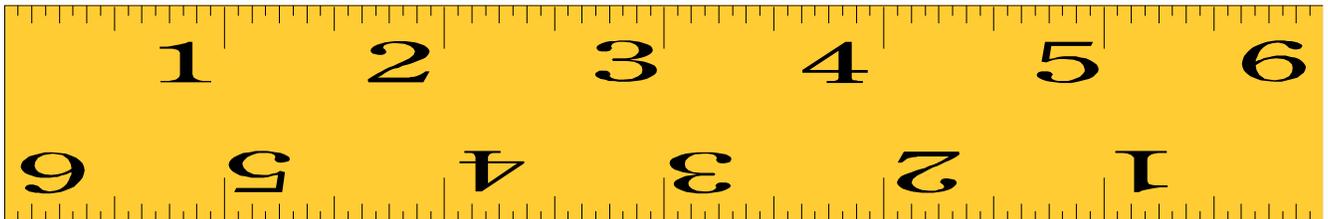
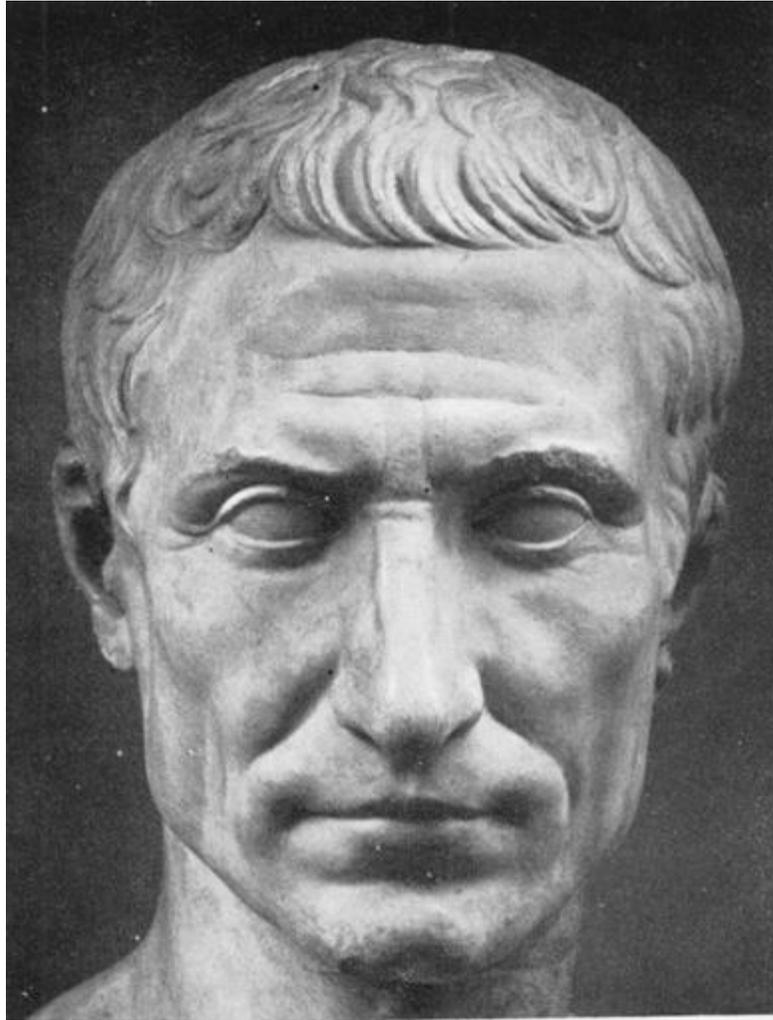


Biblical Standards for Civil Rulers



DEDICATION

Israel to Reap the Whirlwind

*Put the trumpet to your lips!
An eagle is over the house of the LORD
because the people have broken my covenant
and rebelled against my law.*

*Israel cries out to me,
'Our God, we acknowledge you!'*

**But Israel has rejected what is good;
an enemy will pursue him.**

*They set up kings without my consent;
they choose princes without my approval.*

**With their silver and gold
they make idols for themselves
to their own destruction.**

[Hosea 8:1-5, Bible, NIV]

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1 Samuel 23:3 The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.

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1 Truth is the basis of a jural society

John 8:32 *And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

Truth is the soil that produces the wheat of a civilized society. Fatuous leaders are the weeds grown from the soil of humanism. They are the result of God’s judgment against the populace for treating government as a god (Is. 19:13). We are tangled in political weeds because Americans have forsaken the Word of God and rejected **His standards for civil rulers**. Consequently, this country is overrun with uncircumcised, pagan minds (Is. 52:1). Opponents may say that we do not want an evangelical leader in our nation because he will make decisions based on his faith. This is a red herring. Atheist make decisions based on their unfaith. Humanists make decision based on their faith in human nature. Every leader makes decisions based on his faith or the absence thereof. **The question is what kind of faith do we want a leader to possess—the faith of a Napoleon or the faith of a George Washington?**

Let us study closely the qualifications for civil rulers from God’s Book in Deuteronomy 17:12-20.

“And all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously.”
[Deuteronomy 17:13]

The verb *presumptuously* means to act without authority, to rebel, to boil up and act subjectively. When an individual or a ruler acts without proper written authority, he commits the sin of presumption. When a person oversteps his authority, he commits an ultra vires act. The Hebrew verb is a *hiphil* verb (causative) intensifying the instruction; that is, “the people shall cause themselves to no longer act arbitrarily or presumptuously.” During the wilderness journey, Israelites followed their gut instincts and corrupted their ways. In order to have godly leaders, the people themselves must have no other standard than the Word of God for their civil rulers. Following “gut feelings” leads to political disaster!! Which is what we have in this country today.

Christians can have an impact on the political process, when they elect civil rulers that have Biblical qualification to be in office:

2 Biblical restrictions on Christians Dealing with Secular Governments

The following document on our site exhaustively analyzes all of the Biblical constraints on how Christians must relate to all governments, and especial secular governments.

Delegation of Authority Order from God to Christians, Form #13.007
<https://sedm.org/Forms/13-SelfFamilyChurchGovnce/DelOfAuthority.pdf>

We summarize the above document at the following link accessible from our Opening Page (<http://sedm.org>):

Commandments About Relationship of Believers to the World, SEDM
<https://sedm.org/home/commandments-about-relationship-of-believers-to-the-world/>

3 Biblical Limits Upon Civil Rulers

3.1 The Civil Ruler Must be a Believer

“When thou art come unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like as all the nations that are about me;

Thou shalt in any wise set him king over thee, whom the LORD thy God shall choose: one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which is not thy brother.”

[Deut. 17:14-15, KJ]

1 God anticipated a day when Israel would set up a monarchy like other nations. God set down the standards for a leader of
2 His people. The civil ruler must be a man that God chooses. He had to be a believer in the Lord, an Israelite, a clansman.
3 Aliens (like Barak Obama) have no respect for God’s Law, the land, or the historical foundations of the country.
4 Unbelievers were a threat to the welfare of the nation. A foreigner would lead them astray by adopting laws that tolerate
5 sin, promote an alien law order, and produce a harvest of ungodliness (Ps. 94:20).

6 *“Shall the **throne** of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law?”*
7 *[Psalm 94:20, KJ]*

8 Secular Humanism is an ethical philosophy that emphasizes a worldview based upon naturalism: the belief that the physical
9 world or nature is all that exists or is real. Are not secular humanists the ones who have removed the Ten Commandments
10 from the classroom wall, protected pornography on the internet, and brought us radical sex education programs to our
11 schools?

12 **3.2 The Civil Ruler Must Trust God**

13 *“But he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he*
14 *should multiply horses: forasmuch as the LORD hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more*
15 *that way.”*
16 *[Deut. 17:16, KJ]*

17 Kings are responsible for the defense of the nation. The only purpose of government is to protect the rights of the people
18 and to punish those that violate human rights. A strong military force and the ability to act decisively would naturally be the
19 first priority of a king. However, the most powerful military in the world cannot stay the judgment of an offended God.
20 According to God’s Word, the king’s first priority must not be the development of his military, but the development of his
21 relationship to the living God. Building trust in God is more important than building trust in the army. This is not to say,
22 however, that a strong faith denies the need of a strong military.

23 *“It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.”*
24 *[Psalm 118:9]*

25 King David, proud of his military accomplishments, decided to number the people. In so doing, David acted
26 presumptuously and offended the Lord. David learned that his powerful army could not prevent the lethal pestilence sent by
27 an offended God to destroy the people (2 Samuel 24). He lost more people in the three day plague than he did in all his
28 military campaigns combined! The last ten years of David’s life was not spent perfecting his army, but planning the
29 construction of the temple. God, not the government, had to be center of the nation’s attention. ***He learned the hard way***
30 ***that an offended God was more of a threat to national security than all the standing armies of the nations around him.***
31 He built the temple in the nation’s capital that the nation might be centered on the worship of YHWH and not focused on
32 the monarchy.

