

**WHAT EVERY CHRISTIAN  
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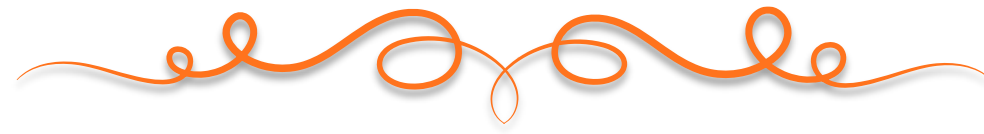
**And other selected Scriptures**

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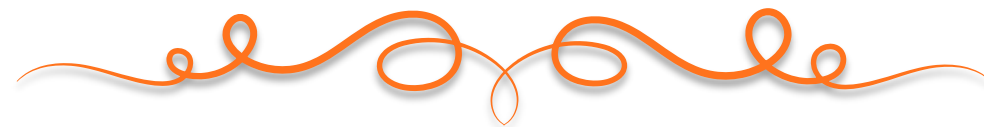
**“Know The Limitations  
of Government”**

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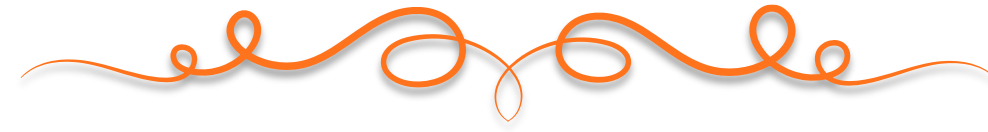
# **What We Should Know**

- 1. The Kinds of Government God Appoints**
- 2. Responsibilities We Have to Gov't (Rom 13:1, 6-7)**
  - a. Submit**
  - b. Pay Taxes**
  - c. Honor**
  - d. Respect**
- 3. Know The Authority of the Gov't (Rom 13:2)**
- 4. Know The Responsibility of the Gov't (Rom 13:3)**

