, which, do you know if Ulysses Grant, the President, was a general in the Civil War?

It is the same man. So, wow, and he was on the Union side, right? So this Civil War General Ulysses Grant, General

Grant from the Union Civil War that invaded the Southern states, he became President, and he is the one, a Republican, that stopped the Capitol building from being used as a church.

At the same time, both Houses of Congress, the House of Representatives, and the Senate, both, were Republican controlled during his administration.

He had a Republican President, and a Republican House of Representatives, and a Republican Senate.

It was not the Democrats that stopped the Capitol building from being used as a church, but rather the Republicans stopped the Capitol building from being used as a church.

But up until that point, up until that point, it had been used as both a government building and a church building where they had services every week for all of those decades.

You cannot deny that this was a biblical, God-ordained nation, and that there was not a separation of church and state until this Union Civil War General became President, and he actually said that there should be separation of church and state.

He said it, and he fought hard to end the Union of church and state. He fought hard to stop the Union of church and state, removing this from being a church.

In that day and time, it was the Democrats that believed more in Scripture than the Republicans.

Lincoln, President Lincoln, who was Republican, didn't even believe in God, and didn't even believe in the Bible, and hated Christians, and he hated and despised the Bible.

Of course, that has turned around now, where it's the opposite way, where the Democrats are the most wicked and the Republicans are more righteous by comparison.

So it's completely flip-flopped since then. But that was the history of the time, though, in the 1860s.

But to this very day, to the best of my knowledge, the U.S. Congress still begins every day with a prayer, every day.

Ever since the founding of America, Congress has begun their Parliament session. Every day begins with a prayer.

As far as I know, that still continues. Also, all American officials are sworn into office with their hands on the Holy Bible, even the President of the United States.

The exception would be Obama, who was sworn in on the Koran. Up until the 1960s, prayer started the day in all American schools, all across this great nation, in all 50 states.

The schools would start their day with prayer and a pledge of allegiance, up until the 1960s, when there was more and more and more separation of church and state.

But some schools continued even into the 70s, some continued into the 80s and 90s, and some schools even continue to do that now, based upon what city you live in.

But up until the 1960s, they all did, all across this nation, begin the school day with prayer.

The Ten Commandments were previously displayed on almost every courthouse in all 50 states of the United States.

Every county, every county in every state of this nation used to, at one time, a lot of them by majority, I wouldn't say every one of them, but a large number, I would say.

They had the Ten Commandments on the wall of the courthouse and other government buildings, all across Washington, D.C., and all across the entire United States.

Even to this day, the Ten Commandments are still displayed in some of the courthouses, either on the inside or the outside of the courthouse.

Most recently, the United States Vice President, Vance, even though I don't like him at all, but nevertheless, he did say, quote, just the other day, quote, We're helping elderly Americans with their pensions by eliminating taxes and Social Security benefits because we believe in honoring your father and your mother. Amen.

We know also that President Trump, even though he's extremely powerful and wicked in many different ways, that by comparison to all the Democrat presidents since the time of after President Kennedy, really starting with Johnson, starting with Lyndon B. Johnson, all the Democrat presidents from that day on since the 1960s, the Democrats have been extremely, extremely wicked.

And so Trump, by comparison to them, is very righteous, even though his wickedness is of a great magnitude at the same time.

But in comparison, but even Trump has proclaimed the name of Jesus, which really most presidents never say the word Jesus, they just say God.

But Trump has actually said Jesus is the Savior, stuff like that, and Jesus is King.

He's made such phrases as that.

So let's now turn to 1 Timothy 2. If you have the one volume edition of the Alpha and Omega Bible, 1 Timothy 2, verse

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First of all, then, I urge that intercessions and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings be made on behalf of all people, for kings and for all who are in authority, so that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of Theos, our Savior, who desires all mankind to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Amen.

So Paul is telling Timothy, we should pray for our kings, which is presidents, prime ministers, and leaders, for all the leaders and for the nations, because we want to live in peace and dignity.

But if you have a wicked king, a wicked governor, a wicked mayor, city leaders, state leaders, regional leaders, national leaders are wicked and godless, then we cannot live in dignity and peace, but rather in starvation with electricity going off, losing the internet connection, losing the water.

It's important that we have godly leaders, or at least in comparison, the more righteous leaders in comparison to the more wicked leaders.

Very, very important if you want to live in peace and good and prosperity and for your family. Amen.