33 Likewise, all of America’s long range bombers, stealth aircraft, aircraft carriers, surveillance craft, cruise missiles, GPS
34 guiding systems, strike aircraft, refueling tankers, smart weapons, cluster bombs, attack helicopters, talented military
35 personnel, and bunker bursting bombs cannot prevent a Hurricane Katrina or the devastation of an earthquake ordered by an
36 offended God. As we have learned in Iraq, the best military in the world cannot change hearts filled with anger and murder
37 (See Amos 3:3; Is. 45:7). Tell me, which American presidents have concentrated on a trust-relationship with the Biblical
38 God? You will be hard pressed to find many . . . and certainly will have difficulty in the modern political climate.

39 **3.3 The Civil Ruler Must be a Moral Person**

40 *“Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply*
41 *to himself silver and gold.”*
42 *[Deut. 17:17, KJ]*

43 This text addresses the abuses of power, “the conversion of might into right.” When humanistic political lawyer-leaders
44 define “right” or “good” or “lawful” the nation is in decline. God, not man, has the right to define “good.”

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2 The first abuse of power is sexual promiscuity. Many wives and many lovers are a distraction to civil service. These
3 relationships steal part of the king’s heart and render him incompetent in judging moral issues and matters of State. It is
4 difficult to condemn what one condones. Clinton said after his sexual escapades,

5 *"I just want to get back to the work of the American people."*¹

6 The second abuse of power is using one’s office for personal wealth creation at the expense of the people. A king motivated
7 by lust for riches will not do what is best and fair for the people. He is going to use his political power to increase his own
8 opportunities and wealth. Have you ever heard of General “Spoons” Butler (Benjamin F. Butler)? He also had the nickname
9 “Beast Butler” because of his savage cruelty toward the people of New Orleans during the civil war period. Butler hanged
10 William Mumford merely for lowering the Union flag that flew over the New Orleans branch of the United States Mint. He
11 obtained the nickname, “Spoons”, because he stole the silverware from the southern homes he raided. ² To him, stealing
12 private property was justified in war. Likewise, many politicians feel like theft is acceptable under color of law.

13 Do politicians like President Bill Clinton, Senator John Edward, Mayor Rudy Giuliani or Governor Mark Sanford ring a
14 bell? Headlines like “FBI Investigating Foley Email to Teens”³ and the “Clinton Lewinski Scandal” tell the story about how
15 America has failed to elect godly candidates to office. We are in trouble when unbelieving, humanistic rulers occupy
16 positions of authority. Even those candidates, who profess to be Christian, are often shallow and uncommitted to Biblical
17 values. *What lies behind us and what lies before us is not as important as the principles and virtues that lies within us.*

18 **3.4 The Civil Ruler Must Know God’s Law**

19 *“And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law*
20 *in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites:*

21 *And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life . . . “*
22 *[Deut. 17:18-19, KJ]*

23 God ordered the king to make a personal, accurate copy of the Torah, and to read it every day of his life; that is, the king
24 had to be a man of the Book, a man of Law, a man of ethical principles. He had to know his law-source and to reject alien
25 law!!!!!! Only by heeding God’s Word could he avoid the great errors of kings. *The Law would never cause him to wander,*
26 *but it would cause him to wonder.* Strangely, Israel’s kings had little interest in God’s law. As heads of state, they had more
27 important matters to deal with—or, so it seemed. Remember, Israel collapsed not because they disobeyed their leaders but
28 because they obey the alien laws provided to them by their unfaithful kings (2 Kings 17:1-10 et seq.)

29 Any proper framework for Christian politics is shaped by a biblical worldview. A biblical worldview takes as its guiding
30 light the biblical story of creation, the fall, and the history of redemption. **The great themes of Scripture provide the**
31 **window through which all political issues must be viewed.** God is at work calling people to justice from the earliest
32 chapters of Genesis throughout Revelation (See Mic. 6:8). God condemns those who do not cry for justice (Is. 59:1-3).
33 Living under the reign of God’s righteousness as expressed in kingdom theology as revealed in Christ is not only a future
34 hope, but also a present requisite for every believer. Not only must our rulers be Christian, our government is required to
35 “seek first the kingdom of God” (Mt. 6:33). Christ is even now restoring men and their institutions. His present risen life at
36 the right hand of the Father touches all of human life. His rule grows every day like a small, hearty mustard seed through
37 the work of Christ’s faithful disciples. When Christians administer justice through governmental service or undertake other
38 responsibilities in obedience to God, they share in the task of caring for and restoring God’s redemptive order to politics.
39 The purpose of government is to administrate justice toward criminals and to protect the innocent. It is an error for believers
40 to be content to turn over God’s institution of government to be governed by pagans—an apostasy of modern Christianity.

41 **3.5 The Civil Ruler Must Fear the Lord**

42 *“And . . . he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to*

¹ Bill Clinton, quoted by David Limbaugh, “Distractions and Hypocrisy,” (Internet Source, Townhall.com).

² Cabildo on the “Civil War,” (Internet Resource: <http://ism.crt.State.la.us/cabildo/cab10.htm>).

³ (Internet Resource: PalmBeachPost.com, Sunday, October 01, 2006).

1 *keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them”*
2 *[Deut. 17:19, KJ]*

3 What is going to keep a king from following his feelings or fears or anger or lust or pride? What is going to keep him from
4 being deceived by “lying lips” from crafty advisors (Ps. 120:2)? What is going to keep him doing what is right when the
5 pagan international community sanctions his policies or pressures him to join unbiblical wars?

6 *“And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is*
7 *understanding.”*
8 *[Job 28:28]*

9 *“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.”*
10 *[Proverbs 1:7]*

11 Fear is a part of leadership—fear of man, fear of consequences, fear of rejection, fear of being misunderstood, fear of
12 criticism, fear of political fights, fear of war, fear of international disapproval seduce presidents and kings every day of their
13 administration. "Fear makes the wolf bigger than he is."⁴ "Fear is a tyrant and a despot, more terrible than the rack, more
14 potent than the snake."⁵ What is going to keep a political leader on the straight and narrow path? Only the fear of the Lord!
15 Only when a man fears God more than he fears man, will he make the righteous, moral, good-for-America decisions facing
16 his tenure in office.

17 *“The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.”*
18 *[Proverbs 29:25]*

19 God ordered Zerubbabel, the leader of the return, and Joshua, the high priest, to build the second temple (Ezra 1-4). In the
20 middle of the difficult project, the nation’s political enemies obtained an order from King Artaxerxes to terminate the
21 construction: *“The work on the house of God in Jerusalem came to a stand-still”* in 530 B.C. (Ezra 4:34). Because their fear
22 of the king was greater than their fear of God, they ceased work on the temple. In obeying the king, Zerubbabel and Joshua
23 disobeyed their God. Ten years later in 520 B.C. Haggai the Prophet and Zechariah the Prophet began to preach. During
24 that time, King Darius came to power in Persia. How would they overcome the fear of this civil ruler? If they obeyed their
25 prophets and disobeyed the king’s order, they could be in political trouble. They could be arrested, fined, fired, property
26 confiscated, put in prison, or executed for treason. It is not easy to resist an executive order of a government.—but, it is
27 sometimes necessary. Though God understood their stress, Haggai and Zechariah motivated them to disobey the executive
28 order and to obey the call of God. Notice how the temple work was revitalized: *“The people feared the Lord . . . they came*
29 *and began to work on the house of the Lord [despite the command of the king]”* (NIV Hag. 1:12, 14; addition mine). Only
30 when the fear of the Lord is greater than the fear of man, will civil rulers do what is right.

31 **3.6 Civil Rulers Must be Humble Men**

32 *“That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren . . . “*
33 *[Deut. 17:20, KJ]*

34 Nothing intoxicates a politician like a sip of authority. There is no room for pride in civil rulers. Be humble or stumble.
35 Leadership is a public service one performs for the good of the public as a public servant. When a civil ruler is filled with
36 self-esteem instead of esteem for Christ and His Holy Word, his pride will be his downfall (Prov. 11:2). When a politician
37 rides his high horse, he will hit the ground with a thud. Humility strengthens the spirit, sweetens the temper, quenches
38 anger, subdues pride, and bridles the tongue.

39 It was said of Robert E. Lee that he “was never known to lash out in anger when reminded of the bitter defeat he suffered as
40 Commander of the Confederate Army—this exchange portrays Lee’s humility and refusal to let even the most callous
41 reminders provoke him.” On one occasion an arrogant student rebutted General Lee saying, “But General, you failed!”
42 Lee’s simply responded, “I hope that you may be more successful than I” (The Maxims of Robert E. Lee, p. 23).

