

What Does God Require of Leaders?

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Moderator: All right, returning to us from September 3rd Minister Fred Coulter. He's dedicated 60 years to preserving Biblical Truth for future generations. As secular and satanic forces challenge Godly principles in religion, government, and society, Minister Fred has worked tirelessly. He's an author and a publisher.

He's a translator of the *Faithful Version Bible*, has produced 15 books, numerous articles, and thousands of sermons and videos, all aimed at safeguarding the true doctrines of Jesus Christ and protecting the integrity of the Scriptures, and he's with us now. Welcome back, Minister Fred Coulter.

FRED: Thanks, John, happy to be back with you. And I'm going to cover tonight, what does God require of religious leaders, that is, the Christian leaders, and politicians.

Now, it's very interesting because the Bible is for everybody, young and old, in between, politicians, and also those who are serving in the ministry.

2-Timothy 4:1—*Paul writes:* "I charge you, therefore, in the sight of God, even the Lord Jesus Christ, Who is ready to judge *the* living and *the* dead at His appearing and His Kingdom: **Preach the Word!**...." (vs 1-2).

Now that's a command direct from God that we are to preach the Word of God. How does that affect people's lives? *Well, it affects everything that they do:* their morals, their thoughts, and everything like that. That's why we are told back in Jer. 23, that **'he who has the Word of God, let him speak it faithfully.'** Now in addition to that, here in:

2-Tim. 2:15—here is what God requires of ministers:

- so that they can give good counsel
- so that they can help them choose what they need to do

even in the political realm, because there are a lot of things out there that are just upside down, backward and plain evil and wretched ***because of political things that that have occurred.***

So it says here to everyone who is in the ministry: 2-Timothy 2:15: **"Diligently study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of the Truth; but avoid profane and vain**

babblings because they will *only* give rise to more ungodliness" (vs 15-16).

That's exactly why we have so much ungodliness today, is because the ministers have failed in addition to all of the politicians. It's an amazing thing, indeed, when you come to understand it.

Let's look at something else: How are we to serve the people of God? Now, this comes to political and this comes to religions as well, because Jesus had a little confrontation with James and John who wanted to know who was going to be the greatest among the apostles. They even had their mother there to help them see if they could secure to sit at the right hand and left hand of Jesus in His Kingdom.

So, after hearing this, Jesus called all the disciples to Him and He said:

Matthew 20:25: "...*'You know that the rulers of the nations... [that's political] ...exercise lordship over them...'*"

That means ruling from the top down with an iron fist! And back then they did it more than they do today.

"...and the great ones... [the religious leaders] ...exercise authority over them" (v 25).

That is, they rule their lives, and ***IF they don't teach them God's way, THEN they become dictators***, and you end up with a thing like Jimmy Jones and Guyana, where all those people committed suicide *because they put their, loyalty in a man, rather than faith in God!*

So, what Jesus told the disciples was; v 26: **"However, it shall not be this way among you;** but whoever would become great among you, let him be your servant, and whoever would be first among you, let him be your slave" (vs 26-27)

Now, if we had that kind of attitude, and ***IF*** we had that kind of thing, in the world today, ***THEN*** we would have a different political situation.

- What does God expect from political leaders, like the king?
- What are they to have?

I want everyone to think about two things with this election that is coming up. And you go to truthofgod.org and you read my August, September

letter; I have something in there about Donald Trump.

But there's one thing about Donald Trump that none of the other leaders have. They have not suffered like he has suffered, and he knows **that he is there only by the grace of God!** That's an important thing to understand.

Deut. 17—let's see what God expects of the rulers or the king. What is he to do? Be the royal high handed over all the people? **NO!**

Deuteronomy 17:14: "When you come to the land, which the LORD your God gives you... [that's where we are today, we're in the land that God gave us] ...and shall possess it..." *And we say:*

- we trust in God
- we believe in the Bible
- we want the Word of God

here it is!

