

GODLY GOVERNMENT

Kingdom Model of Gov

Deuteronomy 1:9-18

- God – Legislative
- Leaders/Elders – Executive
- Judges – Judicial
- Character
- Representivity
- Citizens choose

Where did things go wrong? (OT)

1 Samuel 8

They broke their covenant with God

They Rejected God as King & Lawgiver

There were consequences

Deut. 17:14

“When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you & have taken possession of it & settled in it, and you say, “Let us set a king over us like all other nations around us”.”

The Purpose of Civil Government & Biblical Responsibility (NT)

- **Isaiah 9:6** "And the Government shall be upon His shoulder"
- **Rom 13:1-7** Submission to Authorities

Purpose of Gov. (NT)

- Establish civil law based on biblical principles
Matthew 4:4, 1 Tim 1:6-8
- Enforce those laws & punish evil doers (the sword)
1 Peter 2:13-14
- Commend and protect citizens
Rom 13:3
- Tax citizens
1 Sam 8:15, Matthew 22:21, Rom 13:6

Charles Spurgeon

“I would have the Cabinet and Members of Parliament do the work of the nation as before the Lord, and I would have the nation, either in making war and peace, consider the matter, by the light of righteousness. We are to deal with other nations about this or that upon the principles of the New Testament.”

Self-Government

- **1 Timothy 3:5** "If a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the Church of God?"
- **Deut. 1:13** "Choose some wise, understanding & respected men..."

Deut. 17:14-20

- 1. A king must not acquire too many riches*
- 2. A king must not take too many wives*
- 3. A king must uphold the Word of the Lord*
- 4. A king must be humble*

Impacting the Government:

The strategy

1. Influencing leaders
(Salvation)
2. Providing biblical-based argument
(Internally)
3. Engaging Government
(Externally)

Charles Spurgeon

“I long for the day when the precepts of the Christian religion shall be the rule among all classes of men, in all transactions. I often hear it said, “Do not bring religion into politics.” This is precisely where it ought to be brought, and set there in the face of all men as on a candlestick”

Charles Finney

"These things must take place in order for the revival that has begun to continue. The Church must take right ground with regard to politics. Christians must vote for honest men and take consistent ground in politics or the Lord will curse them. God cannot sustain the free and bless the country unless the Church takes right ground. Christians must do their duty to their country as part of their duty to God. God will bless or curse this nation according to the course that Christians take in the country."