⁴ German proverb.

⁵ Edgar Wallace, *The Clue of the Twisted Candle*, (Online Resource: Classic Reader.com., 1916).

3.7 Civil Rulers Must be Men of Integrity

“. . . and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.”
[Deut. 17:20, KJ]

Being in a position of power is a sacred trust. Political leaders have a duty to obey God and His Law as well as the laws of a nation. God said of Joshua that he was a “servant of the Lord.” (Josh 24:29). **There is no greater complement that can be given a man than he is a servant of the Lord.** Joshua was not the servant of men. He was not the servant of his lusts. He was not the servant of his greed. He did not take an opinion poll to determine political policy. His goal was not to get the will of man done in the nation, but to get the will of God done among the people he served. How can a man avoid being like a reed shaken in the wind? Only by being a man of integrity that fulfills his sacred trust.

Again, we must look at General Lee.

“He was the only West Point graduate never to suffer a demerit.

Walter Taylor wrote of him, the general “seemed to address himself to the accomplishment of every task that devolved upon him in a conscientious and deliberate way, as if he himself was directly accountable to some higher power for the manner in which he performed his duty.”

To Lee the Christian gentlemen “was not about self-fulfillment, but about subordinating oneself to help others . . .”

His supreme fear was that one of his students at his college might not become a Christian.⁶”

When General Lee suffered his bitter defeat at Gettysburg and was forced to retreat, a wounded Union soldier lying under a tree shouted, “Hurrah for the Union.” Lee dismounted his horse, went over to the terror-stricken soldier who thought the General was going to kill him. “My son, your wounds are not that serious” Lee said, “I hope you will soon be well.” Lee then proceeded to mount his horse and continued his retreat. The man never forgot about the grace and integrity of General Lee (Maxims, p. 24).

Benjamin Hill described the integrity of General Lee:

“a foe without hate, a friend without treachery, a soldier without cruelty, and a victim without murmuring. He was a public officer without vices, a private citizen without wrong, a neighbor without reproach, a Christian without hypocrisy, and a man without guile. He was a Christian without hypocrisy, and a man without guile. He was Caesar without his ambition, Frederick without his tyranny, and Napoleon without his selfishness, and Washington without his reward. He was as obedient to authority as a servant and royal in authority as a king. He was as gentle as a woman in life, pure and modest as a virgin in thought, watchful as a Roman vestal, submissive to law as Socrates, and grand in battle as Achilles”
[The Maxims of Robert E. Lee” p. XX]

4 Biblical Limits Upon Nations which Civil Rulers Govern

4.1 God’s View of the Secular NATIONS

“For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding.”
[Psalm 47:7, Bible, NKJV]

*“Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For You [God] shall judge the people righteously, **And***

⁶ The Maxims of Robert E. Lee for Young Gentlemen compiled by Richard G. Williams, 2002.

1 **govern [ALL] the nations on earth."**

2 [[Psalm 67:4](#), Bible, NKJV]

3 "Arise, O God, judge the earth; **For You [God] shall inherit all nations [and governments of nations].**"

4 [[Psalm 82:8](#), Bible, NKJV]

5 "Behold, **the nations [and governments and politicians of the nations] are as a drop in the bucket, and**
6 **are counted as the small dust on the scales.**"

7 [[Isaiah 40:15](#), Bible, NKJV]

8 "**All nations [and governments] before Him [God] are as nothing, and they are counted by Him less**
9 **than nothing and worthless.**"

10 [[Isaiah 40:17](#), Bible, NKJV]

11 "Indeed **they [the governments and the men who make them up in relation to God] are all worthless;**
12 **their works are nothing;** their molded images [and their bureaus and agencies and [usurious "codes" that](#)
13 [are not law](#)] are wind [and vanity] and confusion."

14 [[Isaiah 41:29](#), Bible, NKJV]

15 "When you [a government worker] saw a thief [a socialist voter or a covetous judge or Congressman], you consented
16 with him [by your silence, inaction, and sin of omission],

17 And have [thereby] been a partaker with adulterers [thieves and [government idolaters](#)].

18 You give your mouth to evil [slander and [presumption](#) and prejudice in open court],

19 And your tongue frames deceit [constructive [fraud in the tax "code"](#) or the MISinterpretation of that code by the
20 judge or the [IRS publications](#)].

21 You sit and speak against [slander] your brother [fellow American "nontaxpayer" in front of naive jurists who have
22 been propagandized in the government schools to wrongfully trust government];

23 You slander your own mother's son.

24 These things you have done, and I [God] kept silent;

25 You thought that I was altogether like you;

26 **But I [and my servants and followers] will rebuke you,**

27 **And set them in order before your eyes.**"

28 [[Psalm 50:18-21](#), Bible, NKJV]

29 **4.2 God's Commandment to NATIONS: Deut 28⁷**

30 Most of the about personal and human relations and NOT nations. But there is ONE important passage that represents
31 God's commandments to NATIONS. It is found in Deut. 28. He is talking to kings and political rulers about how to govern
32 their COUNTRIES:

33 **Curses on Disobedience**

34 ¹⁵ "But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all
35 His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon
36 you and overtake you:

37 ¹⁶ "Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the country.

38 ¹⁷ "Cursed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.

39 ¹⁸ "Cursed shall be the fruit of your body and the produce of your land, the increase of your cattle and the
40 offspring of your flocks.

⁷ Source: *God's Commandments to NATIONS and Political RULERS*, SEDM Blog; <https://sedm.org/gods-commandment-to-nations/>

1 ¹⁹ “Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go out.

2 ²⁰ “The Lord will send on you cursing, confusion, and rebuke in all that you set your hand to do, until you
3 are destroyed and until you perish quickly, because of the wickedness of your doings in which you have
4 forsaken Me. ²¹ The Lord will make the plague cling to you until He has consumed you from the land
5 which you are going to possess. ²² The Lord will strike you with consumption, with fever, with
6 inflammation, with severe burning fever, with the sword, with scorching, and with mildew; they shall
7 pursue you until you perish. ²³ And your heavens which are over your head shall be bronze, and the earth
8 which is under you shall be iron. ²⁴ The Lord will change the rain of your land to powder and dust; from
9 the heaven it shall come down on you until you are destroyed.

10 ²⁵ “The Lord will cause you to be defeated before your enemies; you shall go out one way against them
11 and flee seven ways before them; and you shall become troublesome to all the kingdoms of the earth. ²⁶
12 Your carcasses shall be food for all the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and no one shall
13 frighten them away. ²⁷ The Lord will strike you with the boils of Egypt, with tumors, with the scab, and
14 with the itch, from which you cannot be healed. ²⁸ The Lord will strike you with madness and blindness
15 and confusion of heart. ²⁹ And you shall grope at noonday, as a blind man gropes in darkness; you shall
16 not prosper in your ways; you shall be only oppressed and plundered continually, and no one shall save
17 you.

18 ³⁰ “You shall betroth a wife, but another man shall lie with her; you shall build a house, but you shall not
19 dwell in it; you shall plant a vineyard, but shall not gather its grapes. ³¹ Your ox shall be slaughtered
20 before your eyes, but you shall not eat of it; your donkey shall be violently taken away from before you,
21 and shall not be restored to you; your sheep shall be given to your enemies, and you shall have no one to
22 rescue them. ³² Your sons and your daughters shall be given to another people, and your eyes shall look
23 and fail with longing for them all day long; and there shall be no strength in your hand. ³³ A nation whom
24 you have not known shall eat the fruit of your land and the produce of your labor, and you shall be only
25 oppressed and crushed continually. ³⁴ So you shall be driven mad because of the sight which your eyes
26 see. ³⁵ The Lord will strike you in the knees and on the legs with severe boils which cannot be healed, and
27 from the sole of your foot to the top of your head.

28 ³⁶ “The Lord will bring you and the king whom you set over you to a nation which neither you nor your
29 fathers have known, and there you shall serve other gods—wood and stone. ³⁷ And you shall become an
30 astonishment, a proverb, and a byword among all nations where the Lord will drive you.

31 ³⁸ “You shall carry much seed out to the field but gather little in, for the locust shall consume it. ³⁹ You
32 shall plant vineyards and tend them, but you shall neither drink of the wine nor gather the grapes; for the
33 worms shall eat them. ⁴⁰ You shall have olive trees throughout all your territory, but you shall not anoint
34 yourself with the oil; for your olives shall drop off. ⁴¹ You shall beget sons and daughters, but they shall
35 not be yours; for they shall go into captivity. ⁴² Locusts shall consume all your trees and the produce of
36 your land.