If you separate the goodness defined by God's law, goodness and righteousness and justice defined by God's law, you separate, you take that out of your local government, then you have chaos and darkness, poverty, sickness, disease, not good hospitals, not good schools.

You take God out and it all goes to hell. Amen. We should be praying for our leaders, for God to help them to see the light, for them to not enforce upon us wicked rules, wicked laws, unjust laws, bad laws.

We should be praying for the good laws to be signed, to be agreed upon, to be voted for, but just praying for these things is not enough.

We need to get involved, get off our butts and actually go and vote for the best leaders.

As I've said many times, even outside of the context of government, pray absolutely.

I encourage prayer absolutely. But after you pray, you need to get off your butt and then do what you just prayed for. Amen.

God is not just going to wave a magic wand for every prayer and every need and every desire that you have.

He wants you to stop being a baby, grow up, be mature, be active, be proactive and do something yourself.

So instead of only praying for the goodness for your nation and your city and your community, you need to get involved in your community, your city, your nation in the politics and vote for the better people.

But a lot of people won't do it because they think there's no hope. Well, I'm one vote for the right person.

There's no way the person I want to win would actually win because the majority of the people in South Africa are extremely wicked and they only want the worst leaders.

So why should I vote for the best leader? They're not going to win. And that's not the right way of thinking. That's not wisdom.

That's human reasoning. Human reasoning is you trying to find an excuse to not do what is right.

When you allow, what are those phrases about allowing if you don't do anything, they the wicked prosper?

B, help me out here. When a good man does nothing, the wicked prosper. Whatever those phrases are, they are very well known phrases. When a good man does nothing, the wicked man prospers.

The reality is that if you vote for the best person, even though they won't win, it is acknowledged on TV and the newspapers that the good person got more votes this time than ever before.

And sometimes the result of that is they do get a minor seat in the government, even though they didn't get enough seats and they didn't get enough votes to actually bring them up very high in the government.

They still got enough votes to get them a seat in the parliament, at least, which is better than nothing.

And even when that don't happen, even if your government doesn't work that way, but some governments do, but even if that doesn't happen, just the fact that it's reported in the news that that person is gaining followers and supporters, that brings energy to that person, to that person's campaign, for that person's policies.

And then that person would get more votes the next time, because people will see that that person is gaining more votes.

So it brings hope. And then the next time, even more people vote because they see the numbers rising each time, every time.

And before you know it, they actually get enough votes to make a huge difference.

And that encourages more people to vote for that person, and they continue to climb the ladder every time.

But when you continue to say there's no hope, there's no use of voting for the best person, they won't win, then you are limiting what can happen.

And you're making it not happen by not doing anything. You're allowing the wicked to prosper, and you're not doing anything to prevent the wicked from prospering.

It is our duty as human beings and as Christians to do whatever we can, if we can vote, if we live in a nation that allows you to vote, to get off your lazy ass and do it, and try to make a difference. Amen.

Prayer is not enough. Take action. I've said that many times, take action. I've even said this whole thing about voting before, but it didn't do no good, you still didn't go vote.

Because you're lazy, and complacent, and lacking in wisdom. If I'm stepping on your toes, do something to change it. Amen.

Look at Acts 25 in response to these people that call themselves sovereign citizens, and all the people that claim that we should not have anything to do with politics, we should not vote because we don't belong to this world, that we are citizens of God's kingdom, and therefore we should not have anything to do with these wicked governments, and not vote, and not participate.

Well, here's what the Bible says about that. In Acts 25, verse 11, it says, If then I am a wrongdoer, and have committed anything worthy of death, I do not refuse to die.

But if none of those things is true, of which men accuse me, no one can hand me over to them, I appeal to Caesar.

This is Paul talking, and he's appealing his court case, his legal case, his arrest, to the Roman Emperor, Caesar.

He could only do this only as a Roman citizen. So here is Paul exercising his rights, his legal rights, as a Roman citizen, and not rejecting his citizenship, and his rights, and his legal rights, as a human being, as a citizen of the Roman Empire, and of the Roman government.

He does not call himself, or consider himself, as a sovereign citizen. Now the very interesting thing to me is, I've known some of these people that claim to be a sovereign citizen, that they say they don't need to get a driver's license, they don't need to have registration on their car, they don't need to pay taxes.

