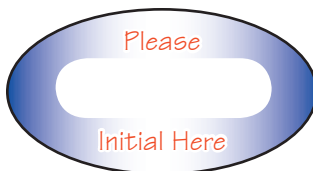


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God uses human government to protect us.

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Relationships in God's Creation

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Government (1)

Why We Need Government

I. Overview.

God has established human government to restrict evil and to make the earth a more peaceful place to live. This is necessary for His purpose to be carried out. It was necessary for God to establish human government because of the fall of man. Before the fall, man was ruled directly by God Himself and lived under the authority of God's word.



God has set up human government.

After Adam and Eve disobeyed God, sin entered into the world and all of Adam's descendents inherited a sinful nature. Adam's son Cain killed his own brother. Sin increased and filled the earth. All kinds of unrighteous, unfair and sinful things now came from man. God had the need to establish a way to restrict and punish evil doers and to reward those who acted righteously. God established human government to accomplish this purpose.

II. Memory Verse.

"Let every person be subject to the authorities over him, for there is no authority except from God..."

(Rom. 13:1)

III. Lesson.

Because man fell away from God and became exceedingly evil, God had to put in place a system that would preserve man. Otherwise man would destroy himself. God placed men under the rule and judgement of other men. This is human government – a set of rules enforced by men.



The military is part of human government.

Without human government, the earth would be in total disorder and absolute lawlessness. If there were no human government, no policemen and others to maintain order, the strong and wicked would devour the weak. The unrighteous ones would destroy the righteous ones.

Human Government

God instituted human government to protect man from total destruction. Human government restricts and punishes evil doers and rewards those who are righteous. With human government we can live in a peaceful and orderly manner. This allows God's purpose to be carried out. Without human government it would be very difficult to have the church.

There are many people involved with human government and the government plays a big part in our lives. There are rulers such as kings, presidents, governors and mayors. These are the people that ensure that the rules are followed. There are lawmakers, the people who make the laws. It is important that we pray for our lawmakers so that God's interests will be taken care of in our written laws. There are judges who make decisions based on laws. We should pray for godly judges.

Living Under Human Government

As long as we live in the proper way, under the laws of human government, we have no reason to fear. Human government only restricts those who are evil and those who break the laws. This is actually for our protection. God established human government to protect us and to ensure that His purpose to build up the church can be carried out. We need to be thankful toward God for our government. We need to be under the authority of the human government because it was established by God. Being under our government is actually part of our being under God. The Bible tells us that we should honor the authorities that God has set up over us.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. Who established human government?

2. What kinds of people are involved with human government?

3. Why was human government established?

4. Who does human government restrict and punish?