37 ⁴³ “The alien who is among you shall rise higher and higher above you, and you shall come down lower
38 and lower. ⁴⁴ He shall lend to you, but you shall not lend to him; he shall be the head, and you shall be the
39 tail.

40 ⁴⁵ “Moreover all these curses shall come upon you and pursue and overtake you, until you are destroyed,
41 because you did not obey the voice of the Lord your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes
42 which He commanded you. ⁴⁶ And they shall be upon you for a sign and a wonder, and on your
43 descendants forever.

44 ⁴⁷ “Because you did not serve the Lord your God with joy and gladness of heart, for the abundance of
45 everything, ⁴⁸ therefore you shall serve your enemies, whom the Lord will send against you, in hunger, in
46 thirst, in nakedness, and in need of everything; and He will put a yoke of iron on your neck until He has
47 destroyed you. ⁴⁹ The Lord will bring a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth, as swift as
48 the eagle flies, a nation whose language you will not understand, ⁵⁰ a nation of fierce countenance, which

1 does not respect the elderly nor show favor to the young. ⁵¹ And they shall eat the increase of your
2 livestock and the produce of your land, until you are destroyed; they shall not leave you grain or new
3 wine or oil, or the increase of your cattle or the offspring of your flocks, until they have destroyed you.

4 ⁵² “They shall besiege you at all your gates until your high and fortified walls, in which you trust, come
5 down throughout all your land; and they shall besiege you at all your gates throughout all your land
6 which the Lord your God has given you. ⁵³ You shall eat the fruit of your own body, the flesh of your sons
7 and your daughters whom the Lord your God has given you, in the siege and desperate straits in which
8 your enemy shall distress you. ⁵⁴ The sensitive and very refined man among you will be hostile toward his
9 brother, toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the rest of his children whom he leaves behind, ⁵⁵ so
10 that he will not give any of them the flesh of his children whom he will eat, because he has nothing left in
11 the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you at all your gates. ⁵⁶ The tender and
12 delicate woman among you, who would not venture to set the sole of her foot on the ground because of
13 her delicateness and sensitivity, will refuse to the husband of her bosom, and to her son and her
14 daughter, ⁵⁷ her ^Uplacenta which comes out from between her feet and her children whom she bears; for
15 she will eat them secretly for lack of everything in the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy
16 shall distress you at all your gates.

17 ⁵⁸ “If you do not carefully observe all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may fear
18 this glorious and awesome name, THE LORD YOUR GOD, ⁵⁹ then the Lord will bring upon you and your
19 descendants extraordinary plagues—great and prolonged plagues—and serious and prolonged
20 sicknesses. ⁶⁰ Moreover He will bring back on you all the diseases of Egypt, of which you were afraid,
21 and they shall cling to you. ⁶¹ Also every sickness and every plague, which is not written in this Book of
22 the Law, will the Lord bring upon you until you are destroyed. ⁶² You shall be left few in number, whereas
23 you were as the stars of heaven in multitude, because you would not obey the voice of the Lord your God.
24 ⁶³ And it shall be, that just as the Lord rejoiced over you to do you good and multiply you, so the Lord will
25 rejoice over you to destroy you and bring you to nothing; and you shall be plucked from off the land
26 which you go to possess.

27 ⁶⁴ “Then the Lord will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other, and there
28 you shall serve other gods, which neither you nor your fathers have known—wood and stone. ⁶⁵ And
29 among those nations you shall find no rest, nor shall the sole of your foot have a resting place; but there
30 the Lord will give you a trembling heart, failing eyes, and anguish of soul. ⁶⁶ Your life shall hang in doubt
31 before you; you shall fear day and night, and have no assurance of life. ⁶⁷ In the morning you shall say,
32 ‘Oh, that it were evening!’ And at evening you shall say, ‘Oh, that it were morning!’ because of the fear
33 which terrifies your heart, and because of the sight which your eyes see.

34 ⁶⁸ “And the Lord will take you back to Egypt in ships, by the way of which I said to you, ‘You shall never
35 see it again.’ And there you shall be offered for sale to your enemies as male and female slaves, but no
36 one will buy you.”
37 [Deut. 28:15-68, Bible, NKJV]

38 The pronoun “you” in our versions is ALWAYS a singular, masculine plural in Deuteronomy 28. The singular does not
39 dominate the individual, but the whole nation of Israel.

40 See “nations” in verse one; that is, this applies directly to nations. It is God’s message for nations and NOT the rule for
41 individual believers. Think of it. Christ is the King of the Nations, and His law is their delegation order!!!

[Delegation of Authority Order from God to Christians](https://sedm.org/Forms/13-SelfFamilyChurchGovnce/DelOfAuthority.pdf), Form #13.007
<https://sedm.org/Forms/13-SelfFamilyChurchGovnce/DelOfAuthority.pdf>

42 Jesus’ own words also confirm these conclusions:

43 “He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives **Him [God] who sent Me.**”
44 [Matt. 10:40, Bible, NKJV]

1 *“He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him [God]*
2 *who sent Me.”*
3 *[Luke 10:16, Bible, NKJV]*

4 *Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him [God] who sent Me, and to finish His work.”*
5 *[John 4:34, Bible, NKJV]*

6 *“And he who sees Me sees Him [God] who sent Me.”*
7 *[John 12:45, Bible, NKJV]*

8 Who else teaches this? Not John McArthur; Not Franklin Graham; Not Pastor Jefferies. Nobody. Pastors are too busy
9 beating up their flocks with “curses” instead of applying this to the nation!!. Not only is the church called to obey Christ,
10 SO ARE THE NATIONS (Psalm 2). “kiss the son” all ye nations.

11 Deut. 28:44 applies to loans of PROPERTY, such as “things” and “rights. The conquerors determine what you have and
12 what rights you can exercise. Usually by force, they determine what you can keep and what you can’t. Thus, they are the
13 absolute owners of all property of the conquered and you are an equitable owner of only what they decide you can keep.

14 *Alien:* in Deut. 28:43-44: The dictionaries are good at defining aliens as those outside the jurisdiction of the United
15 States, but fail terribly to identify that the “United States” is alien to the people and the 50 states. The truth is the American
16 people have been made slaves subject to a foreign, alien corporation.

17 We the People formed a nation and gave the federal government a delegation order, but in 1871 and following this alien,
18 foreign federal corporation conquered the states and the people. We are ruled by foreigners! D.C. is legislatively but not
19 constitutionally “foreign” in relation to the states of the Union.

20 For an interpretation of the significance of Deut. 28 above, and especially verses 43-51 see:

[How Scoundrels Corrupted Our Republican Form of Government](https://famguardian.org/Subjects/Taxes/Evidence/HowScCorruptOurRepubGovt.htm), Family Guardian Fellowship
<https://famguardian.org/Subjects/Taxes/Evidence/HowScCorruptOurRepubGovt.htm>

21 Here’s the other main section of the bible that addresses NATIONS instead of INDIVIDUALS:

22 **The Messiah’s Triumph and Kingdom**

23 *2 Why do the nations rage,*
24 *And the people plot a vain thing?*
25 *2 The kings of the earth set themselves,*
26 *And the rulers take counsel together,*
27 *Against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying,*
28 *3 “Let us break Their bonds in pieces*
29 *And cast away Their cords from us.”*

30 *4 He who sits in the heavens shall laugh;*
31 *The Lord shall hold them in derision.*
32 *5 Then He shall speak to them in His wrath,*
33 *And distress them in His deep displeasure:*
34 *6 “Yet I have set My King*
35 *On My holy hill of Zion.”*

36 *7 “I will declare the decree:*
37 *The Lord has said to Me,*
38 *‘You are My Son,*
39 *Today I have begotten You.*
40 *8 Ask of Me, and I will give You*
41 *The nations for Your inheritance,*

1 *And the ends of the earth for Your possession.*
2 *⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron;*
3 *You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.' "*

4 *¹⁰ Now therefore, be wise, O kings;*
5 *Be instructed, you judges of the earth.*
6 *¹¹ Serve the Lord with fear,*
7 *And rejoice with trembling.*
8 *¹² Kiss the Son, lest He be angry,*
9 *And you perish in the way,*
10 *When His wrath is kindled but a little.*
11 *Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.*
12 *[Psalm 2, Bible, NKJV]*

13 More on the subject of this article at:

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| <p><i>Deuteronomy 28: The Blessings and Curses</i>, Nike Insights https://nikeinsights.famguardian.org/forums/topic/deuteronomy-28-the-blessings-and-cursing/</p> |
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14 **4.3 God's view of secular rulers**