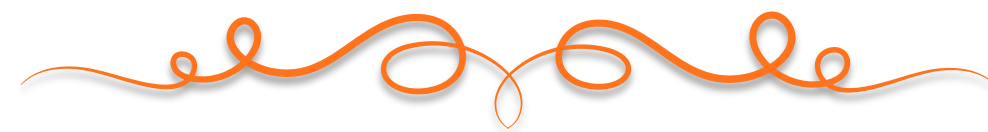


## **KEY POINT:**

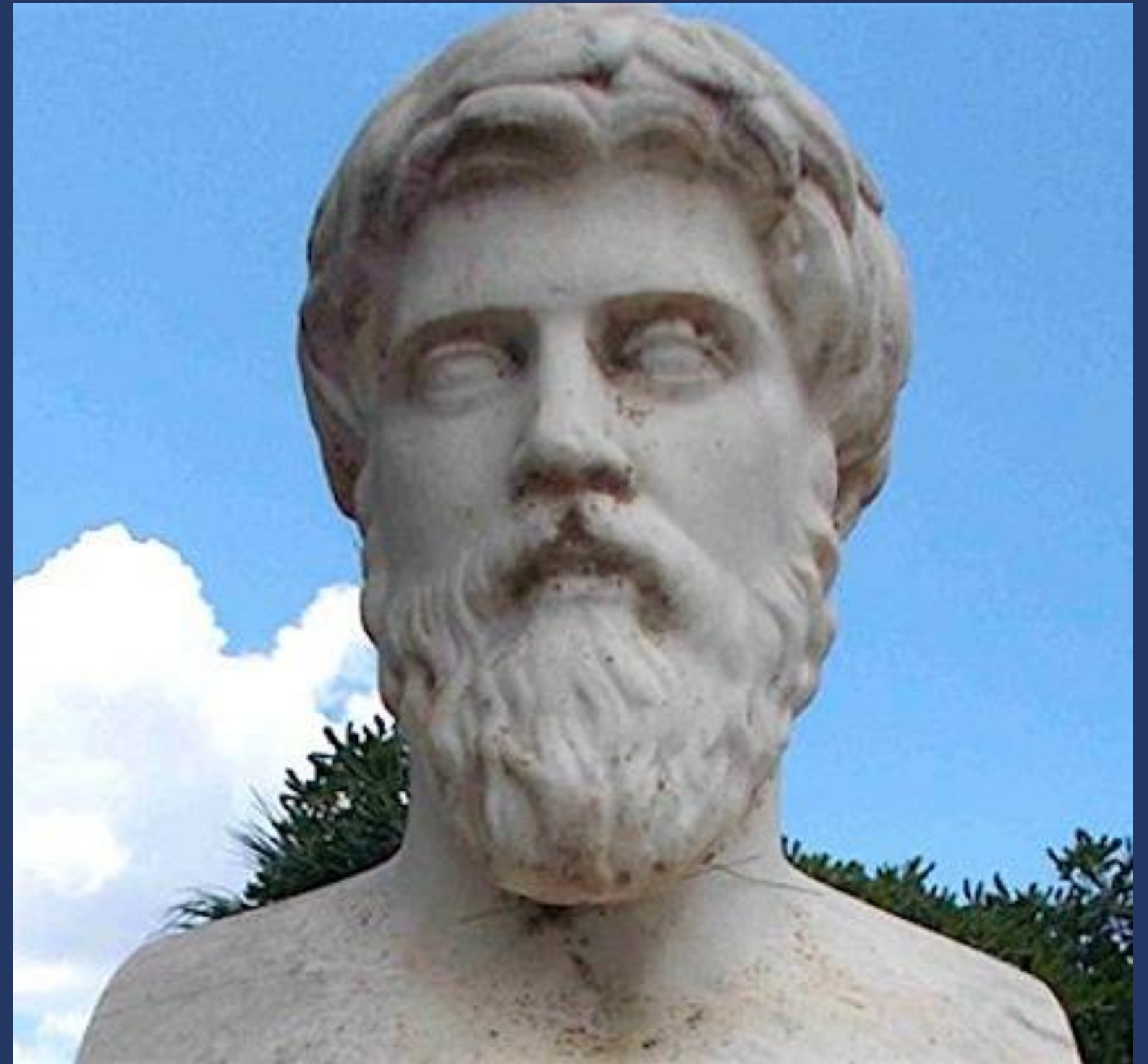
The Government must  
carry out God's Justice  
for the Benefit of  
the Citizens



# I. The Goal: To Enact Justice



“Rulers are ministers of God for the care and safety of mankind, that they may distribute or hold in safe keeping the blessings and benefits which God gives to man.”



**Plutarch** (Lucius Mestrius Plutarchus)  
AD 46 – AD 119



4 The wicked accepts a  
bribe in secret  
to pervert the ways  
of justice.

**Proverbs 17:23**





<sup>12</sup> In you they take bribes to shed blood; you take interest and profit and make gain of your neighbors by extortion; but Me you have forgotten, declares the Lord God.

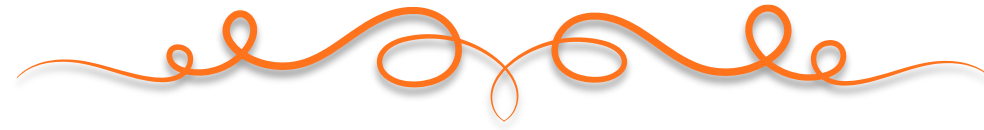
**Ezekiel 22:12**





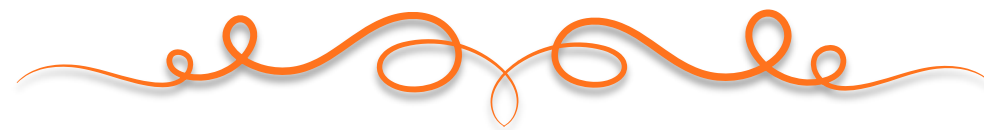
<sup>12</sup> For I know how many are your  
transgressions  
and how great are your sins—  
you who afflict the righteous,  
who take a bribe,  
and turn aside the needy in the gate.

