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And other selected Scriptures

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**“Know The Authority
of Government”**

Romans 13:2



²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

Genesis 1:26-28



27 So God created man
in His own image,
in the image of God
He created him;
male and female
He created them.

Genesis 1:26-28



²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Genesis 1:26-28



³ The God of Israel has spoken;
the Rock of Israel
has said to me:

When one rules justly over men,
ruling in the fear of God,

II Samuel 23:3-4



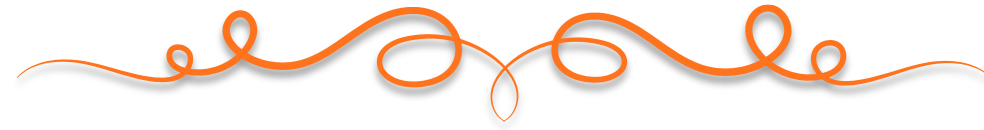
⁴ He dawns on them like the
morning light,
like the sun shining forth on a
cloudless morning,
like rain that makes grass to
sprout from the earth.

II Samuel 23:3-4



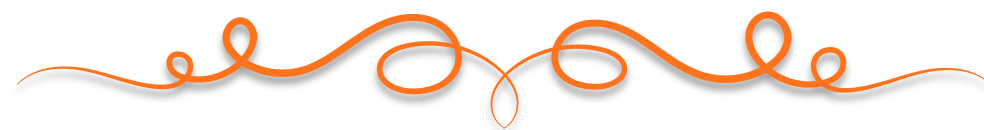
²⁰ But our citizenship
is in heaven,
and from it we await a Savior,
the Lord Jesus Christ,

Philippians 3:20



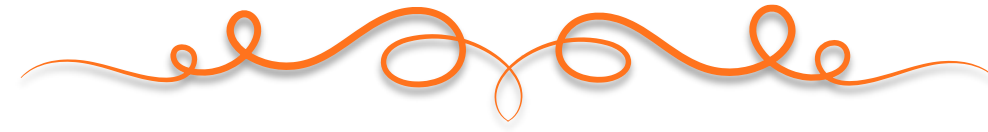
What We Should Know

1. The Kinds of Governments God Appoints
2. Responsibilities we have to the Gov't (vs. 1, 6-7)
 - a. Submit
 - b. Pay Taxes
 - c. Honor
 - d. Respect

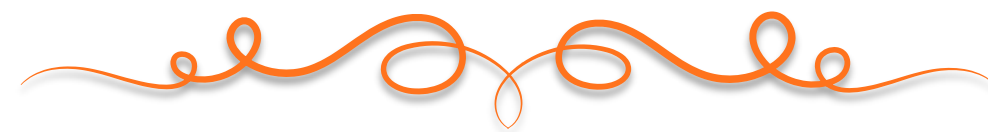


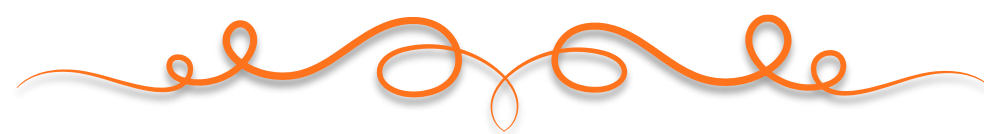
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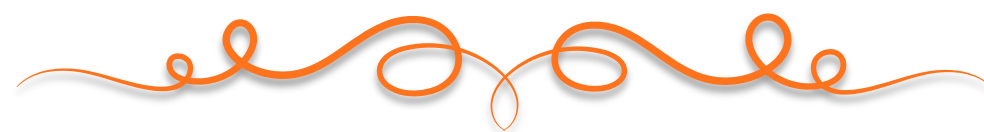
1. The Resisting of Government