15 *"Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that*
16 *he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches*
17 *the wise in their own craftiness"; and again, "The LORD knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are*
18 *futile." Therefore let no one boast in men. For all things are yours [God's]: whether Paul or Apollos or*
19 *Cephas, or the world or life or death, or things present or things to come—all are yours. And you are*
20 *Christ's, and Christ is God's."*
21 *[1 Cor. 3:18-23, Bible, NKJV]*

22 *"Arise, O Lord,*
23 *Do not let man [or governments made up of men] prevail;*
24 *Let the nations be judged [and disciplined] in Your sight.*
25 *Put them in fear [with your wrath and the timeless principles of your perfect and [Glorious Law](#)], O Lord,*
26 *That the nations may know themselves to be but men."*
27 *[Psalm 9:19-20, Bible, NKJV]*

28 *"All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of*
29 *heaven And among the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand Or say to Him, 'What have*
30 *You done?'"*
31 *[Daniel 4:35, Bible, NKJV]*

32 **4.4 God's view of secular JUDGES**

33 *"He [God] brings the princes [and Kings and Presidents] to nothing; He makes the judges of the earth*
34 *useless."*
35 *[Isaiah 40:23, Bible, NKJV]*

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37 A Plea for [Justice \[Form #05.050\]](#)

38 A Psalm of Asaph.

39 God stands in the congregation of the mighty;

1 *He judges among the gods.*
2 **How long will you [judge unjustly \[Litigation Tool #01.009\]](#),**
3 **And show partiality to the wicked? Selah**

4 **Defend the poor and fatherless;**
5 **[Do justice \[Form #05.050\]](#) to the afflicted and needy.**
6 *Deliver the poor and needy;*
7 *Free them from the hand of the wicked.*

8 *They do not know, nor do they understand;*
9 *They walk about in darkness;*
10 *All the foundations of the earth are unstable.*

11 **I said, “You are gods,**
12 **And all of you are children of the Most High.**
13 **But you shall die like men,**
14 **And fall like one of the princes.”**

15 **Arise, O God, judge the earth;**
16 **For You shall inherit all nations.**
17 *[Psalm 82:1-8, Bible, NKJV]*

18 **4.5 God’s view of secular nations who reject Him**

19 *Israel to Reap the Whirlwind*

20 *Put the trumpet to your lips!*
21 *An eagle is over the house of the LORD*
22 *because the people have broken my covenant*
23 *and rebelled against my law.*
24 *Israel cries out to me,*
25 *‘Our God, we acknowledge you!’*
26 **But Israel has rejected what is good;**
27 **an enemy will pursue him.**
28 ***They set up kings without my consent;***
29 ***they choose princes without my approval.***
30 **With their silver and gold**
31 **they make idols for themselves**
32 **to their own destruction.**
33 *[Hosea 8:1-5, Bible, NIV]*

34 **4.6 Jesus’ OWNERSHIP and RULERSHIP as KING of all Nations**

35 **The Messiah’s Triumph and Kingdom**

36 *Why do the nations rage,*
37 *And the people plot a vain thing?*
38 *The kings of the earth set themselves,*
39 *And the rulers take counsel together,*
40 *Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,*
41 *“Let us break Their bonds in pieces [anarchy under [God’s laws, Litigation Tool #13.001\]](#)*
42 *And cast away Their cords from us.”*

43 *He who sits in the heavens shall laugh;*

1 *The Lord shall hold them in derision.*
2 *Then He shall speak to them in His wrath,*
3 *And distress them in His deep displeasure:*
4 *“Yet I have set My King [Jesus]*

5 *On My holy hill of Zion.”*

6 *“I will declare the decree:*
7 *The LORD has said to Me,*
8 *‘You are My Son,*
9 *Today I have begotten You.*
10 *Ask of Me, and I will give You*
11 *The nations for Your inheritance,*
12 *And the ends of the earth for Your possession.*
13 *You shall break them with a rod of iron;*
14 *You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.*

15 *Now therefore, be wise, O kings:*
16 *Be instructed, you judges of the earth.*
17 *Serve the LORD with fear,*
18 *And rejoice with trembling.*

19 *Kiss the Son, lest He be angry,*
20 *And you perish in the way,*
21 *When His wrath is kindled but a little.*
22 *Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.*
23 *[Psalm 2:1-12, Bible, NKJV]*

24 **4.7 Biblical approach of Christians to secular law**

25 *“... if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law [STATUTES].”*
26 *[Gal. 5:18, Bible, NKJV]*

27 *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,*
28 *gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law [no STATUTES].”*
29 *[Gal. 5:22-23, Bible, NKJV]*

30 *“Do not walk in the statutes of your fathers [the heathens], nor observe their [STATUTORY but not
31 COMMON LAW] judgments, nor defile yourselves with their [pagan government] idols. I am the LORD
32 your God: Walk in [obey] My statutes, keep My judgments, and do them; hallow My Sabbaths, and they
33 will be a sign between Me and you, that you may know that I am the LORD your God.”
34 *[Ezekial 20:10-20, Bible, NKJV]**

35 *“To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no*
36 *light [from God] in them [the JUDGES, Litigation Tool #01.009]”*
37 *[Isaiah 8:20, Bible, NKJV]*

38 **5 Biblical thinking of the Founders**

39 For more quotes like those in the following subsections, see:

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| <p><i>Christian Heritage Topic Page, Family Guardian Website</i> http://famguardian.org/Subjects/ChristianHeritage/ChristianHeritage.htm</p> |
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5.1 Introduction

For this reason, John Jay said,

"Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers" (October 12, 1816)

The majority of problems we face in America are the result of electing ungodly humanistic leaders to office—politicians who have an agenda contrary to the kingdom of God. Because we lack a Biblical world view, we tolerate ungodly politicians to rule over us. Consequently, we are now subject to immoral sex education in the schools, gay “rights”, abortion on demand, and oppression at every level of society. What America needs is not more democrats or republicans in power, but men of deep integrity elected to office—men like General Robert E. Lee—if you can find them. We need knowledgeable, talented, God-fearing Christians in office. Washington D.C. needs a powerful intestinal cleanse. Only when we have Christ-honoring leaders in the D.C. will it cease to be the District of Criminals.

The story of the Bible is the story of redemption. God is at work redeeming men, families, and nations to Himself. We pray, “thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” The ultimate vision of the universe is a world under God’s rule and authority (Rev 5; Ps. 2, Is. 2:1-6; 9:6). His law is not only for individual men, but for families, the church, and all of man’s institutions.

The Bible teaches,

“When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.”
[Proverbs 29:2]

When the civil rulers are righteous men, the people are safe and secure. When pagans rule, people grieve because of their tyrannical actions. Ungodly rulers covet power and oppress the people through heavy taxation and demoralizing legislation. When the wicked rule a righteous man goes into hiding (Prov. 28:12); that is, he must hide himself, his family, his assets, and his possessions from predatory civil rulers.

The founders of this nation understood that if we are going to advance as a nation, we must be led by Christian men—men whose conscience is trained by the Law of God.

During the Revolutionary Period of American history, the movers and shakers of colonial history understood the importance of having only Christian men in office. Consider the excerpts found in Section 5.4 from the colonial States.

Think of some of these statements. You could not be a representative unless you believed in the Christian religion and acknowledge the Old Testament and New Testament as the revelation of God.

Because we no longer have Biblical thinking, America is in danger because its pagan rulers do not share our Biblical values. Many are mule-stubborn to overthrow Christianity and to establish secularism as the religion of the west. Let us not forget that it was secular atheist who killed and murdered more than 130 million people in the last century. Mao killed about 72 million. Stalin killed 40 million. Hitler killed 15 million. Add to this the other killings of totalitarian regimes and we have about 130 million deaths. And, this is not counting loss of life from the wars of the last century which would add another 40 million deaths.⁸

When Samuel realized the kind of man that Saul had become in his disobedience to the divine charge to execute the Amalekites. He grieved and cried out all night to the Lord (1 Samuel 15). The word “grieve” can be translated angry. Samuel was “ticked” over Saul’s disobedience. Saul endangered the nation. Samuel was a man of faith and he is mentioned as a hero of the faith in Hebrews eleven. His anger was not childish or fleshly, but deeply rooted in the anger of God against ungodly rulers (See Hosea 5:10, 11; 7:2, Micah 3:3:1-4; 6:16).

⁸ James Kennedy, *What if Jesus Had Never Been Born?*, Nelson Publishers, 1994, p. 235.

1 Rather than being angry and irate at what is happening in this country because we have elected non-Christian men to office,
2 we have become tolerant and cultured Christians. Because we lack Biblical thinking, we have made peace with secular
3 government and are content to have atheistic men rule over us.