The very interesting thing to me is, they still collect Social Security checks, they still collect any money that the government is willing to give them, for any reason, tax refunds, tax credits, tax privileges, whatever that would benefit them.

But if they have to pay something to the government, that's all of a sudden when they no longer believe in government. That's nothing but being a damn hypocrite. Amen? Paul did not deny his citizenship, but exercised his rights as a citizen. So that proves that you can accept that you are a citizen of the government.

You are. Amen? And even Jesus said to pay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, concerning taxes. Amen?

Let's look at, we're going to go back to Genesis later, I'm going to stay in New Testament right now, Romans 13, verse 1, page 735.

Romans 13, verse 1, every person is to be in subjection or surrender to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except from God, Theos, and those which exist are established by Theos.

Therefore, whoever resists authority has opposed the law of God, and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves, 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 them from the same.

This is a minister, 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 storage for nothing, but it is a minister, that government is a minister of Theos, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil or lawlessness.

Verse 5, therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscious sake, for because of this you also pay taxes for rulers or ministers of Theos, devoting themselves to this very thing.

We pay to all what is due to them, tax to whom tax is due, custom to whom custom, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

In other words, obey the government and be a law-abiding citizen, and that all governments in general are chosen by God.

Remember that God did choose King Nebuchadnezzar, a man that worshiped false gods, many false gods, and then the next empire, the Persian Empire, which did the same thing, God chose the Greek Empire to conquer the Persian Empire, bring in the Greek Empire, Alexander the Great, even eventually Antiochus Epiphanes.

Even the Maccabees and the Maccabees' defeat of Antiochus Epiphanes, and even the Roman Empire, God established upon the earth, all these empires, even though they were all wicked, even the Maccabees had some sinful ways to them, but God chose each and every government and king and ruler and empire.

In general, most, not every, because we're going to see that in a minute, this verse, a few verses here as well.

Now let's go to the book of Daniel. We're going to go all the way back up to the, no, that's Genesis. Let's do Genesis first before we get into Daniel. Genesis 41 verse 40. And this is about Joseph. To Joseph, you shall be over my house and over my people shall you be obedient. My people should be obedient to your word. In the throne only will I exceed you. And Pharaoh said to Joseph, Behold, I set you this day over all the land of Egypt. And he put his ring of authority on his finger. Amen. So there's that. Joseph became a very high government official in the Egyptian empire. And yet we know that the Egyptian empire was extremely wicked, extremely. But Joseph did not say, no, I'm a sovereign citizen. I belong to the kingdom of God and not the kingdoms and governments of this earth. No, he didn't say that. He accepted it. Amen. We also know that Daniel was brought into Babylon as a slave, but then was promoted step by step in the Babylonian government as well. Now let's go to the book of Daniel and see something else that Daniel says other than the fact that he was promoted. Daniel 2, verse 21, we're going to read Old Greek. And he, God, changes seasons and times, removing kings and setting them in place, giving wisdom to the wise and understanding to them that have knowledge. And then look at chapter 4, verse 17. Which is read the Theodotion version, which is the first part of verse 17, the first paragraph, the matter is by decree of the watcher, an angel. And the demand is a word of the living ones, angels, that the living may know the Lord is most high over the kingdom of men. And he would give it the kingdom to whomever he shall please and was set up over it that which is rejected of men. We know from multiple verses in Daniel, actually at least three different verses of Daniel, that God appoints the kings and the kingdoms, establishes them. And then later on, when the time is necessary, according to these men's actions, their righteousness and their lawlessness, that God will bring in another kingdom, another king, to overthrow that government. So when we say that we should submit to authority and obey the king, even the wicked king, we should also acknowledge the fact that there are certain times in history, such as the American Revolution, when the British, they were British men that rebelled from the British government in the new colonies of the new Americas. That our founding fathers, Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, and others, actually rebelled from the government. So there is also time to rebel from the government. There is time to say, King George or King Henry or King whatever, King James or whatever, I'm no longer going to honor and respect you and obey you as king, Obama, whoever, Biden, but I'm going to form a militia. I'm going to overthrow you. Even the American, either the Constitution or Declaration of Independence, whatever, says that, well actually the Second Amendment of the Constitution says that we have a right to bear arms to form a militia for the purpose of overthrowing the government. It actually says that. So we have both biblical principle as well as historical principle that there are exceptions to the rule, that there are times when God himself raises up men to rebel from the government. But in general life on a daily basis, the majority of the population needs to be understanding that the government is what God has given you. But that doesn't mean that you need to lay on the couch or stay in bed and do nothing when they're doing wicked things or making decisions. If that government says you got a right to vote, then you have a responsibility to vote. Absolutely. If a government says you have a right to vote, then you automatically have a responsibility to vote. Absolutely. Anytime that I repeat my words twice and especially if I say it three times or four times, please make a meme from it. That's why I'm repeating myself is because it's so extremely important and that these words are very significant that I'm saying and therefore I repeat myself to get it into your head, into your heart. And those are the moments that you need to seize onto for the memes

Now we go to Hosea, Chapter 8.

