

“R2BR – God and Government”

R2BR-03

August 2, 2020

- Three institutions ordained by God
 - The family – procreation, training, pattern of relationship
 - Father God
 - Children loved and disciplined
 - Husband and wife, Jesus and church
 - The church – the body of Christ, his ministry on earth continues
 - The government – to punish evil doers and protect the innocent (Romans 13:3-4; 1 Timothy 2:2)
 - All three under attack
- Psalm 33:12 (NASB) Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, The people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance.
- Founding Fathers
 - George Washington - *“It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible.”*
 - Patrick Henry - *“It is when a people forget God that tyrants forge their chains.”*
 - John Adams - *“The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity. I will avow that I then believed, and now believe, that those general principles of Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the existence and attributes of God.”*
 - Noah Webster - *“The Bible must be considered as the great source of all the truth by which men are to be guided in government as well as in all social transactions.”*
- Godly government – helping to stay the rise of evil – environment for Good News to be shared – all come to salvation
- Romans 13:1-7
 - Those in authority have been placed there by God
 - They are God’s servants
 - To punish those who do wrong
- 1 Timothy 2:1-4
 - Pray for all in authority
 - Live peaceful and quiet lives
 - God wants everyone to be saved
- Proverbs 21:1 (NLT2) The king’s heart is like a stream of water directed by the LORD; he guides it wherever he pleases.
- Voting – as representatives of the Kingdom of God
 - Philippians 3:20 (NLT2) But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior.
 - 2 Corinthians 5:20 (NLT2) So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!”
- Our mission lies not in changing the nation through political reform, but in changing hearts through the Word of God
- Proverbs 14:15-16 (NLT2) 15 Only simpletons believe everything they’re told! The prudent carefully consider their steps. 16 The wise are cautious and avoid danger; fools plunge ahead with reckless confidence.
- Isaiah 30:21 (NLT2) Your own ears will hear him. Right behind you a voice will say, “This is the way you should go,” whether to the right or to the left.
- John 16:13 (NLT2) When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future.
- Protecting the innocent
 - Psalm 139:13-16
 - Proverbs 31:8-9