When We Should Resist The Government

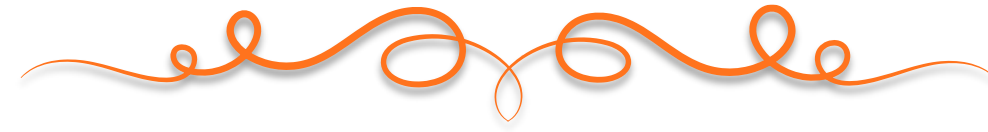
- 1. When it orders you to violate Scripture
(Acts 5:29–32)**
- 2. When it orders you to be silent in the face of evil
(Matt 14:1–2; 1 Kings 18:17–18)**



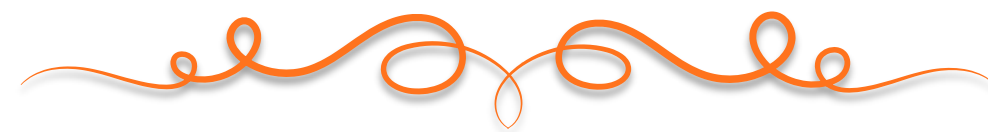


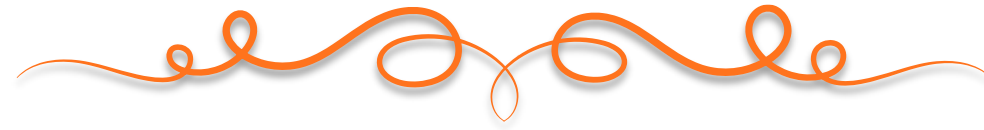
⁹ then the Lord knows how to rescue the
godly from trials, and to keep the
unrighteous under punishment
until the day of judgment,
¹⁰ and especially those who indulge in the
lust of defiling passion and
despise authority.

II Peter 2:9-10



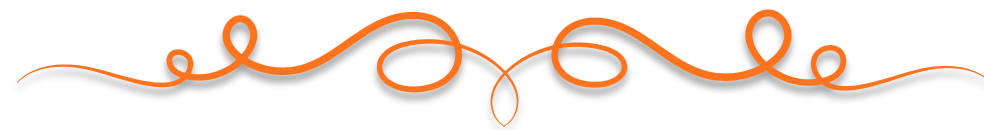
1. The Resisting of Government
2. The Consequence of Rejecting Government

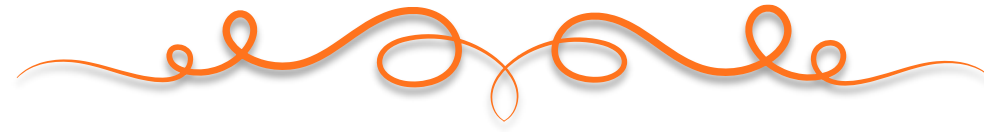




Why Do We Need Law Enforcement?

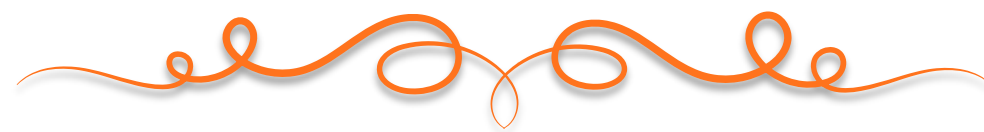
1. Judgement is Biblical (Deut 19:21; Gen 9:6)
2. Judgement Deters Crime (Deut 13:11; 17:13; 19:20)
3. Judgement Can Lead to Pardon and/or Rehabilitation (Deut 25:3)





Examples of Law Enforcement in The Bible

1. Watchmen (Ezek 33:6)
2. Armed Guards (Neh 4:13)



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²⁵ “And you, Ezra, according to the wisdom of your God that is in your hand, appoint magistrates and judges who may judge all the people in the province Beyond the River, all such as know the laws of your God. And those who do not know them, you shall teach.

Ezra 7:25-26



²⁶ Whoever will not obey the law of your God and the law of the king, let judgment be strictly executed on him, whether for death or for banishment or for confiscation of his goods or for imprisonment.”

Ezra 7:25-26