4 When professing Christian, Jimmy Carter, was interviewed by *Playboy Magazine* in the mid seventies, he said he would
5 not let his Christianity affect his presidential decisions. Unfortunately, this may be the only promise he kept while in office.
6 In an interview with Jonathan Serrie, Fox News Correspondent, said the following on a question about abortion:

7 *When I took my oath of office as president, I swore to uphold the laws and Constitution of the United*
8 *States as interpreted by the Supreme Court. So I enforced Roe versus Wade, and I did it without*
9 *embarrassment or anguish.*

10 What? “Enforce Roe versus Wade” without “*embarrassment or anguish*”! How could any true Christian permit the murder
11 of a million innocent babies a year? Further, if Mr. Carter had read the Constitution he would have seen that it was
12 established to “secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves **and OUR PROSTERITY**” (Emphasis added.). He should have
13 denounced *Roe versus Wade* as unbiblical, wretched, and unconstitutional.

14 The Biblical Christian seeks to adopt the mind of Christ (Phil. 2:5; I Pet. 4:1; Rom. 12:2). Because we do not have Biblical
15 thinking when it comes to our world view as those Christians Statesmen during the formation of the Declaration of
16 Independence, we have tolerated ungodly politicians to lead our country and to enact all kinds of legislation to expunge
17 Christianity and its moral values from courtroom to the classroom. We can only recover, when Christian pastors come to
18 their senses and Christians demand true Christians be elected to political offices.

19 **5.2 George Washington**

20 *“No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the invisible hand, which conducts in the affairs of*
21 *men more than the people of the United States. Every step, by which they have been advanced to the*
22 *character of an independent nation, seems to have been distinguished by some token of providential*
23 *agency.”*

24 [*George Washington, First Inaugural Address, April 30, 1789; Video: <https://youtu.be/VcGlx1hAq7w>*]

25 *“When I contemplate the interpositions of Providence, as it was invisibly manifested, in guiding us*
26 *through the Revolution, in preparing us for the reception of a general government, and in conciliating the*
27 *good will of the People of America toward one another after it’s [sic] adoption, I feel myself. . . almost*
28 *overwhelmed with a sense of divine munificence.”*

29 [*George Washington, To the. . . Common Council of the City of Philadelphia, April 1789*]

30 *“Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, Religion and morality are*
31 *indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of Patriotism who should labour to*
32 *subvert these great Pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of Men and citizens. The*
33 *mere politician, equally with the pious man, ought to respect and to cherish them. A volume could not*
34 *trace all their connections with private and public felicity. Let it simply be asked, “where is the security*
35 *for property, for reputation, for life, if the sense of religious obligation desert the oaths which are the*
36 *instruments of investigation in courts of justice?” And let us with caution indulge the supposition that*
37 *morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined*
38 *education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national*
39 *morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle.”*

40 [*George Washington in his [Farewell Address](#); See also [George Washington’s Farewell Address](#)*
41 *[Presented by Ben Sasse, Minute 24](#)*]

42 **5.3 John Adams**

43 *“Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the*
44 *government of any other.”*

45 [*John Adams; The Works of John Adams, ed. CF Adams, Boston: Little Brown Co., 1851,4:13*]

5.4 Samuel Adams

“It is the greatest absurdity to suppose it [would be] in the power of one, or any number of men, at the entering into society, to renounce their essential natural rights, or the means of preserving those rights; when the grand end of civil government, from the very nature of its institution, is for the support, protection, and defense of those very rights; the principal of which ... are life, liberty, and property. If men, through fear, fraud, or mistake, should in terms renounce or give up any essential natural right, the eternal law of reason and the grand end of society would absolutely vacate such renunciation. The right to freedom being the gift of God Almighty, it is not in the power of man to alienate this gift and voluntarily become a slave”

[Samuel Adams, *The Rights of the Colonists*, November 20, 1772;
<http://www.foundingfatherquotes.com/father/quotes/2/>]

Legal implications of the above:

1. The civil status indicative of "entering into society" is that of a "citizen". See *Minor v. Happersett*, 88 U.S. (21 wall.) 164 (1874).

https://scholar.google.com/scholar_case?case=5117525999793250938

2. "Civil status" is described in:

Civil Status (important!)-SEDM

<https://sedm.org/civil-status/>

3. The implication of the above is that NO privileges can attach to the status of "citizen". For a description of what "privilege" means, see:

Government Instituted Slavery Using Franchises, Form #05.030

<https://sedm.org/Forms/05-MemLaw/Franchises.pdf>

4. The reason that no privileges can attach to the status of "citizen" is that privileges are the main method of surrendering natural or constitutional rights.

“The State in such cases exercises no greater right than an individual may exercise over the use of his own property when leased or loaned to others. The conditions upon which the privilege shall be enjoyed being stated or implied in the legislation authorizing its grant, no right is, of course, impaired by their enforcement. The recipient of the privilege, in effect, stipulates to comply with the conditions. It matters not how limited the privilege conferred, its acceptance implies an assent to the regulation of its use and the compensation for it.”

[*Munn v. Illinois*, 94 U.S. 113 (1877)]

“But when Congress creates a statutory right [a “privilege” or “public right” in this case, such as a “trade or business”], it clearly has the discretion, in defining that right, to create presumptions, or assign burdens of proof, or prescribe remedies; it may also provide that persons seeking to vindicate that right must do so before particularized tribunals created to perform the specialized adjudicative tasks related to that right. FN35 Such provisions do, in a sense, affect the exercise of judicial power, but they are also incidental to Congress’ power to define the right that it has created. No comparable justification exists, however, when the right being adjudicated is not of congressional creation. In such a situation, substantial inroads into functions that have traditionally been performed by the Judiciary cannot be characterized merely as incidental extensions of Congress’ power to define rights that it has created. Rather, such inroads suggest unwarranted encroachments upon the judicial power of the United States, which our Constitution reserves for Art. III courts.”

[*Northern Pipeline Const. Co. v. Marathon Pipe Line Co.*, 458 U.S. 50, 102 S.Ct. 2858 (1983)]

5. Because no privileges can attach to "citizen", the status ALSO cannot be a privilege, and therefore cannot be a STATUTORY status.

6. Since the income tax is imposed upon “citizens” and “residents” in 26 C.F.R. §1.1-1, then these parties, BY DEFINITION cannot be people with natural or constitutional rights because the status therein is treated as a taxable privilege in that context. See:

Why You are a “national”, “state national”, and Constitutional but not Statutory Citizen, Form #05.006

<https://sedm.org/Forms/05-MemLaw/WhyANational.pdf>

1 7. The only way you can be a "citizen" WITHOUT privileges is therefore to be so in a POLITICAL rather than CIVIL or
2 STATUTORY context.

Political Jurisdiction, Form #05.004
<https://sedm.org/Forms/05-MemLaw/PoliticalJurisdiction.pdf>

3 8. The above is why a "privilege" is defined as a private or special right imputed or assigned to those who are OTHER
4 than "citizens":

5 *"Privilege. A particular benefit or advantage enjoyed by a person, company, or class **beyond the***
6 ***common advantages of other citizens.**"*

7 [Black's Law Dictionary, Sixth Edition, p. 1197; SOURCE:
8 <https://famguardian.org/TaxFreedom/CitesByTopic/privilege.htm>]

9 9. For the purposes of the above, "privileges", "civil status", and "benefits" are synonymous with a CIVIL status under
10 any act of the government. All civil statutory law is law for government and not PRIVATE people:

Why Statutory Civil Law is Law for Government and Not Private Persons, Form #05.037
<https://sedm.org/Forms/05-MemLaw/StatLawGovt.pdf>

11 10. The above concepts are ALSO why it is a maxim of the common law that you have a right to NOT receive, and by
12 implication NOT PAY FOR, a "benefit"/privilege that you DO NOT WANT:

13 *"Invito beneficium non datur. No one is obliged to accept a benefit against his consent. Dig. 50, 17, 69.*
14 *But if he does not dissent he will be considered as assenting. Vide Assent."*

15 *"Potest quis renunciare pro se, et suis, juri quod pro se introductum est. A man may relinquish, for*
16 *himself and his heirs, a right which was introduced for his own benefit. See 1 Bouv. Inst. n. 83."*

17 *"Quae inter alios acta sunt nemini nocere debent, sed prodesse possunt. Transactions between strangers*
18 *may benefit, but cannot injure, persons who are parties to them. 6 Co. 1."*

19 [Bouvier's Maxims of Law, 1856; SOURCE:
20 <https://famguardian.org/Publications/BouvierMaximsOfLaw/BouviereMaxims.htm>]

21
22 *"Nothing is more essential to the establishment of manners in a State than that all persons employed in*
23 *places of power and trust be men of unexceptionable characters. The public cannot be too curious*
24 *concerning the character of public men."*

25 [Samuel Adams, *The Writings of Samuel Adams*, Harry Alonzo Cushing, editor (New York: G.P.
26 Putnam's Sons, 1907), Vol. III, p. 236-237]

