

God is in Control

Romans 13:1-7

I. All Government receives its power from God (v 1-2)
Power = delegated authority

A. Appointed (Allowed) By God

B. The Old Testament Model

1. Appointed by God – Noah, the Judges

2. Man Rebelled Against God's Authority

a. Nimrod – Babel (Gen. 10:8-12, Gen. 11:1-9)

b. Give us a King (I Sam. 8)

1) Allowed Saul

2) Chose David

3) Left Saul for a season

C. God is Sovereign No Matter Who Rules

D. Paul – Nero - Death

II. The Duty of Government is Fairly Simple

A. Protect (Security)

1. Maintain Law and Order (v 3a)

2. Law Abiding Citizens Need Not Fear (v 3b)

3. Has the Authority to Enforce Law (v 4)

4. Lawlessness – Anomia – Contempt for the Law
Jesus (Matt. 24:12)

B. Provide

1. Peace – Armed Forces
2. Security – Law Enforcement

III. The Citizen's Duty

A. Financial Support – Taxes (v 7)

B. Respect Authority

C. Honor

D. In America

1. God Allows Us to Vote

“We get the kind of government we deserve”

2. Pray for those in Authority (I Tim. 2:1-6, I Sam. 3:1, Judg. 12:6)

PRAY DAILY

VOTE YOUR BIBLE