"...and shall possess it and shall live in it and shall say, 'I will set a king over me, like all the nations that *are* around me.' You shall surely set a king over you **whom the LORD your God shall choose....**" (vs 14-15).

Now God reaches down and makes the decision Himself, based upon the morality of the people and the politicians.

Verse 18: "And it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself a copy of this Law..." *God's Law is for everyone:*

- for their good
- for their happiness
- for their blessing
- for God's blessing to them

So that they can live good and productive and meaningful lives!

"...he shall write for himself a copy of this Law in a book from that which is in the custody of the priests the Levites. And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, so that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this Law and these statutes, to do them so that... [here's the point]: ...**his heart may not be lifted up above his brethren, and that he does not turn aside from the commandment,** to the right or the left, to the end that he may prolong *his* days in his kingdom, he and his children, in the midst of Israel" (vs 18-20).

Now, that's pretty good! When you have those—and there are a number of them in the House of Representatives—who believe enough in God that they want to serve the people, that they want to do what is right for them.

So, when you go out to vote, you need to figure out who is doing the will of God, at least in serving the people. Now, this is a political issue, **and it's NOT a salvational issue!** I say to all of the evangelicals out there who refuse to vote, because the man is not Jesus Christ Himself, then we're bringing upon the nation what you don't want to happen.

IF you don't vote for the one who's going to be honest and good, who's been tried by God, who's gone through hell to try and serve this nation, and you won't vote for him, ***THEN*** you're voting for Sodom and Gomorrah and satanism to take over this nation. I say to all you evangelicals out there, get out and vote!

Now then, let's come to the book of Proverbs and let's see some practical things concerning what it is with leaders and people, **and what happens when:**

- you have a leader who is evil
- you have a leader who only lies to you

Proverbs 28:12. "When the righteous triumph..."

Triumph to lead, ***don't expect him to be as righteous as Jesus Christ,*** because that's not possible. Expect them to be righteous:

- to uphold law and order
- to uphold the family
- to uphold honesty
- to serve the people
- to humble themselves
- to not enrich themselves

Those are the ones you are to vote for!

- do not vote for those who will bring in evil
- do not vote for those who will lead us into Sodom and Gomorrah and satanism

Verse 12: "When the righteous triumph, *there is* great glory; but when the wicked arise, men hide themselves."

So we've got a lot of wicked out there, and we have a lot of people who don't want to get up and go out and vote. As Donald Trump has said, and others have said, ***IF*** we don't get the right people in office, ***this nation is over!*** That is true from the Word of God. That will happen.

- ***IF*** the people seek what is good
- ***IF*** they seek law and order
- ***IF*** they seek to do away with all of this 'woke' and Sodom and Gomorrah stuff, and seek to help the people

THEN God may give us a little respite of time of peace so that we can accomplish what we need to also Biblically, that will give more time to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom of God to the world.

Prov. 29 is really very interesting, let's see how practical this is on an everyday basis.

Proverbs 29:2: "When the righteous are in authority..."

- those who have law and order
- those who agree with the Constitution of the United States
- those who follow the dictates of the main things that come out of the Bible

that's what the Founders expected

The Founders said that *this nation can't survive unless the people are religious*, i.e., that is, they follow the Bible.

Verse 2: "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked rule, the people mourn."

Doesn't that describe the nation today? Everybody's mourning because the wicked are ruling and you can't turn it back.

There are a number of verses right here that are just really tremendously interesting on the basis of what leaders should do in serving the people.

Verse 4: "The king establishes the land by justice, The king establishes the land by justice... [not lawfare to get rid of your political enemies] ...but he who takes bribes tears it down." ***Hello, Joe Biden!***

Moderator: Oh, yes!

FRED: There we go. Bribes! You can put in there Tim Walz. You can put in others who've taken money from China. Now then, let's look at another one. Let's come down here to:

Verse 7: "The righteous considers the plea of the poor..."

That means that you have to understand what the poor need, and to help them.