27 *"Let each citizen remember at the moment he is offering his vote that he is not making a present or a*
28 *compliment to please an individual--or at least that he ought not so to do; but that he is executing one of*
29 *the most solemn trusts in human society for which he is accountable to God and his country. "*

30 [Samuel Adams, *The Writings of Samuel Adams*, Harry Alonzo Cushing, editor (New York: G.P.
31 Putnam's Sons, 1907), Vol. IV, p. 256]

32 **5.5 John Witherspoon**

33 *"The people in general ought to have regard to the moral character of those whom they invest with*
34 *authority either in the legislative, executive, or judicial branches. "*

35 [John Witherspoon, *The Works of John Witherspoon* (Edinburgh: J. Ogle, 1815), Vol. IV, p. 267]

36 **5.6 John Jay**

37 *"Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as the privilege*
38 *and interest of our Christian nation, to select and prefer Christians for their rulers. "*

1 [John Jay, *The Correspondence and Public Papers of John Jay*, Henry P. Johnston, ed. (New York: G.P.
2 Putnam's Sons, 1890), Vol. IV, p. 365]

3 "The Americans are the first people whom Heaven has favored with an opportunity of deliberating upon
4 and choosing the forms of government under which they should live. "

5 [John Jay, *The Correspondence and Public Papers of John Jay*, Henry P. Johnston, ed. (New York: G.P.
6 Putnam's Sons, 1890), Vol. I, p. 161]

7 **5.7 Daniel Webster**

8 "Impress upon children the truth that the exercise of the elective franchise is a social duty of as solemn a
9 nature as man can be called to perform; that a man may not innocently trifle with his vote; that every
10 elector is a trustee as well for others as himself and that every measure he supports has an important
11 bearing on the interests of others as well as on his own. "

12 [Daniel Webster, *The Works of Daniel Webster* (Boston: Little, Brown, and Company, 1853), Vol. II, p.
13 108]

14 **5.8 Noah Webster**

15 "When a citizen gives his suffrage to a man of known immorality he abuses his trust; he sacrifices not
16 only his own interest, but that of his neighbor, he betrays the interest of his country. "

17 [Noah Webster, *Letters to a Young Gentleman Commencing His Education to which is subjoined a Brief
18 History of the United States* (New Haven: S. Converse, 1823), p. 19]

19 **5.9 James Garfield**

20 "Now more than ever the people are responsible for the character of their Congress. If that body be
21 ignorant, reckless, and corrupt, it is because the people tolerate ignorance, recklessness, and
22 corruption."

23 [James Garfield, "A Century of Congress" published in *Atlantic*, July 1877]

24 **6 Recognition of God in Our State Founding Documents**

25 **6.1 Delaware Constitution, 1701**

26 AND that all Persons who also profess to believe in Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the World, shall be
27 capable (notwithstanding their other Persuasions and Practices in Point of Conscience and Religion) to
28 serve this Government in any Capacity, both legislatively and executively, he or they solemnly promising,
29 when lawfully required, Allegiance to the King as Sovereign, and Fidelity to the Proprietary and
30 Governor, and taking the Attests as now established by the Law made at Newcastle, in the Year One
31 Thousand and Seven Hundred, entitled, An Act directing the Attests of several Officers and Ministers, as
32 now amended and confirmed this present Assembly.

33 **6.2 Delaware Constitution, 1776**

34 **ART. 22.** Every person who shall be chosen a member of either house, or appointed to any office or place
35 of trust, before taking his seat, or entering upon the execution of his office, shall take the following oath,
36 or affirmation, if conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath, to wit:

37 " I, A B. will bear true allegiance to the Delaware State, submit to its constitution and laws, and do no act
38 wittingly whereby the freedom thereof may be prejudiced."

39 And also make and subscribe the following declaration, to wit:

1 " I, A B. do profess faith in God the Father, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, and in the Holy Ghost, one
2 God, blessed for evermore; and I do acknowledge the holy scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be
3 given by divine inspiration."

4 **6.3 Georgia Constitution, 1777**

5 ART. VI. The representatives shall be chosen out of the residents in each county, who shall have resided
6 at least twelve months in this State, and three months in the county where they shall be elected; except the
7 freeholders of the counties of Glynn and Camden, who are in a State of alarm, and who shall have the
8 liberty of choosing one member each, as specified in the articles of this constitution, in any other county,
9 until they have residents sufficient to qualify them for more; and they shall be of the Protestant religion,
10 and of the age of twenty-one years, and shall be possessed in their own right of two hundred and fifty
11 acres of land, or some property to the amount of two hundred and fifty pounds.

12 **6.4 Maryland Constitution, 1776**

13 XXXIII. That, as it is the duty of every man to worship God in such manner as he thinks most acceptable
14 to him; all persons, professing the Christian religion, are equally entitled to protection in their religious
15 liberty; wherefore no person ought by any law to be molested in his person or State on account of his
16 religious persuasion or profession, or for his religious practice; unless, under colour of religion, any man
17 shall disturb the good order, peace or safety of the state, or shall infringe the laws of morality, or injure
18 others, in their natural, civil, or religious rights;

19 _____
20 "That every person, appointed to any office of profit or trust, shall, before he enters on the execution
21 thereof, take the following oath; to wit :-" I, A. B., do swear, that I do not hold myself bound in allegiance
22 to the King of Great Britain, and that I will be faithful, and bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland;
23 " and shall also subscribe a declaration of his belief in the Christian religion."

24 **6.5 Massachusetts Constitution, 1780**

25 "Article I. Any person chosen governor, lieutenant-governor, councillor, senator, or representative, and
26 accepting the trust, shall, before he proceed to execute the duties of his place or office, make and
27 subscribe the following declaration, viz: I, A.B., do declare that I believe the Christian religion, and have
28 a firm persuasion of its truth; and that I am seized and possessed, in my own right, of the property
29 required by the constitution, as one qualification for the office or place to which I am elected."

30 **6.6 New Hampshire Constitution, 1784**

31 "no person shall be capable of being elected a senator (representative or president), who is not of the
32 Protestant religion"

33 **6.7 New Jersey: Fundamental Constitutions for the Province of East New Jersey in** 34 **America, Anno Domini 1683**

35 XVI. All persons living in the Province who confess and acknowledge the one Almighty and Eternal God,
36 and holds themselves obliged in conscience to live peaceably and quietly in a civil society, shall in no
37 way be molested or prejudged for their religious perswasions and exercise in matters of faith and
38 worship; nor shall they be compelled to frequent and maintain any religious worship, place or ministry
39 whatsoever: Yet it is also hereby provided, that no man shall be admitted a member of the great or
40 common Council, or any other place of publick trust, who shall not profaith in Christ Jesus, and solemnly
41 declare that he doth no ways hold himself obliged in conscience to endeavour alteration in the

1 government, or seeks the turning out of any in it or their ruin or prejudice, either in person or eState,
2 because they are in his opinion hereticks, or differ in their judgment from him: Nor by this article is it
3 intended, that any under the notion of this liberty shall allow themselves to avow atheism, irreligiousness,
4 or to practice cursing, swearing, drunkenness, prophaness, whoring, adultery, murdering or any kind of
5 violence, or indulging themselves in stage plays, masks, revells or such like abuses; for restraining such
6 and preserving of the people in deligence and in good order, the great Council is to make more particular
7 laws, which are punctually to be put in execution.

8 [[Address of the People called Quakers](#), American Archives Series 4, Volume 3, Page 1777; Given Before the Pennsylvania
9 Assembly, 10/26/1776;
10 SOURCE: <http://lincoln.lib.niu.edu/cgi-bin/amarch/getdoc.pl?var/lib/philologic/databases/amarch/9124>]

11 **6.8 New Jersey Constitution, 1776**

12 "That there shall be no establishment of any one religious sect in this Province, in preference to another;
13 and that no Protestant inhabitant of this Colony shall be denied the enjoyment of any civil right, merely
14 on account of his religious principles; but that all persons, professing a belief in the faith of any
15 Protestant sect, who shall demean themselves peaceably under the government, as hereby established,
16 shall be capable of being elected into any office of profit or trust, or being a member of either branch of
17 the Legislature, and shall fully and freely enjoy every privilege and immunity, enjoyed by others their
18 fellow subjects."

19 **6.9 New York Constitution, 1777**

20 "When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands
21 which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth the separate and
22 equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the
23 opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation...

24 "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their
25 Creator with certain unalienable rights..."