The best thing to do is for me to look at the index to see where Hosea starts, even though I know where it's located. In these one volume edition of a thousand pages, sometimes it's hard to find the exact page number.

Hosea, Chapter 8, Verse 4. These are the words of God. It's in bold.

So this is God speaking and he says, They have made kings for themselves, but not by me.

They have ruled, but they did not make it known to me. Of their silver and of their gold, they have made images to themselves, putting their faces on the coins, that they might be destroyed.

So here God says that not every ruler is appointed by him. That sometimes men establish for themselves rulers against his will.

Is that not why it says they have established rulers for themselves, not by me? Amen.

It disappoints me when church members so very often say, whatever God's will is, that's going to be what's going to happen.

That's not always true. And I've said that a million times, but yet people keep repeating and regurgitating that bullshit. God's will is not always accomplished in every situation on earth. It's not. If it was, we would already be living in a godly nation in every nation on earth. Amen.

It's up to us to be active in our churches, in our communities, in our schools, in our government.

For us to use the voices God has given us and speak out against evil. And to vote for the most righteous, even though none of them are perfect.

Because when you don't vote, you don't have a right to complain about the government.

You don't. You don't. You have no right to complain about the government if you didn't even vote for the better person.

You gave up your right. If you don't exercise your rights, you lose your rights. Amen. The reason there's so much wickedness in this world is because people who claim to be Christians have been lazy and complacent and cowardly to do anything about the wickedness.

When they very first started removing prayer and the Ten Commandments from the schools and courthouses and so forth, that's when all the pastors and all the churches and all the so-called Christians should have rose up in huge, huge numbers and said, hell no, you're not going to take prayer and the Ten Commandments out.

You're not going to remove the church services from the United States Capitol building.

We won't allow it. This is God's nation. This is a godly nation. We've found it upon the scripture, upon God's law, upon godly ways.

And we won't allow you to remove these things. But instead, the church didn't do squat.

They didn't do shit. Not enough, not sufficiently. Too many Christians said, we're not of this world. Bullshit.

Last I checked, I live on planet Earth. We are of this world. Amen. People say you're cussing, you're cussing.

Hell yeah, I'm cussing. Amen. Somebody needs to. Of course, there are certain times in which we should not vote for a particular person, but we can still vote for other people or other laws that they're voting on, so forth.

We need to use wisdom. When we do vote, we need to use wisdom and stand for what we need to stand for.

And finally, Ephesians chapter 6, verse 12. Then take up the full armor of God. But if we're taking up the armor of God, that means we're preparing to fight, to do something, to take action. Amen.

If you don't put on armor, then sit down on the couch. You put on armor so that you can go to war. Amen.

And yes, prayer, being a prayer warrior, is part of it. But if George Washington and other founding fathers of America, if they had only prayed for the king and other leaders and for righteous laws, and just sit on their butts, then we would have no such thing as the United States right now. Amen.

I'm going to pull up on the internet real quick, see if I can find those slogans.

Give me the popular phrases related to this thing. Man good, man do nothing. It says, the only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.

For evil to triumph, it is sufficient for good men to do nothing. Evil flourishes when good men remain silent. Amen.

Then I'm going to put on the screen the confirmation of today's sermon for people that may not have been connected to the live broadcast in the first few minutes.

What had occurred is Brother R had put on the song, The Covenant Stands, and that was a very appropriate song for today's message.

But then after that song, the computer picked to play Margaret Thatcher's eulogy at the funeral of President Ronald Reagan.

So she was speaking of his goodness, his righteousness, God's providence, God's will, God's movement, God's involvement in his life.