**Amos 5:12**



# Capital Punishment in the Bible

1. Introduced after The Flood (Gen 9:6)
2. Supported by the Mosaic law –  
For disobedience to parents, murder,  
kidnapping, bestiality, adultery,  
homosexuality, false prophets, rape





<sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart,  
O God,  
and renew  
a right spirit within me.

**Psalm 51:10-12**



**11 Cast me not away from  
your presence,  
and take not  
your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Psalm 51:10-12**



<sup>12</sup> Restore to me  
the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me  
with a willing spirit.

**Psalm 51:10-12**



**52 Then Jesus said to him,  
“Put your sword back into its  
place. For all who take the  
sword will perish by the sword.**

**Matthew 26:52**



**11 If then I am a wrongdoer and have committed anything for which I deserve to die, I do not seek to escape death. But if there is nothing to their charges against me, no one can give me up to them. I appeal to Caesar.”**

**Acts 25:11**



**“What must not be lost sight of is that, unpleasant as is the task of the jailor and the use of the whip, the cell, the noose, the guillotine,**



**Robert Culver**  
**19 July 1916 – 7 Feb 2015**

...these things stand behind the stability of civilized society, and they stand there necessarily, for God has declared it so, in harmony with reality, rather than with apostate sociological opinion.



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**Government, with its coercive powers, is a social necessity, but one determined by the Creator, not by the statistical tables of some university social research staff.**



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**No society can  
successfully vote  
fines,  
imprisonment,  
corporal and  
capital punishment  
away permanently.**



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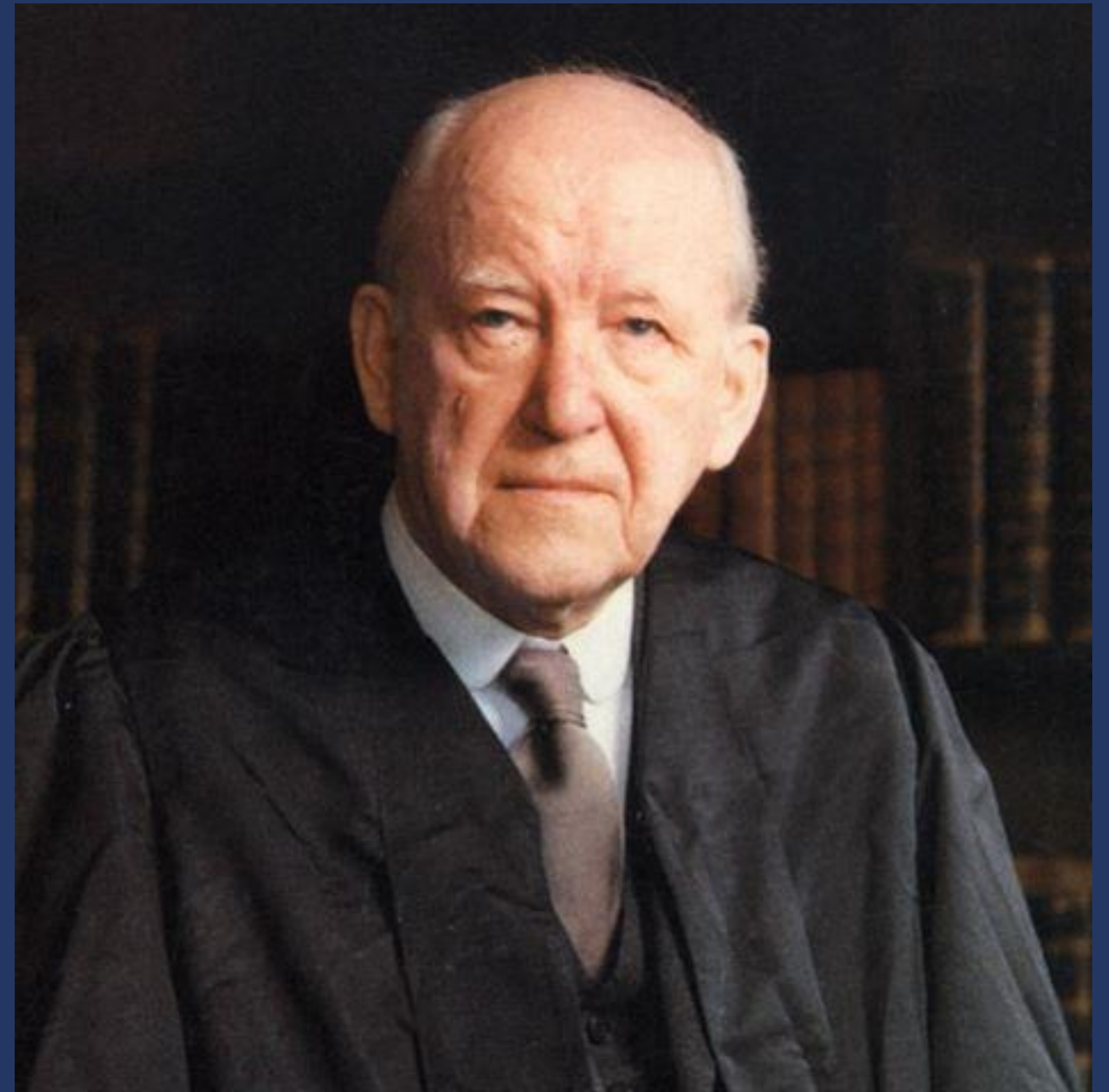