26 **6.10 North Carolina Constitution, 1776**

27 XXXII.(5) That no person, who shall deny the being of God or the truth of the Protestant religion, or the
28 divine authority either of the Old or New Testaments, or who shall hold religious principles incompatible
29 with the freedom and safety of the State, shall be capable of holding any office or place of trust or profit
30 in the civil department within this State

31 **6.11 Pennsylvania Constitution, 1776**

32 We, the representatives of the freemen of Pennsylvania, in general convention met, for the express
33 purpose of framing such a government, confessing the goodness of the great Governor of the universe
34 (who alone knows to what degree of earthly happiness mankind may attain, by perfecting the arts of
35 government) in permitting the people of this State, by common consent, and without violence, deliberately
36 to form for themselves such just rules as they shall think best, for governing their future society, and
37 being fully convinced, that it is our indispensable duty to establish such original principles of
38 government, as will best promote the general happiness of the people of this State, and their posterity,
39 and provide for future improvements, without partiality for, or prejudice against any particular class,
40 sect, or denomination of men whatever, do, by virtue of the authority vested in use by our constituents,

41 SECT. 45. Laws for the encouragement of virtue, and prevention of vice and immorality, shall be made
42 and constantly kept in force, and provision shall be made for their due execution: And all religious
43 societies or bodies of men heretofore united or incorporated for the advancement of religion or learning,

1 or for other pious and charitable purposes, shall be encouraged and protected in the enjoyment of the
2 privileges, immunities and the states which they were accustomed to enjoy, or could of right have
3 enjoyed, under the laws and former constitution of this State.

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5 "And each member, before he takes his seat (in elected office DEW), shall make and subscribe the
6 following declaration, viz: I do believe in one God, the creator and governor of the universe, the rewarder
7 of the good and the punisher of the wicked. And I do acknowledge the Scriptures of the Old and New
8 Testament to be given by Divine inspiration. And no further or other religious test shall ever hereafter be
9 required of any civil officer or magistrate in this State."

10 **6.12 Vermont Constitution, July 8, 1777**

11 Article 3rd. Freedom in religion; right and duty of religious worship (notes)

12 That all persons have a natural and unalienable right, to worship Almighty God, according to the
13 dictates of their own consciences and understandings, as in their opinion shall be regulated by the word
14 of God; and that no person ought to, or of right can be compelled to attend any religious worship, or
15 erect or support any place of worship, or maintain any minister, contrary to the dictates of conscience,
16 nor can any person be justly deprived or abridged of any civil right as a citizen, on account of religious
17 sentiments, or peculiar mode of religious worship; and that no authority can, or ought to be vested in, or
18 assumed by, any power whatever, that shall in any case interfere with, or in any manner control the
19 rights of conscience, in the free exercise of religious worship. Nevertheless, every sect or denomination of
20 Christians ought to observe the sabbath or Lord's day, and keep up some sort of religious worship, which
21 to them shall seem most agreeable to the revealed will of God.

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23 House of Representatives: And each member, before he takes his seat, shall make and subscribe the
24 following declaration, viz.

25 " I ____ do believe in one God, the Creator and Governor of the Diverse, the rewarder of the good and
26 punisher of the wicked. And I do acknowledge the scriptures of the old and new testament to be given by
27 divine inspiration, and own and profess the protestant religion."

28 **6.13 Connecticut: Fundamental Orders of 1639 and Connecticut Charter of 1662**

29 (Connecticut chose to retain its colonial government - excepting any allegiance to the British crown - after declaring
30 independence. A state constitution was not drafted until 1818).

31 "For as much as it hath pleased Almighty God by the wise disposition of his divine providence so to order
32 and dispose of things that we the Inhabitants and Residents of Windsor, Hartford and Wethersfield are
33 now cohabiting and dwelling in and upon the River of Connectecotte and the lands thereunto adjoining;
34 and well knowing where a people are gathered together the word of God requires that to maintain the
35 peace and union of such a people there should be an orderly and decent Government established
36 according to God, to order and dispose of the affairs of the people at all seasons as occasion shall
37 require; do therefore associate and conjoin ourselves to be as one Public State or Commonwealth; and
38 do for ourselves and our successors and such as shall be adjoined to us at any time hereafter, enter into
39 Combination and Confederation together, to maintain and preserve the liberty and purity of the Gospel of
40 our Lord Jesus which we now profess, as also, the discipline of the Churches, which according to the
41 truth of the said Gospel is now practiced amongst us; as also in our civil affairs to be guided and
42 governed according to such Laws, Rules, Orders and Decrees as shall be made, ordered, and decreed as
43 followeth..."

6.14 Rhode Island Charter of 1663

(Rhode Island chose to retain its colonial government - excepting any allegiance to the British crown - after declaring independence. A state constitution was not drafted until 1843).

"ffree inhabitants of our island, called Rhode-Island, and the rest of the colonie of Providence Plantations, in the Narragansett Bay, in New-England, in America, that they, pursueing, with peaceable and loyall minces, their sober, serious and religious intentions, of goalie edifieing themselves, and one another, in the holie Christian ffaith and worshipp as they were perswaded; together with the gaineing over and conversione of the poore ignorant Indian natives, in those partes of America, to the sincere professione and obedienc of the same ffaith and worship..."

6.15 South Carolina 1778 Constitution

*"No person shall be eligible to a seat in the said senate unless he be of the Protestant religion." - and -
"The Christian Protestant religion shall be deemed, and is hereby constituted and declared to be, the established religion of this State."*

6.16 Tennessee 1796 Constitution

"No person who denies the being of God or a future state of rewards and punishments, shall hold any office in the civil department of this state."

6.17 Vermont 1777 Constitution

"And each member, before he takes his seat, shall make and subscribe the following declaration, viz. " I ____ do believe in one God, the Creator and Governor of the Diverse, the rewarder of the good and punisher of the wicked. And I do acknowledge the scriptures of the old and new testament to be given by divine inspiration, and own and profess the protestant religion." And no further or other religious test shall ever, hereafter, be required of any civil officer or magistrate in this State."

6.18 Virginia 1775 Declaration of Rights

"That religion, or the duty which we owe to our Creator and the manner of discharging it, can be directed by reason and conviction, not by force or violence; and therefore, all men are equally entitled to the free exercise of religion, according to the dictates of conscience; and that it is the mutual duty of all to practice Christian forbearance, love, and charity towards each other. "

Although Tennessee and Vermont were not among the original thirteen states, I've thrown in excerpts from their original state constitutions for good measure.

7 How secular governments that violate these principles violate the First Amendment and Become Pagan Deities

For a detailed study of what happens when secular government violate the biblical principles of government documented herein, see:

1. *Government Establishment Of Religion*, Form #05.038
<https://sedm.org/Forms/05-MemLaw/GovEstabReligion.pdf>
2. *Socialism: The New American Civil Religion*, Form #05.016
<https://sedm.org/Forms/05-MemLaw/SocialismCivilReligion.pdf>

8 Resources for further study and rebuttal

The following resources on our website furnish additional information on the subject of this pamphlet:

1. *Famous Quotes About Rights and Liberty*, Form #08.001
<https://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm>
2. *Sovereignty and Freedom Points and Authorities*, Litigation Tool #10.018
<https://sedm.org/Litigation/LitIndex.htm>
3. *Christian Heritage Topic Page*, Family Guardian Website
<http://famguardian.org/Subjects/ChristianHeritage/ChristianHeritage.htm>
4. *Spirituality Topic Page*, Family Guardian Website
<http://famguardian.org/Subjects/Spirituality/spirituality.htm>
5. *Wallbuilders*, David Barton (OFFSITE LINK) -Christian ministry documenting the Christian roots of our country
<http://wallbuilders.com>
6. *Rebutted Arguments About the Common Law*, Form #08.025 -rebutted common arguments against litigating in court using God's law, or its derivatives
<https://sedm.org/Forms/08-PolicyDocs/RebuttedFalseArgumentsAboutCommonLaw.pdf>
7. *God and Our State Constitutions*
<http://famguardian.org/Subjects/ChristianHeritage/Articles/GodAndOurStateConst.htm>
8. *What Pastors and Clergy Need to Know About Government and Taxation*, Form #12.006
<http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm>
9. *Bible Law Course*, Form #12.015
<http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm>
10. *Laws of the Bible*, Form #13.001
<http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm>
11. *Christian Citizenship Training Course, Volume 1*, Form #12.007
<http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm>
12. *Christian Citizenship Training Course, Volume 2*, Form #12.008
<http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm>
13. *Christian Citizenship Course, Slides and Handouts*, Form #12.009
<http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm>
14. *Family Constitution, Chapter 7: Relationship to Governments and the World*, Form #13.003
<http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm>
15. *Testament of Sovereignty*, Form #11.109 (OFFSITE LINK)-describes the proper relationship between secular government and Christians, just like this document
<https://sedm.org/Forms/13-SelfFamilyChurchGovnce/Testament%20Of%20Sovereignty.pdf>