And then I looked up on the internet what is the importance of today's date in relationship to Ronald Reagan. And it came up and it said that today, December 22, is notably connected to President Ronald Reagan as the date that he signed the formal proclamation establishing the National Day of Prayer. So this date in which I'm talking about, the connection between government and God, is the date that President Reagan did sign this date as the Day of Prayer. Ronald Reagan did not believe in the separation of church and state. He spoke out about it, specifically using those words, spoke out against it, because we should not separate God from our nation. Amen. And you should have the same philosophy, that we should not separate God from our nation. Amen. You said you take God out of government? Guess who rules? Satan. You can't separate government from religion. You can't. It's impossible. When you take God out, Satan comes in. You can't separate the two. The only thing you can do is replace God with Satan or replace Satan with God, depending upon your votes and your action and your community interaction and how many people in your nation or city or region are willing to take a stand. But if you're the only one willing to take a stand, then you should still do it, because you might find a partner. You might find a second person, then a third person. And every person that starts to stand up, it encourages and emboldens other people to stand up. Even if you're the only one standing up for the truth and for righteousness, you should still do it, even if you stand alone. Amen. Blessed is the nation whose God is Jesus. Amen. Now, of course, time is short now, but we must occupy until He comes. We must continue to live, to work, to take care of our communities, to take care of our neighbors, to take care of ourselves and our families, until we can't work anymore, until the Great Tribulation comes and the lights turn off. For as long as we are able to work, we should not give up and still work while we can. It's always a good time to stand against wickedness and to make your stand for what's right. Even if this is the last day, you should still make a stand for what's right, against abortion, against communism, socialism, Nazism, Islam, whatever your nation or your city is doing evil, even if this is the last day before the lights go off. For as long as you can continue to work, you're held responsible by God to work and occupy until He comes. We praise Jesus for the powerful divine revelation, confirmation that is, of today's message. God says, I bless and I anoint this message. I approve of this message. That's what God is saying when He had the computer to play the speech, the eulogy, by Margaret Thatcher, a great, great, wonderful Prime Minister of England at that time. Of course, I don't know if she was Prime Minister at the time, but she had been Prime Minister. One of the best Prime Ministers of all human history, her eulogy of President Ronald Reagan. And today is the day that he did that signing of the National Day of Prayer. So this is significant and it's very powerful, very powerful proof of God's blessing on what I am teaching. So this ain't just my opinion. This is what God wants for you. The Bible says to seek what is the perfect will of God. God wants us to be involved in our communities.

When the Christians say we won't be involved, that is why babies are being murdered every day in our communities. And they have removed prayer and the Ten Commandments. And the nations are being conquered more and more and more by Islam, Nazism, and communism, more and more every day because the Christians are not doing crap. They're just taking it instead of fighting back. Now we know prophecy has to be fulfilled, but we also know that Maccabees fought back. Amen. Hanukkah, during the time of the Maccabees, was destined to occur. Antiochus Epiphanes was destined to fight and to defile the temple, but the Maccabees fought back and it was destined for the Maccabees to fight back. Amen. Can you imagine the Bible? Page number one, they laid in bed and did nothing. Page number two, they sat on the couch and did nothing. Page number three, David did nothing. Page number four, Job did nothing. Page number five, Ezekiel did nothing. Jeremiah did nothing. Hosea did nothing. Everybody just sat on the couch and did nothing. No testimonies, no victories, no deliverance. Because they just did nothing. They were just lazy and complacent. We wouldn't have much of a Bible then, would we?

Hanukkah is Hanukkah. Because the Maccabees cared about who their rulers were and took action. They cared about what the law was and what the law was not. They cared about their communities and the safety of their communities and whether or not their nation would be godly and whether their nation would fear the Lord. They take necessary steps, even as the founding fathers of America took necessary steps to make for sure that they would reestablish a godly nation built upon the rules, laws, and ways of God. If more people would have that same mentality, the numbers would grow. As we say about worship and praise during worship services, if one person would just say amen, if one person would just raise your hands during the sermon, when you see a confirmation or hear something that's exciting to you, somebody else would be in a mood to do it as well. It only takes one person to start it. Quince not the spirit of God. Allow God to move in your hands, in your mouth, in your vocal cords, in your feet. Quince not the spirit. Be God's hands and feet on this planet. We'll play it on a song. We'll be right back with your questions, your comments, and your testimonies. We're going to play it on the song again, The Covenant Stands, which does mention Ronald Reagan, as well as the relationship between church and state. It's very, very, very central to that song. Amen? Song number 11.

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