

Kings & Kingdoms

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I. State Of The Union

II. Citizens & Slaves

1st Peter 2:13-17

v. 13-14

Submission & Authority

v. 15-16

Righteousness & Freedom

v. 17

Honor, Love & Fear

III. The Final Kingdom

Personal Reflection

Set aside fifteen minutes this week to pray & respond to the following:

Elections can be stressful. The pressure to be informed about the issues, the inadequacies of imperfect candidates who instill little confidence & the tension between personal liberty & the state's right to exercise authority, are but a few of the reasons why election anxiety is a real thing for many.

God instituted government for the purposes of establishing order, adjudicating the law & exercising limited authority over the masses. Its success or failure is largely the result of the integrity & capability of those whom the voters choose to lead. Having a say in the empowering of individuals to serve in government is a sacred & serious right that should not be taken for granted.

Though the era of kings & kingdoms has passed, God's Word still has much to say & is in every way relevant to the present socio-political order. It instructs both leaders & citizens to practice righteousness in their dealings with one another & with the state. God will hold everyone accountable & will judge each in the appropriate time.

Are you ready? What is your role in the upholding of justice, the promotion of liberty & the proclamation of God's glory? Are you taking your Christian responsibility to be informed & involved in the institutions of society seriously? Do you have the peace of mind that comes from knowing that God is still in control?

Prayerfully seek God's intervention regarding the state of this nation & world. Thank Him that you are living in an age in which you have the right to participate in choosing your leaders. Ask Him to give you hope in the fact that though earthly kings & kingdoms will pass away, the Lord will reign forever.