

Our Responsibility to Civil Government

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Recognize God's Dominion Over It

We must recognize God's dominion over civil government (Prov. 21:1; Dan. 4:13-17; 5:18-21; John 19:8-11; Rom. 13:1, 4).

Recognize That God Will Judge The Nations

We must recognize that God will judge the nations of men, both generally (Psa. 75:6-8; Hag. 2:22), and specifically: Israel (28:1-2, 15), Babylon (Jer. 25:12-26), Egypt (Ezek. 29:19-20), and Rome (Rev. 18:1-3).

Submit To It

We must submit to civil government (Rom. 13:1-7; Titus 3:1-2; 1 Pet. 2:13-15).

Honor It

We must honor civil government (Exod. 22:28; Prov. 24:21-22; Eccl. 10:20; Rom. 13:7; 1 Pet. 2:17).

Pay Taxes To It

We must pay taxes to civil government (Matt. 22:15-22; Mark 12:13-17; Luke 20:20-26; Rom. 13:6-7).

Pray For It

We must pray for civil government (Psa. 72:1-2; Ezra 6:8-10; 1 Tim. 2:1-4).

Influence It

We must influence civil government (Psa. 119:46-48; Prov. 14:34; 20:28; 25:5; Esth. 4:13-17; Matt. 5:14-16).

Give God Priority Over It

We must give God priority over civil government (Dan. 3:16-18; 6:1-11; Acts 4:18-20; 5:27-29).

Sources: Adapted from *The NASB Topical Index*. (La Habra, CA: The Lockman Foundation, 1998 (electronic ed.), s.v. "Government.")