

# L20 | Divine Institutions | Institution of Government Pt. 3 | Rom. 13:1-7

## I. Intro/Review:

- Traced the history of government
  - The Godhead, the Lord Jesus Christ - heaven and earth
  - Prior to the flood and post flood
    - Prior - violence
    - Post - requirement of blood

## II. Preview:

- The Role of Government
  - Terror & Praise
- The Role of Citizens
  - Good Works & Render Dues

## III. Sermon:

- The Role of Government
  - Gen. 6:11, 13 - violence
  - Gen. 9:5-6 - at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man; shedding of blood
  - Gen. 11:9 - scatter nations upon the face of the earth
    - Nations = families, borders, tongues
  - Ex. 20:13 - "thou shalt not kill"
  - Num. 35:19 - the revenger of blood
- Historically you have two things
  - Sin, corruption, murder (Rom. 1:29ff)
  - Government to be a terror to it (Rom. 2:14-15)
  - Yet, it can be corrupted or its sword can be abused
- Terror & Praise
  - Rom. 13:3 - not a terror to good works (non-violence), but to the evil (violence)
  - Rom. 13:3 - do that which is good - praise of the same (not praise for everything)
  - Rom. 13:4 - if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil
- Mar. 15:7 - Barabbas...made insurrection...who had committed murder in the insurrection
  - Insurrection
  - Rioting
  - Rom. 13:13 - rioting and drunkenness
  - 1 Pet. 4:1-9

- Corruption of Power
  - Lev. 26:19 - break the pride of your power
  - Isa. 5:20-23
  - Php. 2:15
  
- **The Role of Citizens**
  1. Prayer - 1 Tim. 2:1
  2. Lead Quiet and Peaceable Life - 1 Tim. 2:2
  3. Share Gospel - 1 Tim. 2:4-5
  4. Rich in good works - 1 Tim. 2:8; Tit. 3:1-7
  5. Subject - Rom. 13:5; 1 Pet. 2:13-17
    1. For wrath - terror of sword
    2. For conscience - minister of God
  
- **Example** - 1 Sam. 24:22
  - David knew he was being pursued unjustly, but did not sin in killing Saul.
  
- 6. Taxes - Matt. 22:17ff
  - Not because of their corruption - they will be responsible for what they do
  - You will be responsible for rendering or not for conscience sake
  
- Focus is righteousness, even in the midst of unrighteousness
  1. Know these things
  
  2. You are free to use that which is legally available to you as long as it is line with God's Word
    - Acts 25:11
  
  3. When tempted to do unrighteousness to extend justice for yourself
    1. 1 Pet. 2:21-24 - commit yourself to Him that judgeth righteously
      - Vengeance is His (Rom. 13)
    2. 1 Pet. 3:14-16 - suffer for righteousness' sake
  
  4. When the government asks you to do that which Christ hasn't commanded
    - Christ is our Lord - Acts 5:29 - "obey God rather than men."
  
- Part and parcel of suffering for Christ's sake
  - Php. 3:1ff
  
  - We are to be more concerned about righteousness then flesh
    - 1 Pet. 4:1ff
    - Rom. 13:8-14

**IV. Conclusion:**