The society which tries  
has lost touch with  
realities of man (his  
fallen sinful state),  
realities of the world,  
and the truth of divine  
revelation in nature,  
man's conscience,  
and the Bible."



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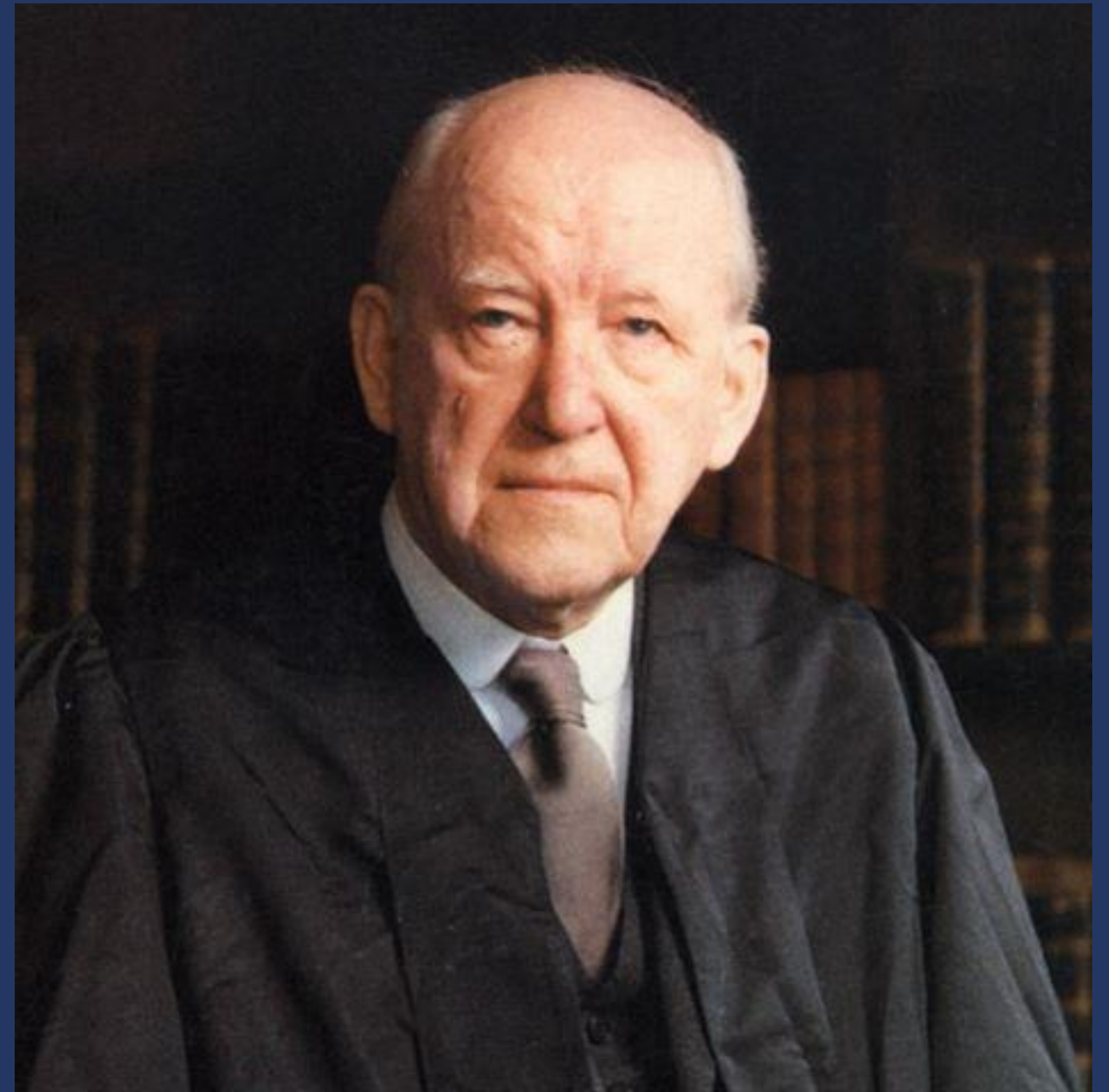
**“We are citizens.  
We have  
a biblical view of  
government and  
the state, the law  
and order, that  
teaches us that it is  
right to use them.**



