

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

Examining
CONTEMPORARY ISSUES
in light of the Scriptures

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES ON THE CHRISTIAN AND POLITICS

Mennonites

Augustine -
City of God, City
of Man

John Calvin -
God is Creator
and Governor

Roman Catholic

Abraham
Kuyper -
Sphere
Sovereignty

Church of
England

NO INVOLVEMENT

CHURCH = GOVERNMENT

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN AND POLITICS?

1. Submit to government - Romans 13
2. Pray for government leaders - 2 Timothy 2:1-2

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-2

FIRST OF ALL, THEN, I URGE THAT ENTREATIES AND PRAYERS, PETITIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS, BE MADE ON BEHALF OF ALL MEN, FOR KINGS AND ALL WHO ARE IN AUTHORITY, SO THAT WE MAY LEAD A TRANQUIL AND QUIET LIFE IN ALL GODLINESS AND DIGNITY.

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MATTHEW 5:43-45

“YOU HAVE HEARD THAT IT WAS SAID, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AND HATE YOUR ENEMY.’ ‘BUT I SAY TO YOU, LOVE YOUR ENEMIES AND PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PERSECUTE YOU, SO THAT YOU MAY BE SONS OF YOUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN; FOR HE CAUSES HIS SUN TO RISE ON THE EVIL AND THE GOOD, AND SENDS RAIN ON THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE UNRIGHTEOUS.

MICAH 6:8

**HE HAS TOLD YOU, O MAN, WHAT IS GOOD;
AND WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU
BUT TO DO JUSTICE, TO LOVE KINDNESS,
AND TO WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD?**

**DEUT. 10:18 – HE EXECUTES JUSTICE FOR THE ORPHAN AND THE WIDOW,
AND SHOWS HIS LOVE FOR THE ALIEN BY GIVING HIM FOOD AND CLOTHING.**

**IS. 1:17 LEARN TO DO GOOD; SEEK JUSTICE,
REPROVE THE RUTHLESS, DEFEND THE ORPHAN,
PLEAD FOR THE WIDOW.**

**IS. 16:5 A THRONE WILL EVEN BE ESTABLISHED IN LOVINGKINDNESS,
AND A JUDGE WILL SIT ON IT IN FAITHFULNESS IN THE TENT OF DAVID;
MOREOVER, HE WILL SEEK JUSTICE AND BE PROMPT IN RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

**IS. 61:8 – FOR I, THE LORD, LOVE JUSTICE,
I HATE ROBBERY IN THE BURNT OFFERING;
AND I WILL FAITHFULLY GIVE THEM THEIR RECOMPENSE
AND MAKE AN EVERLASTING COVENANT WITH THEM.**

**ZECH. 7:9 – ‘THUS HAS THE LORD OF HOSTS SAID, ‘DISPENSE TRUE
JUSTICE AND PRACTICE KINDNESS AND COMPASSION EACH TO HIS
BROTHER;**

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**CONDUCT YOURSELVES WITH WISDOM TOWARD OUTSIDERS,
MAKING THE MOST OF THE OPPORTUNITY.**

**LET YOUR SPEECH ALWAYS BE WITH GRACE, AS THOUGH
SEASONED WITH SALT, SO THAT YOU WILL KNOW HOW YOU
SHOULD RESPOND TO EACH PERSON.**

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5. Await expectantly for the King of Kings - Isaiah 42:1-4

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“BEHOLD, MY SERVANT, WHOM I UPHOLD; MY CHOSEN ONE IN WHOM MY SOUL DELIGHTS.

I HAVE PUT MY SPIRIT UPON HIM; HE WILL BRING FORTH JUSTICE TO THE NATIONS.

“HE WILL NOT CRY OUT OR RAISE HIS VOICE, NOR MAKE HIS VOICE HEARD IN THE STREET.

“A BRUISED REED HE WILL NOT BREAK

AND A DIMLY BURNING WICK HE WILL NOT EXTINGUISH;

HE WILL FAITHFULLY BRING FORTH JUSTICE.

“HE WILL NOT BE DISHEARTENED OR CRUSHED

UNTIL HE HAS ESTABLISHED JUSTICE IN THE EARTH;

AND THE COASTLANDS WILL WAIT EXPECTANTLY FOR HIS LAW.”

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