

The Reality of Government

Ecclesiastes 8:1-15

DIVINE WISDOM

FALLEN WORLD

The Book of Ecclesiastes

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In our sermon reading today, Solomon is going to attempt to figure out government, how it functions and our response to it. It is often a cloudy topic because many have strong opinions. Government officials will come and go. Some will be good or bad in our eyes. The key is understanding that all are functioning as part of God's will and plan.

Call to Worship

Pslam 105:1-4

Songs of Praise

*No One But You
Here As In Heaven*

Announcements and Offering

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Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 87. What is repentance unto life?

Repentance leading to life is a saving grace, by which a sinner having truly realized his sin and grasped the mercy of God in Christ, turns from his sin with grief and hatred and turns to God with full resolve and effort after new obedience.

Q. 88. What are the outward and ordinary means by which Christ gives to us the benefits of redemption?

The outward and ordinary means by which Christ gives to us the benefits of redemption are his ordinances, especially the word, sacraments, and prayer, and all these are made effective in the salvation of the elect

Song of Declaration

Sinking Deep

Sermon - *The Reality of Government*

Sermon Scripture - [Ecclesiastes 8:1-15](#)

Understanding Government

- What is the reality of our current situation regarding government and officials?
 - [Ecclesiastes 8:2-4](#)
- What do we need to help us determine how to engage with government?
- What do we learn in [James 1:5-6](#) ?

our culture makes sin look normal and righteousness seen strange - David Wells

Responding to Government

- What is our first response to government? How should we interact?
 - [Ecclesiastes 8:2](#)
 - [Romans 13:1](#)
 - [1 Peter 2:13-14](#)
- Why should we obey the government and elected officials?
- What do we learn in [Ecclesiastes 8:6-7](#) ?
 - [Acts 5:29](#)
 - [Daniel 3](#)

- [Ecclesiastes 8:7-8](#)

Reality of Government

- How can we have trust?
 - [Ecclesiastes 8:12-14](#)
 - [Proverbs 16:4](#)
- How can we have joy?
 - [Ecclesiastes 8:15](#)
- What do we learn from [Psalm 2:1](#) and [Psalm 2:4](#) ?

we refuse to let God be God, and because we do not look out, down, around, and up and see all that God gives - Douglas O'Donnell

Song of Response

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Benediction

1. What is your initial thought when you think about government? Why?
2. How should we respond to the government as Christians?
3. How does [James 1:5-6](#) offer help in understanding how we should respond to the government and our elected officials?
4. Read [Acts 5:29](#). When, if ever, should we go against what our government officials have told us to do?
5. What do we learn in [Psalm 2:1-4](#)?
6. Share one way you have seen God work in your life this past week.