

God's Role in Human Government?

Romans 13:1-7

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Introduction

- Disgust over upcoming election
- Separation of Church and State?
- Impossible to separate God from the political arena

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A. God is the source of all political power—13:1

1. God is absolutely sovereign over man—Jeremiah 27:5
2. God delegates power to men—John 19:10-11
3. *"Power corrupts; Absolute power corrupts absolutely!"*

B. God establishes various human governments—13:1

1. God established human government
2. God fills the positions with men and women of His choosing. Daniel 2:20-21; 5:20-21
3. God's choice for us?

C. God ordains the functions of government—13:2-4

1. The form of government not ordained.
2. The functions of government ARE ordained by God.
 - a. To promote what is morally good, upright, beneficial
 - 1) Laws do legislate morality.
 - 2) Government sets limits on morality
 - b. To protect through punishment of evildoers--13:3-4

D. God holds us accountable for our citizenship—13:1-7

1. General: *"bring judgment on ourselves"* – 13:2
2. Specific: Three Responsibilities
 - a. **Submit**
 - 1) Applies to every believer—1 Peter 2:13-17
 - 2) Three good reasons?
 - a) Commanded by God—13:1-3
 - b) Consequences for disobeying—13:3-4
 - c) Conscience—13:5
 - b. **Serve**—13:4, 6
 - 1) Government leaders called "ministers of God"
 - 2) Possible for a Christian to be in politics?
 - c. **Support**—13:6-7
 - 1) "Paying"
 - 2) "Praying"—1 Timothy 2:1-4
 - 3) "Saying"