

Communion – The Body

Isaiah 9:6 NKJV

⁶ For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.

And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

- All authority belongs to Jesus
- Obstacles to authority to govern were nailed to the cross

Communion – The Blood Isaiah 9:7 NKJV

⁷ Of the **increase of *His* government and peace** *There will be* no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment **and justice** From that time forward, even forever.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

- **“It is finished!”** So, experience the increase of His government
- By His blood we have become His ambassadors

⁹ “Here *is* the mind
which has
wisdom: The seven
heads are seven
mountains on which
the woman sits.

Get Ready to Lead 7 –

Government

Revelation 17:9 NKJV

Seven Mountains of Influence

- 1) Arts and Entertainment
- 2) Media
- 3) Religion
- 4) Family
- 5) Education
- 6) Marketplace
- 7) Government

Whoever controls the media controls the culture.

Christian parents must encourage their children to partner with Christ and serve their nation as righteous people in authority. When your heart is right with God, His zeal will perform it!

Introduction – Mountain of Government

This sphere of society includes military, police, fire service members, scientists, teachers, healthcare workers, etc., local, state, and national government officials, contractors and employees, elected or hired. Today we will talk about:

- Purpose of governments
- The four standard systems of governments
- Biblical faith and government
- Participate by staying on God's side
- Invitation to participate when you have the resume

Leadership on the Mountain of Government - Purpose

Protect and Empower: Nehemiah 4:13-14 AMP

¹³ So I set [armed men] behind the wall in places where it was least protected; I even thus used the people as families with their swords, spears, and bows.

¹⁴ I looked [them over] and rose up and said to the nobles and officials and the other people, Do not be afraid of the enemy; [earnestly] remember the Lord *and* imprint Him [on your minds], great and terrible, and [take from Him courage to] fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes.

Leadership on the Mountain of Government - Purpose

Not Self-Serving: 1 Samuel 8:3-5 NIV

³ But his sons did not follow his ways. They turned aside after dishonest gain and accepted bribes and perverted justice.

⁴ So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah.

⁵ They said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have."

Leadership on the Mountain of Government - Purpose

Voice of the less fortunate: Proverbs 31:8-9 NLT

⁸ Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed.

⁹ Yes, speak up for the poor and helpless, and see that they get justice.

Responsibility to protect: Genesis 4:9 KJV

⁹ And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?

Leadership on the Mountain of Government - Purpose

Punish lawbreakers: 1 Peter 2:14 TPT

¹⁴ or the governors he puts in place to **punish lawbreakers** and to **praise those who do what's right.**

Romans 13:4 TPT

⁴ Those in authority are **God's servants for the good of society.** But if you break the law, you have reason to be alarmed, for they are God's agents of punishment to bring criminals to justice. **Why do you think they carry weapons?**

Four Standard Systems of Governments

Self-Government: Live according to the word of God

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 NIV

¹³ Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter:
Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind.

¹⁴ For **God will bring every deed into judgment**, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.

Four Standard Systems of Governments

Family Government: The story of a nation reflects the stories of its families written in bold print.

Ephesians 5:21-23 NKJV

²¹ submitting to one another in the fear of God.

²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

²³ For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

- Parents are head over their children (Ephesians 6:1)

Four Standard Systems of Governments

Church Government: To provide a moral compass to the nation through the exemplary lives of members.

Proverbs 13:13-14 AMP

¹³ Whoever despises the word *and* counsel [of God] brings destruction upon himself, But he who [reverently] fears *and* respects the commandment [of God] will be rewarded.

¹⁴ The teaching of the wise is a fountain *and* source of life, So that one may avoid the snares of death.

Four Standard Systems of Governments

Civil Government: In place to provide a just environment where personal and collective freedoms are upheld and protected.

- Civil government is not a moral government
- Civil statutes define and legislate crime not sin
- Not obligated to enforce the commands of God
- Enforce moral precepts such as murder, theft, perjury, etc., as violations of civil relations
- Christians owe Caesar only what is civil

Relationship Between Biblical Faith and Government

Dominion: Genesis 1:28 NLT

²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

- **Dominion over creatures**
- Dominion is also living out your faith in every area of life
- **Christians are not to impose Christianity on others** but to live as salt of the earth and light of the world (Matthew 5:13-16)

Relationship Between Biblical Faith and Government

Submission: Romans 13:1-2 NIV

¹ Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

² Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.

- You disobey only when governing authorities ask you to sin (Acts 5:27-29)
- Lead as servant leaders and don't lord it over your people (Mark 10:42)

Relationship Between Biblical Faith and Government

Prayer: 1 Timothy 2:1-4 NLT

¹ I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them.

² Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.

³ This is good and pleases God our Savior,

⁴ who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.

Relationship Between Biblical Faith and Government

Preaching: Acts 24:24-25 NKJV

²⁴ And after some days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, he sent for Paul and heard him concerning the faith in Christ.

²⁵ Now as he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and answered, "Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you."

- Paul did not change the message to please the governor

Participate by Staying on God's Side

Commander of the Lord's Army: Joshua 5:13-14 NKJV

¹³ And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, "*Are You for us or for our adversaries?*"

¹⁴ So He said, "No, but *as Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come.*" And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, "What does my Lord say to His servant?"

Participate by Staying on God's Side

Commander of the Lord's Army: Joshua 5:13-14 NKJV

- God has no favorites
- The Commander came to take over but not to take sides
- God has not given His allegiance to any party
- No permanent friends but permanent interests
- Win some, lose some, but God's agenda prevails – The case of Ai
- Christians should run for public office

Participate when you have the resume – King David

Psalms 89:20-24 NKJV

²⁰ I have found My servant David; With My holy oil I have anointed him,

²¹ With whom My hand shall be established; Also My arm shall strengthen him.

²² The enemy shall not outwit him, Nor the son of wickedness afflict him.

²³ I will beat down his foes before his face, And plague those who hate him.

²⁴ "But My faithfulness and My mercy *shall be* with him, And in My name his horn shall be exalted.

Participate when you have the resume – King David

- David, a man after God's own heart, would do anything God asked him to do (Acts 13:22)
- Fighting Goliath was a demonstration of absolute faith in God (1 Samuel 17)
- David loved God's law (Psalm 119:47-48)
- David always thanked the Lord for everything (Psalm 100:4)
- He was truly repentant after his sin with Bathsheba (Psalm 51)
- Christians should strive to be like the imperfect David!

Participate if you fit the profile – 9 things to consider

- Ability to deal with the heat in the kitchen
- You must be able to walk and chew gum
- Walk the walk and talk the talk
- Encourager of healthy conflicts on The Hill
- Favorable time in perspective of the nation's history
- Understand the job description of the office
- Proper exploration must account for finances and favor with man
- Veteran or other selfless service contrast the sons of Eli

Participate if you fit the profile – 9 things to consider

- **The right internal environment** (Vox populi is not always vox Dei as we find in Numbers 13)
- Bush/Al Gore
- Bush/Kerry
- Obama/McCain
- Obama/Romney
- Trump/Hillary
- Biden/Trump

Conclusion – The Lord Recognizes Your Profile

Moses – Exodus 4:12-14 NIV

¹² Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.”

¹³ But Moses said, “Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else.”

¹⁴ Then the LORD’s anger burned against Moses and he said, “What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and he will be glad to see you.

– When your heart is right with God and you have done your own homework, the zeal of the Lord to accomplish His agenda will perform it!

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