

Living Word Fellowship Church

Sermon Series: "Politically Incorrect"

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Today's Message: "In the Beginning"

"Building the Foundation for the Series"

- A. GOD NOT IN POLITICS? This is not true especially since He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords? (1 Timothy 6:15). God is not in politics He controls all that takes place in all the governments of the world (Psalm 76:11-12; 2 Chronicles 16:9-10).
1. God, as King of Kings, has always been engaged in politics because His government was established to rule the earth forever (Psalm 110:5-6; 1 Chronicles 29:11).
 2. After Adam sinned and Cain killed Abel God determined how everything (Genesis 4:9-26) will function.
 3. After the flood, God reestablished that He is king, Lord over all the earth (Genesis 1:26-31; 9:8-19).
 4. After the Tower of Babel God established a nation through whom He will bless the earth (Genesis 11:10-12:3) by calling Abraham.
 5. How did God rule as King legislating His agenda throughout the earth through Israel?
 - a) God viewed Himself, King, over His nation Israel (1 Samuel 8:7).
 - Israel's choice to have a king was a rejection of His kingship (1 Samuel 10:19).
 - God still influenced the decisions of the Kings through prophets (1 Samuel 12-16; 1 Kings 17-19).
 - b) Again, even though God relents and lets Israel pick a king God's mindset is that His nation is still a theocracy (led by His Word, statutes, ordinances, and commandments; Isaiah 9:6-7), not a democracy. God has never led by way of democracy. A democracy is 'for the people by the people'. God is not asking for a vote.
 - c) In a theocratic structure, everything is done for His glory, His honor (Revelation 4:11), and our blessing (Psalm 112:1-3; 128; Proverbs 24:1-5).
 - d) God plans to come back and rule the earth (Revelation 13:1-10; Psalm 22:28; Psalm 21:1).
- B. Why did God decide to create the human government? God didn't, man did. The Lord is His own government (Isaiah 9:6-7). He accepted the people wanting their own government and then told them what government will do to them (Deut. 17:14-17; 28:36; 1 Sam. 8:10-22).
- C. When God directed the people to choose a king, who does God choose (Deut. 17:14-17)?
1. God chooses 'a man after his own heart (1 Sam. 13:14; 16:6-11).' He still leads.
 2. The line of David leads to Christ (2 Sam. 7:16) who is now head over the church (Eph. 1:22-23), and He has all things below His feet (Phil. 2:9-11; Col. 1:15-20) because Christ is King of Kings and Lord of Lords (1 Timothy 3:15; Revelations 17:14; 19:16; Isaiah 9:6-7).
 3. The Lord establishes His throne over all kingdoms forever through David (1 Samuel 7:1-17) – Christ (Daniel 2:44; Revelation 19:11-18)

D. God's Eternal Purpose from Mankind's Kings to His Kingdom:

1. God was establishing a nation (Genesis 12:1-5) to rule the earth. This is the same in the New Testament because the church is a nation unto to God (Ephesians 1:22-23; 1 Peter 2:9-10).
 - a) We find the same emphasis (Christ as King of Kings) with Christ when questioned by Pilate, Christ admits that He is King of the Jews (Matthew 27:11).
2. The keys to controlling Satan's activities are in the church not government (Matthew 16:13-20; Ephesians 3:10).
3. His kingdom is from heaven to earth (Matthew 6:10). This is how righteousness and justice are instituted (Ps. 89:14).
4. His government on earth for His nation is the same as the church (Exodus 18:17-27; Numbers 11:10-23; 1 Timothy 3:1-15; 1 Peter 5:1-5).
5. His government for Israel was from the temple to the people, now it is from the church to the world (Ephesians 1:22-23).
6. Everything is to glorify God (Colossians 3:17), and we are created to give Him glory (Rev. 4:11).

E. Summary:

'God and Politics' has never been a separation of church and state. It has always been how His nation operates from the temple to kingdoms or how the church impacts every aspect of society (Matthew 5:13-16). He views His church as a nation (1Peter 2:9-10) with a court system (1Cor. 6:1-6) that impacts the world (Ephesians 1:22-23). It is His people that save the earth, not the government (Matthew 5:16-18).

Even attached to the Lord's prayer God reminds us to salute Him *"Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.'" (Matthew 6:9-10).*