- not take advantage of them
- not put them down
- not go around like Obama is doing now to try and shame all the black men into voting for Kamala Harris

People need to focus in on what is right! And understand, but the second part of this verse says:

"...the wicked cares not to know it" (v 7).

Doesn't that sound just like what happened with the hurricane relief down there in North Carolina?

- didn't care to know
- didn't raise a finger

So, you need to figure out who you're going vote for. You're going to vote for those who are going to do what is good, consider the poor, do what is right for the nation, help everyone, **OR** those who come in to serve themselves and have all their, their terrible immorality spewed out upon the whole nation.

Verse 12—this labels the administration that we have today and all of the politicians that refuse to do what is right, the Justice Department of the United States, the opening of the border of everything that has been done to let the illegal aliens in:

Verse 12: **"If a ruler hearkens to lies, all of his servants are wicked."**

Make sense, John?

Moderator: Perfect sense!

FRED: Yeah, right there in the Bible. But people say, 'the Old Testament is done away with, it's just for the Jews.'

Nonsense! The Word of God is for every man, woman and child, regardless of your age, ***because it comes from your Creator to you:***

- so that you know how to live
- so you know what is right
- so you know what is wrong
- so you know what is good
- so you know what is evil

according to the Word of God so that you can receive His blessing!

Verse 14: "A king who faithfully judges the poor, his throne shall be established forever."

That is also a prophecy of Christ and the coming Kingdom, without a doubt.

Verse 16: When the wicked multiplied... [that's what we have in society today] ...transgression increases, but the righteous shall see their fall."

The only way you are going to change that is **IF** you get out and vote for those who are going to hold up what is right and true and for law and order, because that's what voting is all about.

There's one more verse here, which is a great verse and, and I'll add something to that so we can finish out the time.

Verse 18: **"Where *there is no vision, the people perish; but happy is he who keeps the Law.*"**

So, that tells us that you need to vote for those who believe in law and order, who believe in helping their neighbor, like as happened down there in Florida and North Carolina. For those who are going to do what is right and serve the people and not serve themselves.

Now let's see the choices that are set before us all the time, everyone, everywhere. We'll finish with this:

Deut. 30:15—and this is for everyone in his or her life, regardless of:

- where you are
- who you are
- what you have done
- what you haven't done

Deuteronomy 30:15: **"Behold, I [God] have set before you this day life and good, death and evil... [that's on every hand] ...in that I command you this day to love the Lord your God..."** *That's where it starts!*

- you have to believe God
- you have to obey God
- you have to love God

that will help, that'll be a blessing:

- to the society
- to those in need
- to the whole nation

because God will not be warring against us because of our sins!

Verse 16: "In that I [God] command you this day to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, and to **keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments so that you may live and multiply. And the LORD your God shall bless you in the land where you go to possess it.**"

Well, we're in the land. We're about to be dispossessed, ***because we haven't believed in God!*** Now then, he says this, He gives a warning, because He lays it out to everyone, everywhere.

Verse 17: "But **IF** your heart turn away so that you will not hear, but shall be drawn away and worship other gods and serve them.... [or just cast God out altogether] ...**I denounce to you this day that you shall surely perish...**" (vs 17-18). *That goes for:*

- individuals
- families
- communities
- states
- the whole country
- the whole world

"...you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong *your* days on the land where you pass over Jordan to go to possess it" (v 18).

Notice this. Here is the final warning from God:

Verse 19: **"I call heaven and earth to record this day against you *that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing. Therefore, choose life, so that both you and your seed may live.*"**

God doesn't want all of this crime and stupidity and all of the satanism going on. But we can choose to change as much as we can politically with this election that's coming up.

He says that **IF** you choose what is right,

"...Therefore, choose life, so that both you and your seed may live, that you may love the LORD your God, **and may obey His voice, and may cleave to Him; for He is your life**" (vs 19-20).

Moderator: That's beautiful. Minister Fred Coulter, thank you so much for your time. And don't forget, ladies and gentlemen,

- churchathome.org
- afaithfulversion.org

You're going to love both of these, you really, really are!

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