

Episode One

The Basis and Basics

The devil has attempted and at times succeeded in using government to attack those who believe the true God. By examining the first government, which appeared after the flood, we can see much of the evil which the devil would do by using government. Throughout time those who have believed the true God have always worked to prevent such delivish attacks on Gods people. Their believing is manifested in the elements of our constitution as ratified. First, let us list, in brief, the three basic goals of the devil in using government. They are:

1. Get the people to believe that themselves or something else, other than God by Christ, is their source of life and good.
2. Get the government to be as close to a totalitarian dictatorship as is possible. This can appear in almost any form of government known to man. The chief ingredients of such a totalitarian dictatorship are:
 - A. a government that is able to make decisions about every area of the lives of the people.
 - B. a government that is able to, by enticement and or force, ensure that the people do what they are told to do.
3. The last goal of the devil concerning government is to make people completely dependant on government, or some other man made thing, anything but the true God by Christ. This could be church, business, military force, science, etc, or some combination. The devil seeks to eliminate all human independence from his power. He uses anything he can to destroy anyone who is depending totally on God by way of Christ.

God has set in 1st Timothy, chapter two, verses one and two, that we are to make supplication, prayer, intercession and giving of thanks for all those who affect our lives, for those who control the basis and balance of power in our society, and for those, who because of their positions in our society, must make decisions that affect everyone in the society¹. One of the purposes of this supplication, prayer, intercession and giving of thanks is to prevent evil men and women from using government to attack those who believe in the one true God². There are many examples of this type of attack throughout history and the Word of God. One such example is in Acts chapter eighteen.

Acts 18:12 And when Gallio was the deputy of Achaia, the Jews [Judaen religeous leaders] made insurrection with one accord against Paul, and brought him to the judgment seat, 13 Saying, This *fellow* persuadeth men to worship God contrary to the law. 14 And when Paul was now about to open *his* mouth, Gallio said unto the Jews, If it were a matter of wrong or wicked lewdness, O *ye* Jews, reason would that I should bear with you: 15 But if it be a question of words and names, and *of* your law, look ye *to it*; for I will be no judge of such *matters*. 16 And he drave them from the judgment seat.

These Judaen religeous leaders wanted to stop the Apostle Paul from teaching in the name of Jesus Christ. They attempted to get the the proconsul of Greese, which was the government of the day and place, to use his political powers to condemn Paul. In this case we see just what the exhortation of 1st Timothy, Chapter two, verses one and two is calling for. We want the government to do it's job, but refuse to be used for evil. As the proconsul said "I will be no judge of such matters". We are not looking for political advantage but a government that does what it is designed to do, and not be used by evil men and women to attack it's own people. It does not matter if you believe in the one true God

1 1st Timothy 2:1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks, be made for all men; 2 For kings, and *for* all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. 3 For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; 4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. 5 For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

2 Kerusso4God.org, Our Responsibility, Our Responsibility video classes, Responsibility concerning government

or you do not, keeping our own government from attacking us is good for all of us. In most all examples, both in the Word of God and history, we will find it is not government that is the problem, but it is evil men and women trying to use government to attack the believers or someone in the society.

The last half of First Timothy Chapter two, verse two, give us the purpose of the supplication, prayer, intercession and giving of thanks,

1st Timothy 2:2b"that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty".

We are believing that those in authority in our culture do their jobs yet are not used to:

1. Entangle the believers in the confusion, hubbub, and chaos of the worldly society around us.

Distracting us from living and sharing God's love and power.

2. Make the believers afraid and forced to move from where we stand either physically or mentally

3. Hinder our believing God to have all our physical needs in this life met.

4. Hinder our being able to openly recognize God by Christ as the source of all life and Good

5. Hinder our sharing openly with others the importance it is to any nation that we recognize God by Christ as the source of all life and Good

These then are five areas where we are called to keep those in authority in our society from being used by evil men and women to attack those who believe God. Attacks which would interfere with our living and speaking for God. Their purpose is to break apart the believers fellowship and try to achieve the devil's three goals in using government. Our purpose is that all men may be saved and come to an accurate working knowledge of God's Word, glorifying God. Over the centuries it is from men and women believing this calling to supplication, prayer, intercession and giving of thanks that we have seen much good come to pass. Good which has effected governments, and then governments affects on those who believe God.

Those who founded our nation in the 16th to the 18th centuries did not all agree on what they wanted or believed. But so many of the founders of our nation did believe God and their calling to keep their government from being used to attack them. They put into our constitution a combination of elements that do just that. Our constitutional elements allows us to make the need laws to live together while also helping to retain to we the people, as much as possible, the right to choose. With this these also restricts our government from being used by evil men and women to attack us. Those elements are:

1. Constitutional government

2. Republic

3. Federal government

4. Declared powers

5. Restricted powers

6. Vested powers

7. Elected representation

8. no particular religious sect favored or established by law

9. uses of amendments to add, delete or change vested powers

We will look in great detail as we move forward at all of these elements of our constitutional government, also the purposes of our supplication, prayer, intercession and giving of thanks, and the goals of the devil in using government. This work is primarily focused on declaration and restriction of the vested powers we grant and delegate to our elected representatives. We will show from the original documents, made by or at the request of the congress, how declaration and restriction of the vested powers are to work in combination with the other elements, why they are so important and where we have gone away from them in our current functioning government. And lastly the problems this has allowed.

It is important to understand that all these elements of our government have never been combined, or applied in the fashion which we have apply them in our constitution. Certainly most appear in some form in other governments, but never combined as we have them in ours. Because of that, all of the

elements become unique. And before our constitution the combination of a *constitutional, federal republic, of vested, declared and restricted, elected representative powers*, has never been on the planet earth.

There are a few basic rules to life we should understand as we begin.

1. If the road to hell is paved with “good intentions” then we should know that all the vehicles race down that road fueled by “good reasons”. As a general rule, neither evil, stupid or the devil will come to you and say “why don't you do this and ruin your life, your family and community”. No, they come up with a “good reason”. Often, in government, these “good reasons” concern the very young and the very old.
2. People are people. That is, within any and every grouping of people we will find nice people and mean people, smart people and dumb people, hard working and lazy, rich and poor [always relative]. (There are actually evil women and men. These often seem to be the best of us, and we can only tell them by what they, in the long-run, actually are producingⁱⁱ. These evil women and men exist and lurk in every group of people.)
3. Prejudice and bigotry come when we assign to any group characteristics beyond what specifically make them a group. Prejudice and bigotry are political tools. The devil uses this to get people to distrust each other, fight each other and for “good reason” then to give their right to choose and power to government or some other worldly entity.
4. We do need government. We neither all believe God or all agree³. Within any grouping of people there are divisions and sub groups. And we are, to some degree, dependent on each other in the communities and societies in which we live. To get along and work together we need some government.

How then do we keep that dependence and our needed government from being used against us, making us into its slaves? We see this problem, around the world, and throughout history. In this work we will show the answer which those who ratified our constitution had to this problem. To do this we will focus our study greatly on the ratification letters and the introduction to our Bill of Rights.

³ If everyone believed God's Word rightly divided we would need no government. Even within Christianity we have hundreds of sects, groups denominations and doctrines and disciplines which do not agree. Someone is wrong.

i Neither *national* nor *federal* are words used in our constitution. The confederacy was a federal government as is any set of states bound together by a central government. The ratification letters do use the word federal twelve times. They speak of our Federal government in respect to our central government and we will in this work do the same.

ii Matthew 7:15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. 16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? 17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither *can* a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.