**Martyn Lloyd-Jones**  
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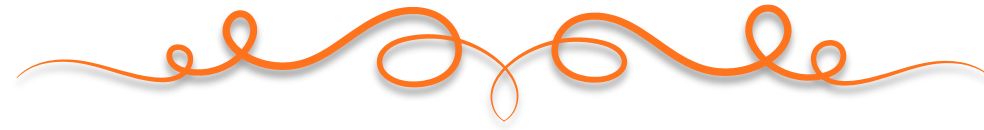


**We are not always  
to suffer grievous  
injustices. We are  
entitled to invoke  
the law and to  
insist that it be  
carried out.”**

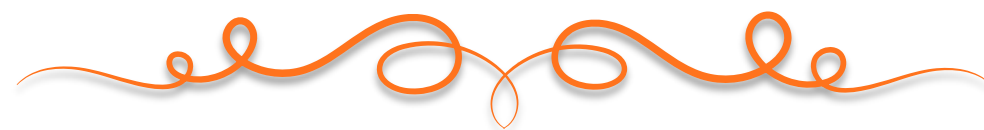


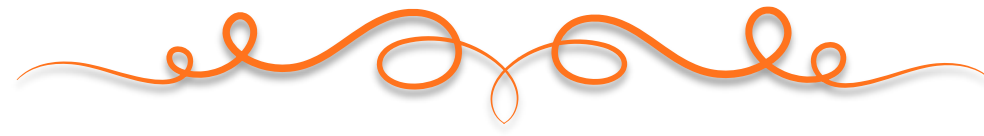
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- I. The Goal: To Enact Justice
- II. The Reason for the Goal:  
To Represent God





# Questions for Jesus' Trials

1. When were legal proceedings to take place?  
(3 illegalities)
2. Where was a court case to occur? (1 illegality)
3. What about witnesses to the crime? (1 illegality)
4. What rights did the accused have? (3 illegalities)
5. What about verdicts? (2 illegalities)

